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## MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
4:00 p.m.

Town of Pelham Council Chambers

**Attendance:** Emily Bonisteel, Prime Minister  
Sofia Labricciosa, Deputy Prime Minister  
Ava Colangelo, Secretary  
Ben Bonisteel, Promotion officer  
Tessa Piccolo, Communications Minister  
Anderson Cecchini  
Sarah Schaefer  
Natalie Anderson  
Kaitlyn Palmateer  
Ethan Young  
Parker Triano  
Matthew Iannizzi  
Ella Robert  
Mackenna Belding

**Absent:** Kaitlyn Palmateer

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### 1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order

The Prime Minister, Emily Bonisteel, declared quorum and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Ben Bonisteel  
Seconded by: Sofia Labricciosa

THAT the Agenda for the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Pelham Mayor's Youth Advisory Council meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED



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### 3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Tessa Piccolo

Seconded by: Sarah Schaefer

THAT the Minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Pelham Mayor's Youth Advisory Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

### 4. MYAC Sub-Committee Reports

#### a. Outdoor Exercise Trails Committee

The Sub-Committee held a meeting with the Rotary Club to discuss potential funding (\$25,000) for exercise equipment on trails such as benches, trees and other outdoor exercise equipment.

The committee is looking to partner with the Rotaract club, Interact club, Early Act, etc. Sub-Committee to follow up on progress.

#### b. Youth Forum Committee

The committee finalized the following questions;

- How would you describe the youth atmosphere of the Pelham community?
- What would you change/remain the same in Pelham to make it better?
- What would you like to see in Pelham in the future?
- Would you want to start a business in Pelham? Why or why not?

What type of business would you start?

- Are there job opportunities in Pelham?

What kind of sports are youth involved in?

- What kinds of sports would youth like to see in Pelham more?
- How can the town of Pelham be more eco friendly?
- Where could you like to see more green space?
- How could youth art be more present in Pelham?
- How can we make Pelham an accepting and well-rounded community? Ex. different interests, cultures religions, etc.
- Do you get involved or volunteer in town events? Yes/no ...If so which ones?
- **Mayor Dave suggested that we ask a question about the teen zone at summerfest**
- What events/programs would you like to see in the community centre? Ex. Mental health awareness group, movie day, etc.

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**Applications:**

- If someone has gone to the youth forum before they cannot go again to give other students, the opportunity.
- Must decide how the students are being picked fairly to go to the forum.
- Must decide a date between the week of Feb 26 to Mar 2.
- Also, must decide on what time to what time.
- Is the youth forum a school sanctioned absence?
- Pick 2 or three students from each grade.

The MYAC suggested that we hold the forum on either Monday or Tuesday (leaning towards Tuesday)

c. Town-wide Play for Free Day

No Meeting was held.  
Upcoming meeting this Thursday.

5. Long- Term MYAC Sub-Committee reports

Moved by: Ethan Young  
Seconded by: Ella Robert

To appoint the following members to the Art Sub-Committee and the Community Garden Sub-Committee respectively,

Art Sub-committee

- Anderson
- Ava
- Kaitlyn
- Sarah
- Ben
- Ethan

Community Garden

- Mathew
- Ella
- Sofia
- Emily
- Mackenna
- Natalie

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Art Sub-committee

Moved by: Mackenna Belding

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Seconded by: Anderson Cecchini

To appoint Ava Colangelo as Chair of the Arts Sub-Committee and Ben Bonisteel as the Co-Chair.

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Art Sub-Committee Meeting was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Graffiti wall

- little blank sheets of fabric to be displayed at Summerfest
- \$2.00 (depending on price of supplies) to paint/draw on fabric
- Hung/displayed on wall in the community center if possible

Art competition

- Art hung in the Fonthill Library (Need to ask for permission from library)
- Age groups: 3-6, 7-10, 11-14, 15+
- Competition themes (February is Family Day theme, April is Earth Day theme)

Start spreading word in late December, early January

Community Garden

Moved by: Sarah Schaefer

Seconded by: Natalie Anderson

To appoint Emily Bonisteel as Chair of the Community Garden Sub-Committee and Matthew Iannizzi as the Co-Chair.

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- No Community Garden Sub-Committee meeting was held.

