



Report to: General Committee

Date Report Authored: August 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 5, 2017 to June 29, 2018

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the Report Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 5, 2017 to June 29, 2018 be received;
- 2) And that the following Appointments of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council be confirmed for the term September 5, 2017 to June 29, 2018;

Name	High School	Grade	Ward
Laura Florea	Thornhill Secondary School	10	1
Julia Groza	TMS School	11	1
Michelle Lam	Bayview Secondary School	11	2
Ivan Qian	Bayview Secondary School	11	2
Ashlee Jiang	PACE	12	2
Julia Ip	Markham District High School	12	3
Megan Niu	Markham District High School	12	3
Adara Hagman	St. Brother Andre Catholic High School	9	4
Maxine Bisera	St. Brother Andre Catholic High School	9	4
Peter Huang	Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School	12	4
Olivia Chan	Greensborough Public School	8	4
Jake Koszczewski	Markham District High School	11	4
Hayley Banks	Markham District High School	12	4
Grace Huang	Bayview Secondary School	11	5
Vivian Liu	Thornhill High School	11	5
Benny Lam	Bur Oak Secondary School	12	5
Kelly Hu	Bayview Secondary School	10	6
Renee Lee Wah	St Augustine Catholic High School	11	6
Felix Chan	Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School	12	6
Karthik Ganapathiraju	Pierre Elliot Trudeau High School	11	6
Janice Xu	Bayview Secondary School	11	6
Jessica Li	Bayview Secondary School	12	6

Jennifer Chen	Markham District High School	12	7
Lindsay Lee	Markham District High School	12	7
Ashley Vadivelu	Markville Secondary School	10	8

- 3) And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to confirm appointments to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the term September 5, 2017 to June 29, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

The Markham Mayor's Youth Council (MMYC), formally known as Mayor's Youth Task Force (MYTF), was created in 1994 to address issues that are pertinent to youth in the community. The group's mandate is:

1. To act in an advisory capacity in providing advice on issues of concern to youth.
2. To act in an advocacy role by providing new ideas and views to council and staff.
3. To raise awareness in the community through planned events (e.g. Youth Week, Youth Forums, Youth Job Fair, etc).
4. To encourage youth participation within the community.

The MMYC is a group of high school students from the City of Markham who meet twice a month to plan events and discuss issues facing youth. The purpose of the MMYC is to provide local youth a voice by which they may give input and develop initiative to enhance youth opportunities within the City of Markham. The Recreation Coordinator, Programs and Outreach will act as staff liaison.

Area Youth Councils are also very active in Thornhill, Unionville, Markham and Milliken. These area councils are responsible for providing specific youth events and opportunities within their communities. The Area Youth Councils coordinate with the MMYC to support City wide youth activities. Recreation Coordinators/Supervisors in each of the areas act as staff liaison and mentor to the youth.

Nomination Process

Nominations into the MMYC are conducted in May and June each year. The nomination process includes:

1. Call for community members to join the Markham Mayor's Youth Council
 - Applications and deadlines were advertised on the MMYC social media pages (Facebook and Twitter) and on the City of Markham website;

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- MMYC and Youth Council members promoted applications within their schools and community;
 - Area Youth Councils (Thornhill, Markham, Milliken and Unionville) promoted the MMYC opportunity to the members, and at their Youth Week events.
2. Markham Mayor's Youth Council received 132 applications to fill 11 positions for the 2017/2018 year.
 3. Fifty four (53) applicants were selected to move forward to the first screening step (24hr Challenge).
 4. Eight 24hr Challenge groups were formed with 3-5 members in each group.

Each group is assigned a project from the list below and asked to develop a presentation identifying solutions:

- Markham Expo increasing attendance
 - Markham Expo programming ideas
 - Increase youth political engagement within the City of Markham
 - Youth Community Outreach
 - Establishing MMYC presence in the City of Markham
 - Differentiating MMYC from other local youth councils
5. Interview panels included: two (2) Markham Mayor's Youth Council Chairs, three (3) Markham Mayor's Youth Council Members, one (1) Full Time staff member, (Recreation Coordinator, Programs and Outreach)
 - Panels interviewed 27 applicants over a 2-week period
 6. Confirmation of the Markham Mayor's Youth Council members was completed mid August for the 2017/2018 term. While staff strive to find equal representation by Ward this is not always possible based on where the applications have been received.
 7. The Markham Mayor's Youth Council has an active volunteer program called the Ambassador program. This program is comprised of 15-20 youth, who are directly overseen by the Markham Mayor's Youth Council Co-Chairs and the staff liaison. The Ambassadors assist in planning and supporting the Markham Mayor's Youth Council on events throughout the year. Many of the youth involved in the Ambassador program are looking to gain experience with the Markham Mayor's Youth Council. The Ambassador program strives to have representation from all Wards.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE:

No Financial implications are to be considered in this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

No Human Resources implications are to be considered in this report.

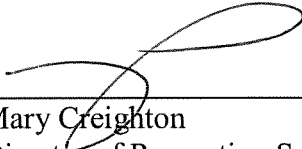
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Not applicable.

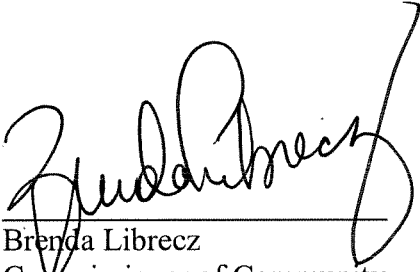
BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

No applicable.

**RECOMMENDED
BY:**



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and Fire Services