



## INFORMATION REQUEST

**REQUESTED BY:** Councillor Stevenson

**TOPIC:** Youth Advisory Committee - Planning of a Youth Led Activity

**DATE OF REQUEST:** November 6, 2023

**DATE OF RESPONSE:** November 7, 2023

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### QUESTION:

Is there funding available in 2024 for the Youth Advisory Committee to plan a youth led activity/event?

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### Response

There is \$5,000 budgeted for 2024 to plan a youth led activity or event. Should that funding not be sufficient, Council could pass a resolution to provide further funding out of Council contingency depending on the nature of the event.

### Background

The Youth Advisory Committee was established by Council in summer 2022 and commenced its first term in January 2023. The Youth Advisory Committee budget is \$10,500, which includes \$5500 for the member bursaries and \$5000 for a youth led event. Food costs for committee meetings are absorbed under a separate budget.

Due to the need to build knowledge and expertise amongst members in the first year of committee operations, the committee did not prioritize planning a youth led activity or event in their first term, instead opting to participate in other City events such as Canada Day, Truth and Reconciliation Day, and Light Up. Current committee members have expressed interest in a future youth led activity or event, such as a social event for teens based around a holiday or celebration, or a public event aimed at youth interested in a specific activity like art. The next Youth Advisory Committee (which first meets in Q1 of 2024) will have the opportunity to prioritize a youth led event as part of their work plan including determining an event theme that is of interest to committee members.

**Financial Implications/Taxation Impact**

The Youth Advisory Committee budget is \$10,500, which includes \$5500 for the member bursaries and \$5000 for a youth led event. Should existing funding not be sufficient, Council may choose to pass a resolution to provide additional funding from Council contingency.

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