

Youth Council Advisory Committee

1. Town of Kindersley Youth Committee

*current structure evolved from the Kindersley Youth Council Program in place from 2009 to 2015

Mandate:

- Advisory to Town Council
- Provide recommendations about needs of youth to the Town
- Act as a leadership body to represent youth in the community and encourage youth engagement
- On an annual basis, determine the local programs, events, initiatives and special projects wish to lead or support
- Operate within designated budget approved by Town Council

Composition:

- Maximum 10 representatives
- Grades 9-12 from the Town of Kindersley
- Well rounded representation of all eligible grade levels
- Town Councillors and Town Chief Administrative Officer or designate to provide mentoring and guidance to Committee

Term:

- Eligible individuals may serve until successful completion of grade 12 but must apply annually

Selection Process:

- Applicants appointed following application and interview process led by Town of Kindersley staff and Town Council on an annual basis

2. City of Niagara Falls Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

Mandate:

- Provide voice for youth of Niagara Falls
- Advise Council of important recreational and social issues concerning youth
- Inform Council of matters affecting youth
- Occasionally host workshops/forums, conduct surveys to address concerns and needs that affect youth
- Act as positive advocate for youth and provide leadership experience
- Actively seek input from youth
- Support events created by Committee that relate to mandate

Composition:

- Maximum 25 representatives from City of Niagara Falls
- Five youth from each of five local high schools
- Two youth from other schools (ie) French, private
- One MYAC alumni
- Non-voting members and facilitators/liaison with Committee
 - Niagara Regional Police Service
 - YMCA of Niagara
 - The Niagara Falls Review
 - Niagara Falls Public Library
 - staff members of the City Recreation and Culture Office and Mayor's Office
 - Mayor, *ex-officio*

Term:

- Minimum one school year
- Once appointed, will be considered for reappointment for duration of high school enrolment
- Staff liaison to recommend reappointments

Selection Process:

- All candidates to submit application
- Applications from candidates from five local high schools administered and reviewed by high school principal or designate
- Applications from candidates from other schools administered, reviewed and selected by MYAC staff liaison

3. City of Regina Youth Advisory Committee

*currently all Regina Advisory Committees are on hold pending review

Mandate:

- Advise and make recommendations on issues that affect youth in the City
- Advise and make recommendations on strategies that could be used by Administration to enhance focus on youth interests and needs by:
 - Communication strategies to inform youth of events
 - Placements and training opportunities to enhance skills and resumes of youth
 - Recognition of volunteer work done by youth in community
 - Launch of youth centered programs and activities
 - Other issues identified by Committee
- Hold minimum of one youth forum per year to discuss policies, programs and services related to youth (with Administration)
- Promote youth engagement in civic issues

Composition:

- 12 members
- 10 from general public aged 14-18
- Mayor
- One Councillor
- Director of Community Services or designate to provide administrative support

Term:

- Up to three year staggered term for general public
- One year term for members of Council

4. Municipality of Leamington Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (Ontario)

Mandate:

- Structured opportunity for youth to voice opinions on recreational and social issues affecting youth
- Organize community events to encourage volunteer and community involvement
- Create information forums, workshops and surveys for youth to establish needs, concerns, wants and promote awareness of services/events that target youth
- Plan and execute events for charity and fundraising
- Partner with existing community organizations to provide link to existing youth activities and other community programs
- Provide annual report to Council on status of projects and activities

Composition:

- Eight to 12 youth members resident in Leamington aged 13 to 18
- Ensure representation from all three high schools and minimum one member from each age category, 13/14, 15/16 and 17/18 should applications provide the opportunity
- Non-voting members:
 - One member Leamington Council for term of Council
 - Mayor (Chair) for term of Council
 - Staff liaison from Culture and Recreation Department
 - Community Services Officer from Police

Term:

- Appointments annually for one or two year term

Selection Process:

- Appointment based on application, essay question, interview and where applicable, performance evaluation in last term
- Mayor with assistance of staff liaison responsible to appoint members

4. City of Edmonton Youth Council

Mandate:

- Provide advice and information to Council in relation to issues involving or affecting youth
- Research and write policy proposals for Council review
- Coordinate community events that profile local youth issues
- Receive direction from Council on work or reports it requires on youth matters
- Develop and maintain relationships with individuals and organizations addressing issues of concern to youth
- Promote initiatives to support well-being of youth
- Educate youth on City governance, procedures and policy making
- Provide networking opportunities for youth
- Consult with City Administration and other organizations supporting youth initiatives
- Establish the General Assembly, maintain a registry of participants and oversee meetings (General Assembly is a group of youth at large who voluntarily register to participate in and attend meetings of General Assembly for purpose of providing input to Youth Council)
- Recommend appointments to civic agencies
- Inform Council of initiatives of other levels of government

Composition:

- Maximum of 20 volunteer members of General Assembly appointed by Council, aged 13 to 23
- One Councillor to act as liaison between Youth Committee and Council for each Council term
- Mayor specifically identified as not being a member
- Members of City Administration assigned by City Manager to provide technical and administrative support

Term:

- One year term, renewable to a maximum of six years or age 23
- Members under 18 allowed only with express written consent of legal guardian
- The Chair may serve up to three successive one year terms

Selection Process:

- Appointment based on online application, written letter of reference and interviews
- Community and Public Services Committee of Council serves as Selection Committee for Edmonton Youth Council