



Report to: General Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 2, 2016 to June 30, 2017

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) That the Report Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 2, 2016 to June 30, 2017 be received;
- 2) And that the following Appointments of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council be confirmed for the term September 2, 2016 to June 30, 2017;

Name	Residential Ward	School	Grade
Jaemin Han	2	Unionville H.S	9
Julia Ip	3	Markham District H.S	10
Kaitlin Mak	4	Bur Oak H.S.	11
Megan Niu	4	Marc Garneau C.I.	10
Justin Jen	4	St. Augustine C.H.S.	11
Jessica Duncan	5	Markham District H.S.	10
Joyce Chan	5	Unionville H.S.	10
Vanessa Chan	2	Bayview S.S	11
Jeffrey Zhang	3	Bayview S.S	11
Victor Wang	6	Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.	9
Karthik Ganapathiraju	6	Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.	9
Aman Mathur	7	Markville S.S.	10
Jennifer Chen	7	Markham District H.S.	10
Nicholas Vadivelu	8	Marc Garneau C.I.	10
Leo Xu	3	Bayview S.S	11
Olivia Chan	4	Greensborough	7
Janice Xu	6	Bayview S.S	10
Vivian Liu	5	Thornhill S.S	9
Hayley Banks	4	Markham District	11
Ashley Vadivelu	8	Markville S.S	9
Ashlee Jiang	2	PACE	11
Lindsay Lee	7	Markham District	11
Jake Tyler Koszczewski	4	Markham District	10
Jessica Li	6	Bayview S.S	11
Benny Lam	5	Bur Oak High School	11

- 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 2, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Markham Mayor's Youth Council (MMYC), formally known as Mayor's Youth Task Force (MYTF), was created in 1994 by former Mayor Don Cousens 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;
  - 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.

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2. Markham Mayor's Youth Council received 122 applications to fill 11 positions for the 2016/2017 year.
  3. Fifty four (54) 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 26 applicants over a 2-week period
  6. Confirmation of the Markham Mayor's Youth Council members was completed mid July for the 2016/2017 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. Although presently based on the recent applications and interviews process there are no representatives from Ward 1 on the current Markham Mayor's Youth Council, there are two (2) confirmed youth for the Ambassador program from Ward 1.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE:**

No Financial implications are to be considered in this report.

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**HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS**

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

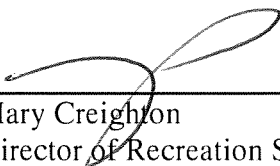
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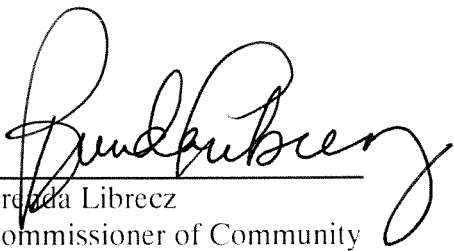
**BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

No applicable.

**RECOMMENDED**

**BY:**

  
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