

**Mayor's Youth Advisory Council**  
**January 6<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**4:30pm-5:45pm**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Brandon Laing, Michelle Smith, Megan Matkowski, Bianca Benincasa, Kelsie Chasse, Brittany Devos, Michael Dube, Jacob Guthrie, Craig Maltais, Nicole Marion, Olivia Taylor, Josh Rammuno, Krystal Kramer, Sarah Doherty (Staff Liaison), Mayor Damian Goulbourne, Jamie Read (YMCA), Joe (Boys and Girls Club of Niagara), Ellen Duffus (Welland Multicultural Centre)

**Pelham Attendance:** Emily Frost, Ryan Huckla, Andrew Gemmgle, Michael Ross, Jessica Ruddell (Staff Liaison)

1. YATI training review:

- ⇒ The meeting went long
- ⇒ The program description was not very accurate
- ⇒ The message was hard to grasp.
- ⇒ There was a lot of information
- ⇒ It also bounced around a lot.

2. Discussion of council expectations:

- ⇒ We are to attend all meetings
- ⇒ If you tell the council you will do something for the council, follow through.
- ⇒ If you say you will be attending an event, please follow through.
- ⇒ If you cannot attend, please inform either Sarah or a member of the council that can pass on the message,
- ⇒ All in all we are doing a good job.

3. Open Arms Mission:

- ⇒ As a council we would like to serve food to the mission.
- ⇒ We will be providing a pasta, salad and desert.
- ⇒ Our serving date is march 27<sup>th</sup>
- ⇒ Eight members will be needed.
- ⇒ Sarah will send out an email

4. Friday Night Out Volunteer work:

- ⇒ Each Friday night we will be volunteering at Eastdale
- ⇒ We are to arrive at 6:25pm-8:00pm
- ⇒ If you cannot arrive for your slotted time, you must replace yourself.
- ⇒ Both Brandon and Michelle are willing to take slots.

5. Merrit run:

- ⇒ A 1 K and 5 K run to raise funds for the Pro Kids association.
- ⇒ Advertisement is needed.
- ⇒ The run will happen on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- ⇒ The message of this event will be a healthy active lifestyle.

6. Dodgeball tournament:

- ⇒ This will take place at the YMCA.
- ⇒ April 10<sup>th</sup>, arrive for 10am

- ⇒ Best dressed contest
- ⇒ Email to be sent.

7. Band show:

- ⇒ June 12<sup>th</sup> at the amphitheater
- ⇒ A committee is needed.

8. MYAC open house:

- ⇒ We will be hosting an open door council meeting
- ⇒ The youth of Welland will be invited to attend our regular meeting.
- ⇒ This meeting will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010.

9. Council presentation:

- ⇒ A quick presentation to the council of Welland
- ⇒ It will last about 5-10 minutes.
- ⇒ All members must attend this event.
- ⇒ February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 at 7 pm

10. Youth Innovations:

- ⇒ We have 25,000\$ to revamp the youth innovations.
- ⇒ A sub committee will be needed.
- ⇒ To be a part of this committee you must be able to commit yourself to two additional meetings per month, plus being able to work over the summer.
- ⇒ Email to be sent out.

11. Host program:

- ⇒ This program welcomes new comers to Canada, and helps them get used to Welland.
- ⇒ Volunteers are needed.
- ⇒ We can contact the multicultural center for more information

12. Pelham Council:

- ⇒ The youth council of Pelham is planning a dance in February.
- ⇒ Their concentration is their community.
- ⇒ There are 19 members plus 5 advisors.
- ⇒ They also have 5 executive positions
- ⇒ We are welcomed to join a meeting.

Meeting adjourned.