

Roll Call:

Councillor Leigh Bursey
Derek Atkinson
Melissa McCabe
David Patterson, UCLG Health Unit
Brodie Somerville

Absent:

John Woods
Matt Hoy

Staff:

Ms. Daphne Livingstone, Deputy City Clerk (Committee Clerk)

Others:

Steve Clark, MPP
Mr. Giggins, Executive Assistant to Mr. Clark

Chair Bursey called the committee meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: D. Atkinson

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. **DELEGATIONS**

Steve Clark, MPP

Mr. Clark addressed the Committee on his background and experience beginning with being elected Mayor in 1982. Mr. Clark served as Mayor of Brockville from 1982-1991 having begun his term immediately following university graduation. Currently, Mr. Clark has the position of being the opposition's critic for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). Recently, the government has tabled legislation related to a rent floor and ceiling. Mr. Clark's position is that we are currently not receiving our fair share of municipal housing dollars. In the 1990's Mr. Clark established the local nonprofit housing association and feels that there are additional model/s options that are available to meet the housing void.

As well, Mr. Clark would like a review of the municipal elections legislation during the new session of Parliament with the goal being to get more young people involved in the election process.

Ministry of Citizenship of Ontario offers a youth volunteerism award. Any youth that has belonged to a volunteer organization or participated for a period of two years is eligible to receive an award. The Youth Advisory Committee could champion this award by bringing forth nominations. Many local groups and events need revitalization and by encouraging youth to become lifelong volunteers would make that happen. This award is an excellent way to recognize youth. Deadline for nominations is January 25, 2012.

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Moved by: D. Patterson

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held November 15, 2011 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Draft report to FAO in January was distributed for review. By all accounts, the report is well written.

5. **OUTSIDE COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- Citizens Brockville. Brodie volunteered but the Citizens Brockville Group has not held a meeting.
- Local Food, delegation from October was very insightful. No current action is taking place.
- Brockville Cycling Advisory Committee is looking for members.
- Library Board and the Youth Advisory Committee are not pursuing partnership or collaboration at this time.
- White Ribbon Campaign, Mike McKeegan is still seeking ideas for events and will be attending future meetings with YAC.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2012 Meeting Dates

January meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. Future meeting dates will likely be rescheduled to the first Tuesday of every month at 2:30 p.m.

2. Future Projects

- a) Earl's Court Playground Fundraising
Representatives from the group will be invited to attend a future meeting.
- b) Youth Friendly Community Application Process
Examine the benefits of the designation and determine the City of Brockville's strengths and weaknesses as well as increase the visibility of the Committee in Brockville.
- c) Report on YAC Objectives to FAO
- d) Social Housing Guidelines & Youth Homelessness
The Committee would like to develop a survey for youth. Possible distribution to alternative high school, library.
- e) Webpage for YAC

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: B. Somerville

THAT the Youth Advisory Committee adjourn until the next scheduled meeting of January 17th, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.