



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
NOVEMBER 6, 2023 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
IN-PERSON AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE –
7404 WELLINGTON ROAD 34, PUSLINCH

AGENDA

DATE: November 6, 2023

MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

≠ Denotes resolution prepared

1. Call the Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Moment of Reflection

4. Confirmation of the Agenda ≠

5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

6. Delegations

7. Consent Agenda ≠

7.1. October 2, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee Minutes

8. Presentations, Reports and Workshop Items ≠

8.1. Report – Presentation/Tour – Fire Department

8.2. Ice Breaker

8.3. Workshop – Youth Ted Talks

8.4. Report YOU-2023-021 – Committee Goals and Objectives Update & Working on our Projects

9. Correspondence

9.1. AMO Fellowship Program

10. Announcements

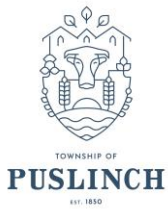


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11. Notice of Motion

12. New Business

13. Adjournment ≠



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MINUTES

DATE: October 2, 2023

MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

The October 2, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee was held on the above date and called to order at 6:10 p.m. via in person participation at the Municipal Office at 7404 Wellington Road 34, Puslinch.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Councillor Sara Bailey
Aaron Dochstader
Carter Devries
Chelsey MacPherson
Katey Whaling
Kenzo Szatori
Laz Holford
Oliver Van Gerwen
Talia Wineberg
Xander Wineberg

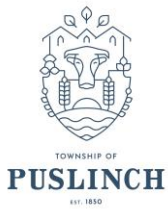
Staff in Attendance:

Justine Brotherston, Interim Municipal Clerk
Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator
Sarah Huether, Interim Deputy Clerk
Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities

Absent:

Ayla Panylo
Carter O'Driscoll

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION



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4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-055:

Moved by Kenzo Szatori and
Seconded by Talia Wineberg

That the Youth Advisory Committee approves the October 2, 2023 Agenda and Addendum as circulated.

CARRIED.

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 September 11, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee Minutes

Resolution No. 2023-056:

Moved by Chelsea MacPherson and
Seconded by Aaron Dochstader

That Consent Agenda item 7.1 listed for the October 2, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting be received for information.

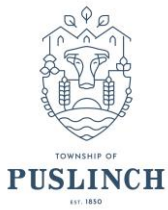
CARRIED.

8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Report – Presentation/Tour – Public Works Department

Resolution No. 2023-057:

Moved by Aaron Dochstader and
Seconded by Kenzo Szatori



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That the Tour of Public Works, Parks, and Facilities Department presented by Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities be received for information.

CARRIED.

8.2 Workshop – Local Government

Resolution No. 2023-058:

Moved by Aaron Dochstader and
Seconded by Katey Whaling

That the workshop entitled Local Government be received for information.

CARRIED.

8.3 Ice Breaker

Resolution No. 2023-059:

Moved by Laz Holford and
Seconded by Oliver Van Gerwen

That the Ice Breaker be received for information.

CARRIED.

8.4 Committee Memo – Upcoming Youth Engagement Opportunities

Resolution No. 2023-060:

Moved by Carter Devries and
Seconded by Xander Wineberg

That the Committee Memo entitled Upcoming Youth Engagement Opportunities be received for information; and ,

That the following members volunteer for the Halloween Dance on October 26:

Kenzo Szatori and,

Aaron Dochstader and,



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Chelsea MacPherson and,

Katey Whaling; and

That the Youth Advisory Committee members bring back their availability for the Christmas Parade on November 26 to the November 6, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED.

8.5 Report YOU-2023-018 - Proposed Terms of Reference and update to 2024 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule Committee Memo – Upcoming Youth Engagement Opportunities

Resolution No. 2023-061:

Moved by Chelsea MacPherson and
Seconded by Oliver Van Gerwen

That staff report YOU-2023-018 regarding the Proposed Terms of Reference Amendment and update to 2024 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule be received for information; and,

That the Youth Advisory Committee endorse the proposed amendment to the Committee's Terms of Reference to include two (2) joint committee meetings annually with the Recreation Advisory Committee to be considered by Council at a future meeting; and further,

That the Youth Advisory Committee approve the amendments to the 2024 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule.

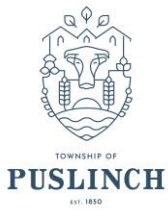
CARRIED.