## 6. School Liaison Reports

EL Crossley Secondary: Ben Bonisteel

- Battery drive to collect zinc
- Semi formal is December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Fundraiser for "Christmas cheer" to raise money to buy toys/food for families on Christmas (partnered with salvation Army)
- Clothes pin Survivor

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## St. Alexander Elementary: Sarah Schaefer and Anderson Cecchini

- Wants to publicize school events more in Pelham (St. Alex news board)
- Board describing the saint, St. Alex

## Notre Dame Secondary: Matthew Iannizzi

- Barbeque food made by cooking students sold to raise money for the food drive
- Semi formal is on December 14<sup>th</sup>
- The Notre Dame social climate is running a teen angel campaign to purchase gifts for youth our age and to provide food for families on Christmas
- Notre Dame food drive is collecting change at lunch and going around to each class to collect canned goods.
- Spotlight on the arts was held last week to showcase all the art at ND (ex. Art displayed in the main foyer, acting and music was showcased in the theatre)
- Junior student Council has started up and is thinking of doing a movie night in the Leon theatre.

## St. Ann Elementary: Ella Robert

- Battery drive for zinc
- St. Ann board (for events and to explain the actual saint, St. Ann)
- Raised 2500 non-perishable food items for we scare hunger

## AK Wigg Elementary: Natalie Anderson and Mackenna Belding

- Students going around to check compost
- Collecting Pj's for Christmas
- Food drive coming up (no details yet)

## 7. Town Committee Reports

- a. Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee- Tessa Piccolo
  - 2 members of the committee resigned and will be missed
  - New Horizon grant for seniors to put together town-wide survey for the voices of seniors
  - Hired Brock student to collect data to use for survey
  - Joint Accessibility Committee is looking into natural play ground (i.e. logs, trees, dirt, etc.)
- b. Pelham Active Transportation Committee

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Moved by: Matthew Iannizzi

Seconded by: Natalie Anderson

Motion to appoint Ella Robert as primary for the Active Transportation Committee and Tessa Piccolo as Secondary.

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- No meeting was attended by an MYAC member
- c. Summerfest Committee- Sofia Labricciosa
  - Wrap-up meeting was held
  - Want the youth feed back on teen zone
  - MYAC found that there were not a wide variety of activities
  - MYAC suggested advertising the teen zone more (i.e. location)
  - MYAC suggested keeping the location closer to Summerfest
  - No movie night took place because it interfered with the country music
  - Could include teen zone questions on youth forum
  - The teen zone took place too early for teens to attend
  - MYAC suggested a separate youth movie night at the community center
- d. Pelham Art Committee– no contact made with newly appointed MYAC members.
  - No meeting was held

## 8. Mayor's Report

Mayor Dave provided MYAC with the following update on Town matters

- Ages 65+ are 24% of the population in Pelham
- Ages 24 and under make up 26% of the population in Pelham
- Hard hat tours are continuing (Mayor is going to try to get MYAC on a tour of the community center at some point)
- Duliban Rink was poured last Thursday
- Accipiter Rink will be poured on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December
- Exterior brick of the community center is finished
- The center is estimated to be done June 1<sup>st</sup>
- There were 40 000 people at summer fest on the weekend
- 43 000 came including Thursday night
- Fundraising for the community center is over 50% done
- Haist street plan moving forward
- East Fenwick plans were brought to council and it will be between January- March when the plans come back to council for approval
- Pelham food drive will be on Saturday
- There will be an Audit meeting held for the Town finances tomorrow

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- A St. Alex Huskie Alumni is part of the Argonaut team that won the grey cup and may bring the cup back to Pelham

9. Other Business

- MYAC Participation in Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Arrive by 12:30p.m. (Parade Start: Bethany Christian Reformed Church, 1086 Balfour Street). MYAC participate in the parade and assist Town Council with handing out candy along the route. The Town will again enter a float in the Santa Claus Parade and MYAC volunteers will fill the costumes on the “Frozen” float. The characters are: Olaf, Ana, Elsa & Kristoff. The following members volunteered to wear the costumes on the float:

Olaf: Matthew Iannizzi  
 Ana: Anderson Cecchini  
 Elsa: Emily Bonisteel  
 Kristoff:

Emily will be sending out a confirmation email for the roles and will be asking if anyone would like to fill the empty roles

- Sydney Bergevin has resigned from the MYAC because of her busy schedule.

Moved by: Ben Bonisteel  
 Seconded by: Ella Robert

To accept Sydney Bergevin’s resignation from MYAC effective immediately.

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- MYAC is interested in participating in the “White Elephant” Christmas game during their next meeting. The price range is \$5-\$10.

10. Next Meeting

MYAC Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the council chambers

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Anderson Cecchini  
 Seconded by: Sofia Labricciosa

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THAT the meeting of the Pelham Mayor's Youth Advisory Council November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is now adjourned.

CARRIED