



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
FEBRUARY 5, 2024 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION &
IN-PERSON AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE –
7404 WELLINGTON ROAD 34, PUSLINCH

AGENDA

DATE: February 5, 2024

MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

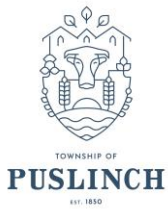
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1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Reflection
4. Confirmation of the Agenda ≠
5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
6. Delegations
 - 6.1. Delegation by Wellington County OPP Youth Advisory Committee regarding Committee's role in community
7. Consent Agenda ≠
 - 7.1. December 4, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee Minutes
8. Reports ≠
 - 8.1. Ice Breaker Activity
 - 8.2. Report – YOU-2024-001 – Additional Committee Communications Options
 - 8.3. Report – YOU-2024-002 – Committee Goals and Objectives Update & Working on our Projects
 - 8.4. Committee Memo – MEMO-2024-001 – Millennium Garden
9. Correspondence



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10. Announcements
11. Notice of Motion
12. New Business
13. Adjournment ≠



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MINUTES

DATE: December 4, 2023

MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

The December 4, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee was held on the above date and called to order at 6:13 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
Kenzo Szatori
Laz Holford
Oliver Van Gerwen
Ayla Panylo
Talia Wineberg
Xander Wineberg
Katey Whaling

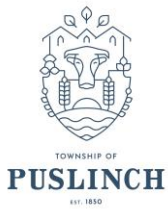
Absent:

Carter Devries
Carter O'Driscoll
Chelsey MacPherson

Staff in Attendance:

Justine Brotherston, Interim Municipal Clerk
Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator
Sarah Huether, Interim Deputy Clerk

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION



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4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-072:

Moved by Kenzo Szatori and
Seconded by Aaron Dochstader

That the Youth Advisory Committee approves the December 4, 2023 Agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1. November 6, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee Minutes

7.2. Township of Puslinch Council Resolution No. 2023-325 Youth Advisory Committee
Terms of Reference Amendment

Resolution No. 2023-073:

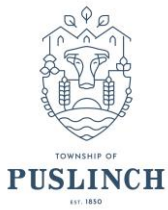
Moved by Ayla Panylo and
Seconded by Katey Whaling

**That Consent Agenda items 7.1 and 7.2 listed for the December 4, 2023 Youth Advisory
Committee Meeting be received for information.**

CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1. 2024 Community Service Hour Presentation – Laura Emery



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Resolution No. 2023-074:

Moved by Laz Holford and
Seconded by Xander Wineberg

That the 2024 Community Service Hour Presentation be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Report YOU-2023-022 – 2024 Snack Schedule Report

Resolution No. 2023-075:

Moved by Talia Wineberg and
Seconded by Aaron Dochstader

**That report YOU-2023-022 entitled Snack Schedule be received for information; and,
That the Snack Schedule be approved as presented.**

CARRIED

8.3 Report YOU-2023-023 – Additional Committee Communications Options

Resolution No. 2023-076:

Moved by Kenzo Szatori and
Seconded by Xander Wineberg

That report YOU-2023-023 entitled Additional Committee Communications Options be received for information; and,

That staff be directed to explore and report back on an additional communications options including GroupMe, Google Chat, and Microsoft Teams to be considered at the February 5, 2024 Committee meeting.

CARRIED

8.4. Report YOU-2023-024 – Committee Goals and Objectives Update & Working on our Projects

Resolution No. 2023-077:

Moved by Aaron Dochstader and
Seconded by Katey Whaling

That report YOU-2023-024 entitled Committee Goals and Objectives & Working on our Projects be received; and,



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

Goals and Objectives Proposal	Sub-Committee Leader(s)
Safe Communities Bike Rodeo	Ayla Panylo
Optimist Canada Day	Katey Whaling
Aberfoyle Agricultural Society Fall Fair	Talia Wineberg
Local Government Week	Kenzo Szatori, Aaron Dochstader
Year End Economic Development Event	TBD