8.6. Report YOU-2023-019 – Committee Goals and Objectives Update & Working on our Projects

Resolution No. 2023-062:

Moved by Carter Van Gerwen and
Seconded by Kenzo Szatori

That report YOU-2023-019 entitled Committee Goals and Objectives & Working on our Projects be received; and,



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That the verbal updates provided by the Sports Day Sub-committee be received.

CARRIED.

8.7. Report YOU-2023-020 – Optimist Recreation Centre Rink Schedule Youth Skating Program

Resolution No. 2023-063:

Moved by Carter Van Gerwen and
Seconded by Kenzo Szatori

That report YOU-2023-020 entitled Optimist Recreation Centre Rink Schedule be received; and,

That the the Youth Advisory Committee provided the following comments to be considered at a future Council meeting:

The Youth Advisory Committee supports youth skating programming for 13 to 17 year olds from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday nights.

CARRIED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. ANNOUCEMENTS

Justine Brotherston shared that Puslinch Fire and Resuce Services Department is holding an event Saturday October 28th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and youth volunteers are needed.

Councillor Bailey shared that the Boreham Park ribbon cutting ceremony is Friday October 20th at 11:00 a.m.



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11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2023-064:

Moved by Kenzo Szatori and
Seconded by Talia Wineberg

That the Youth Advisory Committee hereby adjourns at 8:04 p.m.

CARRIED.



REPORT YOU-2023-021

TO: Youth Advisory Committee

PREPARED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

PRESENTED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

MEETING DATE: November 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Committee Goals and Objectives Update & Working on our Projects

RECOMMENDATION

That report YOU-2023-021 entitled Committee Goals and Objectives & Working on our Projects be received; and,

That the verbal updates provided by the Local Government Sub-committee be received; and,

That the Youth Advisory Committee endorse the following Goals/Objectives to be considered by Council for 2024:

Goals and Objectives Proposal	Sub-Committee

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the Youth Advisory Committee to receive updates from the Youth Advisory Sub-committees regarding work on their Goals and Objectives and to set the Youth Advisory Committee's Goals/Objectives for 2024.

Background

The purpose of this report is to proposed goals and objectives to be completed by the Youth Advisory Committee in 2024 and to establish the sub-committees for these proposed goals and objectives projects.

Comments

2023 Goals and Objectives Updates

With Council's approval of the Youth Advisory Committee's Goals and Objective the next steps are to complete a comprehensive project proposal which outlines the specifics of each project and identify any costs and fundraising opportunities for Council's approval.

Each meeting the sub-committees will provide verbal updates regarding the progress of their Goals and Objectives, which will be documented in the table below.

Local Government Week	
Meeting Date	Update
September 11, 2023	Sub-committee was formed. Committee members are to volunteer and present to Aberfoyle Public School and present to students during Local Government Week.
October 2, 2023	Sub-committee confirmed the presentation date of October 18 th at 1:30 p.m. to present to Aberfoyle Public School's Grade 5 classes. A presentation was made on the Committee's behalf.

Proposed 2024 Goals and Objectives

Staff recommend that the Youth Advisory Committee focus their 2024 Goals and Objectives on participating in and supporting existing local events. Staff have developed the following list of events for the Committee's consideration. Some known events include:

1. Optimist Family Day
2. Optimist Spring Clean-up
3. Puslinch Safe Communities Bike Rodeo
4. Optimist Canada Day
5. Aberfoyle Agricultural Society Fall Fair
6. Local Government Week
7. Optimist Santa Claus Parade
8. Other community volunteer opportunities as they arise

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Engagement Opportunities

None

Attachments

None

AMO 2024 Youth Fellowship Opportunity

The AMO Youth Fellows Program provides up to three politically engaged young adults in Ontario, who are interested in municipal government, with an opportunity to be a part of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). AMO is a non-partisan non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. Our mandate is to make municipal governments stronger and more effective by working together and addressing common challenges.

Through this exciting Fellowship, participants will learn more about municipal governance and policy while gaining exposure to real-time issues facing Ontario's municipalities. The eight-month Fellowship will begin in January 2024 and end following the AMO Conference in Ottawa in August 2024. The Fellowship is intended to complement full-time studies or work and Fellows will receive a small honorarium for their participation in the program. Many of the activities can and will be delivered virtually; when possible and necessary, travel and accommodation will be funded by AMO.

