

The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

AGENDA



Wednesday, April 2, 2025

4:30 PM

Boardroom CSC

10 Lisgar Ave.

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT the agenda as prepared for the Youth Advisory Council meeting of April 2, 2025 be approved.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT the minutes of the March 5, 2025 Youth Advisory Council meeting be approved.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Review and Approval of Youth Survey

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

That the Youth Advisory Council recommend to Council that staff be directed to distribute the attached survey to students at Glendale Highschool and St. Mary's Highschool; and

That the survey results be provided to the Youth Advisory Council as information.

5.2 Present Youth Survey to Council

6. Next Meeting

7. Adjournment

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT the meeting be adjourned at ____ p.m.

The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

MINUTES



Wednesday, March 5, 2025
4:30 PM
The Upper Deck Youth Centre
19 Queen Street

ATTENDANCE: Scott Gooding
Sorraya Buchanan-St.Gelais
Scarlet Robson
Dakshneel Singh
Chris Parker, Councillor
Kelly Spencer, Councillor

Regrets: Liam Spencer-Enright (Chair)
Sophie Hicks
Jaxon Gundry
Julia Drobits

Staff: Constable Randi Crawford, Oxford O.P.P. Media Relations
Officer
Duncan Bryce, Records and Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 p.m. with Vice-Chair Sorraya Buchanan-St. Gelais presiding.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution # 1

Moved By: Scott Gooding

Seconded By: Dakshneel Singh

THAT the agenda as prepared for the Youth Advisory Council meeting of March 5, 2025 be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution # 2

Moved By: Kelly Spencer, Councillor

Seconded By: Scarlet Robson

THAT the minutes of the February 5, 2025 Youth Advisory Council meeting be approved.

Carried

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Update to Program Suggestions

Resolution # 3

Moved By: Scarlet Robson

Seconded By: Dakshneel Singh

THAT the Update on Youth Suggestions be received by the Youth Advisory Council as information.

Carried

5.2 Youth Survey

Committee reviewed Scarlet's Community Improvement Survey Submission and made the changes to be reviewed at the next Youth Advisory Council meeting on April 2, 2025.

6. Next Meeting

7. Adjournment

Resolution # 4

Moved By: Chris Parker, Councillor

Seconded By: Dakshneel Singh

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Carried

Community Improvement Survey

1. Recreation, Sports, Programs, and Clubs

1. *What type of recreational activities would you like to see more of in our community?*

- Sports leagues (e.g., soccer, basketball, etc.)
- Outdoor activities (e.g., hiking, cycling, nature walks, etc.)
- Fitness programs (e.g., yoga, Pilates, Zumba, weights, etc.)
- Youth programs (e.g., after-school activities, summer camps, etc.)
- Other (please specify): _____

2. *How satisfied are you with the current recreational facilities (e.g., parks, sports fields, gyms) in the community?*

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

Explain your choice (optional):

3. *What age groups do you think need more recreational programs or sports clubs?*

- Children (under 12)
- Teens (13-18)
- Adults (19-65)
- Seniors (65+)
- All of the above

4. *Would you like to see more options for things like online gaming, chess, board games, book clubs? Other: _____*

5. *In what ways can the town improve or expand current sports programs or recreational clubs? (Short Answer):*

Additional comments on Recreation, Sports, Programs, and Clubs (optional):

2. Youth Space and Hangout Areas

1. *Do you think there are enough spaces for youth to safely hang out and socialize in the community?*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

2. *What type of youth-oriented spaces would you like to see created or improved?*

- Indoor recreational areas (e.g., skate parks, community centers)
- Outdoor hangout spaces (e.g., parks, sports courts, picnic areas)
- Youth cafes or lounges
- After-school clubs or study spaces
- Other (please specify): _____

3. *How can the community better support young people in terms of providing safe, inclusive spaces for socializing? (Short Answer):*

4. *What is the biggest challenge that youth face when trying to find safe places to spend time?*