CARRIED

8.5. Ice Breaker Activity

Resolution No. 2023-078:

Moved by Kenzo Szatori and
Seconded by Katey Whaling

That the Ice Breaker Activity be received for information.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. ANNOUCEMENTS

None

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

None



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13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2023-079:

Moved by Talia Wineberg and
Seconded by Oliver Van Gerwen

That the Youth Advisory Committee hereby adjourns at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED



Youth Advisory
Committee

REPORT YOU-2024-001

TO: Youth Advisory Committee

PREPARED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

PRESENTED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Additional Committee Communications Options

RECOMMENDATION

That report YOU-2024-001 entitled Additional Committee Communications Options be received for information; and,

That the Committee support Option of _____; and,

That staff be directed to send a letter and acknowledgment form to guardians and Committee members with information and instructions regarding the alternative communication method.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Youth Advisory Committee with options to communicate in addition to email.

Background

Throughout the term, staff have identified the need for an additional form of communication between staff and the Committee. All correspondence including agendas will continue to be sent by email.

The goal of the additional communication channel will be to send out reminders for committee meetings and provide a means for sub-committee members to communicate with staff.

At the December 4, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee meeting the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-076:

Moved by Kenzo Szatori and

Seconded by Xander Wineberg

That report YOU-2023-023 entitled Additional Committee Communications Options be received for information; and,

That staff be directed to explore and report back on an additional communications options including GroupMe, Google Chat, and Microsoft Teams to be considered at the February 5, 2024 Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Comments

Staff investigated the three communication options discussed at the December 4, 2023 Committee meeting and have made the following comments on each:

Option 1: Google Chat

- Groups can send and share files from Google Drive, Docs, Slides, and Sheets.
- Google Chat can be used by smart phone and non-smart phone users.
- No phone number requirement with a Google Chat account.
- Can have up to 400 members in a group.

Staff recommend this option as it provides the greatest flexibility. This chat can be monitored by a Township affiliated Gmail account and this option ensures all communication is still email based. Google Chat's integration with Google Docs works well to support sub-committee members working collaboratively.

Option 2: GroupMe

- Free group messaging app that can be used by smartphone users and non smartphone users. The app can be used from an Android or from an iOS device as well as on a desktop.
- Users can send and receive text messages, share photos and videos, create events or polls within the group.
- Within the group, all users phone number and email addresses are kept private from other group members.
- Can have up to 5,000 members in a group.

Staff does not recommend this option as the goal is to keep the communication email based and there may be a phone number attached to your profile with GroupMe. Further, staff have concerns regarding records retention with this communication option.

Option 3: Microsoft Teams

- Can use an email address as your username and it is compatible with an Outlook, Yahoo or Gmail account.
- Can have up to 250 people in a chat

Staff do not recommend this option as the Township is currently not using Microsoft and SharePoint software and will not be implementing this software until late 2024. Further, staff have concerns regarding records retention with this communication option.

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Engagement Opportunities

None

Attachments

None



REPORT YOU-2024-002

TO: Youth Advisory Committee

PREPARED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

PRESENTED BY: Laura Emery, Communications and Committee Coordinator

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2024

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

RECOMMENDATION

That report YOU-2024-002 entitled Committee Goals and Objectives & Working on our Projects be received for information; and,

That _____ and _____ be appointed to the Safe Communities Bike Rodeo Sub-committee; and,

That _____ and _____ be appointed to the Canada Day Sub-committee; and,

That _____ and _____ be appointed to the Fall Fair Sub-committee; and,

That _____ and _____ be appointed to co-lead the Year End Economic Development Event.

Purpose

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

Background

The purpose of this report is to discuss potential goals and objectives that are to be completed by the Youth Advisory Committee in 2024 and to establish the sub-committees for these proposed goals and objectives projects. The 2024 proposed goal and objectives that were set by the Committee at the December 4, 2023 meeting will be brought to Council for consideration and approval at the February 7th, 2024 Council meeting.