As part of the experience, AMO Fellows will:

- Participate in AMO Board Meetings and other associated AMO Governance bodies
- Be partnered with an AMO Board member as a mentorship experience with an elected official
- Attend and contribute to the work of an AMO Task Force alongside municipal officials
- Participate in AMO's Healthy Democracy Project activities
- Attend municipal conferences and events and network with municipal and provincial elected officials and staff
- Help to plan and execute the Youth Networking Session of the Annual AMO Conference & Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Receive access to AMO's online educational offerings

Note: The time commitment is approximately 5-10 hours a month and will vary week-to-week. The Fellows will also be asked to be present for the duration of the AMO Annual Conference & AGM (August 18-21, 2024).

To apply, please submit a cover letter (maximum two pages) and resume to youthengagement@amo.on.ca by Monday, November 13 at 10 p.m. In your submission:

1. Tell us about yourself and your **connection to your local community/communities**. Please identify your "home" community in Ontario (however you define this) if you have one. Applicants residing in or identifying home communities within AMO's membership are given priority consideration.
2. Describe how your education, civic engagement, volunteerism, and/or employment **demonstrate your interest in municipal government**. Let us know what you are passionate about and how this Fellowship opportunity can support and grow your passion.
3. Discuss one or **two municipal-level issues** affecting your local community that you are most passionate about and why.
4. Describe how your participation in the AMO Youth Fellows Program will support **your short- and long-term goals**.

Our ideal candidates are aged 18-30 and represent the diversity of Ontario's communities. If you are comfortable, please discuss your lived experience as a member of a community that has been underrepresented in municipal government and how it informs your interest in this program.

We encourage all applicants to attend a virtual **Information Session** on Tuesday, October 24 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. to learn more about this opportunity. The session will include hearing from the first cohort of AMO Youth Fellows about their experience and an opportunity to ask questions. Please contact or Lora Tigno at LTigno@amo.on.ca to register.

If you have any questions or require accommodation to participate in the process, please contact Stewart McDonough at SMcDonough@amo.on.ca.

Meet AMO's 2023 Youth Fellows

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2023 AMO Youth Fellows

In Fall 2022, AMO staff received applications for the second cohort of the AMO Youth Fellowship Program. After conducting group interviews with a shortlist of candidates, three Fellows were selected based on their experience in their local communities and their interest in municipal politics and governance as well as consideration to geography.



Jacob Anderson is from Middlesex County and is finishing up a Bachelors of Honours at Queen's University, majoring in Political Studies. His areas of study and work range from Canadian national security and foreign policy to livable communities and creating a healthier information environment. Jacob's varied experiences have shown him the power of bottom-up, inclusive, and localized innovation. He looks to use these diverse experiences and perspectives as a Youth Fellow with AMO to help approach stubborn challenges through a wide set of lenses and strategies.

Programs where Jacob looks to contribute include AMO's Youth Engagement Strategy, as well as the Healthy Democracy Project. Through engagement with stakeholders and

policymakers, Jacob looks to develop his capabilities as a policymaker, leader, bridge-builder, and a well-rounded problem-solver.



Morgan Carl is from the City of Peterborough and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Policy and Administration degree from Carleton University. With a background in political economy, anti-poverty advocacy and social services, Morgan's research is focused on municipal policy solutions for housing and homelessness issues.

Having led campaigns for political change at every level of government, Morgan hopes to learn more about the scope and application of municipal powers around budget formation, housing, and social services provision.



Catherine Dong (she/they) has settled in Waterloo, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Mathematics from the University of Waterloo in Statistics and Combinatorics & Optimization while exploring a breadth of courses in psychology, economics, and social development studies. Born and raised in Winnipeg, she grew up writing for a Chinese-Canadian magazine and volunteering at local cultural events.

Her experience includes serving as a director at a local non-profit housing co-operative and on the Board of Governors of the University of Waterloo. Catherine supported local advocacy efforts, policy analysis, and governance reform during her time at the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association. During the 2022 Waterloo municipal election, Catherine dove headfirst into municipal politics as campaign manager for a 22-year-old candidate, securing him a close second place out of four candidates.

She has a passion for community service and developing inclusive, durable systems through public policy and governance, with particular interest in the role of local government in building livable, human-scale urban environments.

For more information about the Youth Fellowship Program as part of AMO's Youth Engagement Strategy, please visit [AMO's Youth Engagement page](#) or contact smcdonough@amo.on.ca

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