- Lack of space
- Safety concerns
- Lack of activities or events
- Limited transportation options
- Other (please specify): _____

Additional comments on Youth Space and Hangout Areas (optional):

3. Arts and Culture

1. *What types of arts and cultural events would you like to see more of in the community?*

- Music festivals or concerts
- Theatre performances (e.g., plays, musicals)
- Art exhibitions (e.g., visual arts, sculpture, photography)
- Cultural celebrations (e.g., festivals, food markets)
- Classes (pottery, painting, art, music, poetry, etc.)
- Other (please specify): _____

2. *How often do you participate in or attend arts and culture activities in the community?*

- Frequently (once a month or more)
- Occasionally (a few times a year)
- Rarely (once a year or less)
- Never

3. *Do you think there are enough public spaces for art and cultural expression that are geared to youth (e.g., galleries, public art installations, event venues)?*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

4. *In your opinion, what would be the most effective way to promote local arts and culture in our community? (Short Answer):*

Additional comments on Arts and Culture (optional):

4. Shopping

1. *What type of stores or shopping opportunities would you like to see more of in the community?*

- Local boutiques and shops
- Farmers' markets or food stalls
- Large retail stores (e.g., clothing, home goods)
- Specialty stores (e.g., health food, eco-friendly, hobby stores)
- Athletic/ Sports stores
- Other (please specify): _____

2. *How satisfied are you with the current shopping options available in the community?*

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

Explain your choice (optional):

3. *What improvements would you suggest for the shopping areas in our town?*

- More parking
- Better accessibility (e.g., for people with disabilities)
- More outdoor or open-air spaces
- Increased variety of stores
- Other (please specify): _____

4. *Do you prefer shopping locally or would you rather have more larger chains and big-box stores in town?*

- I prefer shopping locally
- I prefer more larger chains and big box stores
- I like a mix of both
- Neither (explain): _____

5. *What are some examples of stores you would like to find in your area? (short answer):*

Additional comments on Shopping (optional):

5. Wellness

1. *What wellness-related programs or services would you like to see offered in the community?*

- Mental health services and support groups
- Fitness classes (e.g., yoga, Pilates, meditation)
- Nutrition workshops or healthy eating programs
- Community wellness events (e.g., walks, wellness fairs)
- Other (please specify): _____

2. *How accessible are wellness services (e.g., fitness centers, mental health support) in the community?*

- Very Accessible
- Accessible
- Neutral
- Not Accessible
- Not sure

3. *Would you like to see more support for any of the following wellness categories? (Please leave blank if it is not applicable)*

- Spiritual
- Political
- Religious
- Race
- 2SLGBTQI+

4. *What do you think could be done to improve physical and mental health within our community? (Short Answer):*

5. *Would you be interested in participating in a community wellness initiative (e.g., fitness challenges, mindfulness programs)?*
- Yes
 - No
 - Maybe

Additional comments on Wellness (optional):

6. Barriers

1. *What do you think are the biggest barriers preventing people from participating in community activities or programs?*
- Cost
 - Lack of transportation
 - Lack of information or awareness
 - Timing of activities (e.g., work or school schedule conflicts)
 - Other (please specify): _____
2. *How can we make community events or programs more inclusive and accessible for all residents? (Short Answer):*
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3. *Have you or someone you know faced challenges in accessing community services? If so, what were the main issues?*
- Yes (please specify the challenges): _____
 - No
4. *What would help overcome barriers to participation in community activities for individuals with physical or mobility challenges?*
- Improved accessibility (e.g., ramps, elevators)
 - More adaptive programs or activities
 - More transportation options
 - Awareness campaigns or education on inclusivity
 - Other (please specify): _____

Additional comments on Barriers (optional):

7. Media

1. Where do you hear about local news and events?

- Social media (please specify): _____
- Digital news subscriptions
- Newspaper
- Internet (please specify): _____
- Email/ Text
- Word of mouth

Thank you for your participation! Your input will help shape the future of our community.