Comments

At the December 4, 2023 Youth Advisory Committee meeting the following goals and sub-committee leaders were set. A status update on each event will now be discussed:

Goals and Objectives Proposal	Date	Sub-Committee Leader(s)	Status
Safe Communities Bike Rodeo	May 25, 2024	Ayla Panylo	
Optimist Canada Day	July 1, 2024	Katey Whaling	
Aberfoyle Agricultural Society Fall Fair	September 6 and 7, 2024	Talia Wineberg	
Local Government Week	October 21 – 25, 2024	Kenzo Szatori, Aaron Dochstader	
Year End Economic Development Event	December 2024	TBD	

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Engagement Opportunities

None

Attachments

None

COMMITTEE MEMO

TO: Recreation Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee Co-Chairs
and Members of Committee

FROM: Councillor Bailey

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Millennium Garden Volunteers

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee Memo MEMO-JRY-002 entitled Millennium Garden Volunteers be received for information.

Purpose

The purpose of the memo is to bring forward the topic of the Millennium Garden and the need for volunteers to help with the maintenance of this legacy garden.

Background

Garden Gnomes digging in, Article from Puslinch Pioneer
By Sara Bailey

The Millennial Garden of Puslinch started as a Millennium project in 1999 to celebrate the Township's sesquicentennial in 2000 through the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers. It is located next to the Puslinch Library on the current Puslinch Community Centre Grounds where you can still see the foundation of an old house. The volunteer group of about 20 people including Judy Siefert, Fred Prior, Paul Hohnadel, Kathy Kinzie, Don MacKinnon, Bob and Barb Jefferson, Dave Bouck and Matthew Bulmer worked on many projects and fundraising events such as garden bus tours, spaghetti dinners and an art auction.

When asked about the garden in its beginning years, Judy recalls, "The original pergola, used original beams from the house. The whole Township community bought into the building of the garden. Dave Bouck from Davan landscaping did a lot of the grading of

the site and donation of the sod as well as the watering of the sod with the cooperation of the Puslinch fire department. The Baha'i community donated the lilac trees that line the pergola. The maples were donated by Fred Prior with great help from George Daymond. Many plants were donated and we had many community planting evenings with cold drinks and food donated by many people. The benches and garbage cans were donated by various people as well as the Township and County. The garden won a couple of awards including the Wellington County International Plowing Match community award. We placed a time capsule by the bottom wooden benches. It was marked with a plaque, I hope it is still there. Many wedding pictures and events have taken place in the garden. We had annual carol sings, music festivals and Canada Day celebrations. It was a labour of love for me to participate in this garden/community building event. I think it deserves a good cleaning out and mulching as well as continued maintenance. This garden is a tribute to volunteers and the old-time commitment to the Township's community."

Today the garden has really filled in and become a space families walk through on their way to Aberfoyle School at drop off and pick up or for visitors travelling to the Antique market. Children play in the garden in all seasons or for little birthday celebrations. The WhistleStop preschool uses this beautiful space for their graduation photos.

Most recently a new volunteer group called the Puslinch Garden Gnomes have begun some maintenance work. As with most perennial gardens, regular weeding and trimming is needed to help carry on the legacy of the amazing garden Judy and her team envisioned and implemented 22 years ago. If you have time and passion for gardening or if you are just eager to dig, pull and plant we could really use your help! It is a great opportunity to meet up, share a love of gardening, give back to the community or just spend some time with the plants!

Comments

This garden is a central hub that many local residents visit, and pass through on their way to Aberfoyle School every morning and afternoon. The WhistleStop preschool has taken graduation photos in the garden. Lately the grade 6 class planted annuals under the arbour and 100 bulbs around the front sign. Visitors to Puslinch also visit the garden on their way to the Antique market and Farmers' market on weekends.

Financial Implications

Budget implications may be considered as part of the 2025 budget process.

Attachments

Photos attached

