



Report to: General Committee

Date Report Authored: August 26, 2015

SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 3, 2015 to June 30, 2016

PREPARED BY: Janet Beatty, Recreation Coordinator, Programs and Outreach Recreation Services

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the Report Appointment of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council for the period of September 3, 2015 to June 30, 2016 be received;
- 2) And that the following Appointments of Members to the Markham Mayor's Youth Council be confirmed for the term September 3, 2015 to June 30, 2016;

Name	Ward	School	Grade
Loreta Chan, Co-Chair	3	Markville S.S.	11
Monica Xu, Co-Chair	4	Bayview S.S.	11
Donna Xue	1	University of Toronto Schools	10
Vanessa Chan	2	Bayview S.S.	11
Jaemin Han	2	Unionville H.S.	9
June Xu	2	St. Roberts C.H.S.	11
Jeffrey Zhang	3	Bayview S.S.	11
Julia Ip	3	Markham District H.S.	10
Kaitlin Mak	4	Bur Oak H.S.	11
Jasmyne Eastmond	4	Markham District H.S.	11
Vruksha Vakeeswaran	4	Markville S.S.	11
Sohnia Sansanwal	4	Markville S.S.	10
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
Eason Gao	6	Unionville H.S.	11
Scott Zhang	6	Unionville H.S.	11
Victor Wang	6	Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.	9
Karthik Ganapathiraju	6	Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.	9
Ethan Wong	7	St. Brother Andre C.H.S.	11
Aman Mathur	7	Markville S.S.	10
Jennifer Chen	7	Markham District H.S.	10
Nicholas Vadivelu	8	Marc Garneau C.I.	10
Johnny Lum	8	Milliken Mills H.S.	12

- 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 3, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

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 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.
2. Markham Mayor's Youth Council received 96 applications to fill 11 positions for the 2015/2016 year.
3. Seventy five (75) applicants were selected to move forward to the first screening step.

4. Twelve 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:

- Risk Management with Rain at Markham Expo
 - Improving Youth Employability
 - Increase youth political engagement within the City of Markham
 - Eliminating youth apathy
 - 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 35 applicants over a 2-week period
6. Confirmation of the Markham Mayor's Youth Council members was completed mid August for the 2015/2016 term. While staff strive to find equal representation by Ward this is not always possible based on where the applications have been received.

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.

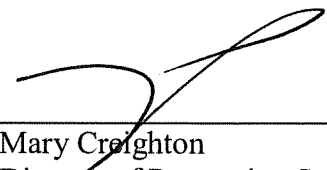
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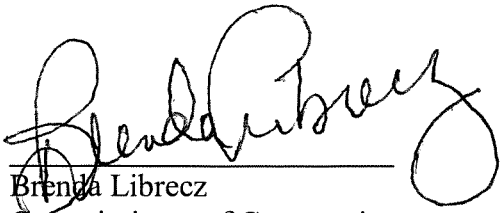
Not applicable.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

No applicable.

**RECOMMENDED
BY:**


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Director of Recreation Services


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Commissioner of Community
and Fire Services