



## CITY OF MERRITT

### Youth Advisory Committee

Type: Select Committee

Purpose:

1. To inform Council about important matters affecting youth;
2. To act as a positive advocate for youth and youth initiatives;
3. To proactively consider policies, strategies, and proposals which the Committee believes could improve the lives of youth in Merritt;
4. To actively seek input from youth on matters delegated to the Committee by Council;
5. To provide leadership experience for youth.

Composition: As voting members, seven residents of the Nicola Valley, age 14-24 (or turning 14 in the year of application), as follows:

- Two students from Merritt Secondary School ("MSS")
- One student from Nicola Valley Institute of Technology ("NVIT")
- Four members appointed 'At Large'.

In the event that the City is unable to secure sufficient representation from students at MSS or NVIT, these positions may be advertised and filled 'At Large'.

In a non-voting advisory capacity:

- One member of City Council
- One School District #58 Trustee
- Committee Clerk
- City Staff, as directed by Council

Term:

1. The term of membership for all voting members will be for the 12-month period from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings:

1. The first Committee meeting will be chaired by the appointed member of City Council, and at that meeting the Committee must elect a chair for the remainder of the year from among the voting members.
2. The number of meetings of the Youth Advisory Committee will be determined by the Committee.
3. Agendas will be set by the Chair and prepared by the Committee Clerk.
4. Minutes of Youth Advisory Committee meetings will be recorded by the Committee Clerk.
5. Persons who are not members of the Youth Advisory Committee may attend any open meetings of the Committee.
6. Where applicable, the Committee will operate in accordance with the "Council Committee Policy" and the "Code of Conduct for Council & Committee Members".