



MINUTES

CITY OF MERRITT

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 21, 2020
4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C

PRESENT:

Honey Grismer
Darian Krajci
Marius Auer
Beckett Finch
Susanna Scholtens
Juliana Snee
Annie Baek

Adam Etchart
Sean Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Marius Auer called the meeting to order at 4:03pm

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Youth Advisory Committee Minutes - January 30, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on January 30, 2020 be adopted

Moved, Seconded, CARRIED

3. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 **Welcome New Committee Members**

Introduction of Juliana Snee and Annie Baek, whom the Mayor has appointed to this Committee. With these two appointments, the committee is now full.

5.2 **Council Committee Policy Review - Committee Training**

Sean Smith provided training to the Committee on how to make and amend motions and the Chair's role in that process.

5.3 **Terms of Reference Amendment**

The Committee considered other protected grounds under the Human Rights Code and Human Rights Act, including colour, place of origin, disability and marital status and discussed whether the motion as presented implicitly discriminated against people under those protected grounds.

The committee then discussed whether the motion should be amended by adding all protected grounds, or whether it would be more appropriate not to amend the terms of reference and merely ensure that the committee is a welcoming environment for all youth.

Recommendation:

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the Committee Terms of Reference be amended by adding the following statement:

"The Committee is welcoming of all youth, regardless of race, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation."

Against (5): Honey Grismer, Darian Krajci, Beckett Finch, Susanna Scholtens, and Annie Baek

DEFEATED

Amendment:

THAT the motion be amended by striking all words after "youth".

The motion was withdrawn prior to a vote

Moved

5.4 Committee Priorities

The Committee will discuss priorities, and make assignments to committee members where further research or action is required.

The Committee discussed the following priorities:

1. How the City can better inform and engage youth.
2. Determining what programs and activities are available for youth and what is needed.
3. Supporting arts in the community
4. The potential for the committee to hold an event, perhaps at the high school, to further engage youth.

Juliana accepted an assignment to reach out to the Theatre Society, to discuss what their challenges are. Each Committee member agreed to research programs that the City of Merritt offers.

5.5 Set Next Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting on Friday, March 13 @ 3:15 pm

6. TERMINATION OF MEETING

Marius Auer declared the meeting ended at 5:14pm

Corporate Officer

Sean Smith

Certified correct in accordance with Section 124(2) (c) of the Community Charter

Confirmed on the ____ day of _____, 20____

Co-Chair

Marius Auer