



Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

3:30 to 5:30 pm

MacBain Community Centre

Present: Maddox Libera, Colton Hess, Kylene Cinco, Shivani Patel, 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, Azka Siddiqui, Paulina Labarta, Patrick Rivett, Sheea Halani, Katie Hutchings, Mishaal Malik, Yashvi Patel

Regrets: Mackenzie Agretto, Kade Martin

1. Welcome

Maddox and Katie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Peter MacKenzie - Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band

Peter introduced the Big Noise Program which teaches younger people how to play bagpipes. If MYAC members are interested in seeing a rehearsal, meetings are Sunday and Thursdays at the museum. Business cards were distributed to MYAC members with more information on the band.

3. Opening Exercise – Colton

The team participated in an activity where everyone wrote 10 kind adjectives about the person beside them led by Colton Hess.

4. Dean Spironello - Summer Company

Dean introduced the City Small Business Centre and the Summer Company. Summer Company is a youth entrepreneurship program which provides a \$3,000 grant to run a summer business of their choosing. Summer Company Resources were distributed to MYAC members.

5. Adoption of Minutes of March 1, 2023

It was moved by Lesley Tchong, and seconded by Colton Hess, that the minutes of March 1, 2023 be adopted as written.

Carried



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6. DSBN Equity Conference

MYAC has been asked to create a booth at the DSBN Equity Conference. MYAC members who are interested in being at the booth on May 4 from 12-2pm are asked to contact Nathan for more information.

7. Youth Engagement Survey

Business cards were distributed to students in the high schools. We have had 120 student entries so far. More cards have been ordered to distribute in classes. Moving forward MYAC members are going to be holding a booth at lunch, distributing more cards within schools and getting their announcements on their D2L page. This giveaway will end on Friday April 21.

8. Sub-Committee Updates

a. JFF

- i. Co-Chairs - Shreedev Patel and Pranshu Patel
Basketball Conclusion: Great turnout!
- ii. Currently planning: MYAC Semi-Formal (May 11 from 6-9pm)

b. YV

- i. Chair - Azka Siddiqui
- ii. Currently planning: STEM Q&A with a variety of speakers from different work forces (April 19); TED Talk Style Event (May 25).

c. GB

- i. Chair: Bella Krick
Skate Night Conclusion: Approx 85 students and \$170 raised for Project Share
- ii. Currently working on: Volunteer Auction (April 8 start); Helping Mental Health with the United Way Wellness Kits.

d. GRN

- i. Chair: Abby Critelli
Green Movement Conclusion: Congratulations to Myer for winning! This was the most successful year of the Green Movement so far.
- ii. Currently working on: Community Cleansweep (Monthly); Mother Earth Day (May 13); Earth Day Event (April 22); Project Share Community Garden (once every month) (end of April TBD).



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e. MH

- i. Co-Chairs: Isabella Berardi and Tirth Patel
- ii. Working on: United Way Hygiene Kits Drive (Now- April 27); Hygiene Kit Packing Party (April 27); Chalk Drawings Event (May).

9. Rotary Club

Katie and Maddox presented everything MYAC has done and has planned for the year to the Rotary Club.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Azka Siddiqui, and seconded by Bella Krick, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Carried

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

Minutes prepared by Isabella Berardi.