



# Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

## MINUTES

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

**3:30 to 5:30 pm**

**MacBain Community Centre**

**Present:** Maddox Libera, Katie Hutchings, Colton Hess, Kylene Cinco, Shivani Patel, Mishaal Malik, Kade Martin, Lageera Chatheechan, Isabella Berardi, Cameron Scott, Tirth Patel, Michael Iancov, Daniel Ferraro, Bella Krick, Maddie Critelli, Abby Critelli, Dylan Di Pietro, Chaehwan Shin, Olivia Harlan, Lesley Tchong, Pranshu Patel, Shreedev Patel, Parv Desai, Yashvi Patel, Azka Siddiqui

**Regrets:** Paulina Labarta, Patrick Rivett, Mackenzie Agretto, Sheea Halani

### **1. Welcome**

Katie and Maddox welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Opening Exercise – Olivia**

The team participated in a game of charades led by Olivia Harlan.

### **3. Adoption of Minutes of December 7, 2022**

It was moved by Pranshu Patel, and seconded by Shivani Patel, that the minutes of December 7, 2022 be adopted as written.

Carried

### **4. Adventures in Citizenship**

Lageera Chatheechan has been invited to attend the Adventures in Citizenship program in Ottawa. A huge congratulations to Lageera!

### **5. Councillor Visit - Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg**

Councillor Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg introduced herself as the councillor representative for MYAC. Each sub-committee gave an introduction to what their committee does.

### **6. MYAC Shirt Updates**

MYAC team shirts should be in by January 25. 50 water bottles, 100 lanyards, a table cloth and a teardrop banner have all been ordered with MYAC branding.



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## 6. Museum Exhibit

MYAC members have been invited to the opening of an exhibit at the Niagara Falls Museum on January 20. All MYAC members interested need to contact Nathan ASAP.

## 9. Sub-Committee Updates

### a. JFF

- i. Co-Chairs - Shreedev Patel and Pranshu Patel
- ii. Currently planning: Cultural Night Event (May); Skate Night collaboration with GB (Feb 11).

### b. YV

- i. Chair - Azka Siddiqui
- ii. Currently planning: Q&A with a variety of speakers from different work forces (Mar); TED Talk Style Event (May).

### c. GB

- i. Chair: Bella Krick
- ii. Currently working on: Skate Night collaboration with JFF (Feb); Coldest Night of the Year Walk (Feb 25)

### d. GRN

- i. Chair: Abby Critelli
- ii. Currently working on: Green Movement (March) Planting Kit for Mother's Day (May); Policy work for removal of single-use plastics in the schools (On going).

### e. MH

- i. Co-Chairs: Isabella Berardi and Tirth Patel
- ii. Working on: Take A Break Giveaway (Feb); Mental Health Wellness Kits (TBD).

## 12. MYAC Review

MYAC members were asked to share what they like and what they would like to improve about MYAC. As a result of this we have decided to create a plan as listed below.

### a. Social Media Promotion

MYAC is going to start posting more reels in an effort to boost following as well as show the students what we do in a fun way. We are considering opening a Tiktok account to expand our audience.



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**b. In-Person Promotion**

MYAC will put a larger focus on advertising on the announcements in schools, hanging up posters, talking to teachers who correspond to events, connecting with guidance counsellors to advertise events.

**c. Principal Liaisons**

Principal Liaisons will now have the roles of contacting the principals, student councils and other school affiliates on behalf of MYAC for promotion purposes.

**d. In-Person Meetings**

MYAC is encouraging sub-committees to have at least one in-person meeting every month in order to decrease the quantity of meetings held and to increase productivity and participation. Online meetings are now encouraged to be round-table styled and cameras are recommended to be turned on.

**e. Planning Session**

At the MYAC meeting in February, time will be allotted to plan larger scale events for the rest of this year as well as next year.

**f. Connecting Council to the Youth**

Moving forward YV will take the lead in hearing back from the Niagara Falls youth. Possible ideas include holding a town hall at schools where students will be rewarded for sharing their ideas, the Mayor will speak at schools, creating a booth for students to approach to share their ideas to get rewards and creating a survey for youth to complete.

## **12. Drop-in Sports**

The City of Niagara Falls is hosting drop-in nights for different sports such as drop-in basketball, table tennis, badminton, racquetball and squash at the MacBain Centre. For more information please see this [link](#).

## **12. Get To Know MYAC**

MYAC members are required to complete the "Get to Know MYAC" form and submit their photos by January 21.



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## **13. Adjournment**

It was moved by Abby Critelli, and seconded by Lesley Tchong, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Carried

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – Regular MYAC Meeting – 3:30 to 5:30, MacBain Community Centre.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Berardi.