



Councillor Blog October 2023

Welcome back fellow residents of White City (and those reading from the surrounding area) for the October 2023 edition of the White City Councillor Blog. This month's blog will focus on the Youth Advisory Committee.

Youth represent the future of our community. Their fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and boundless enthusiasm have the potential to drive change and make White City an even better place to live. Recognizing this, the Town has recently established the White City Youth Advisory Committee.

The purpose of the White City Youth Advisory Committee is to stimulate and promote youth interest in municipal matters and local politics. The Youth Advisory Committee will serve to educate and empower youth to provide information and recommendations to Council related to opportunities or issues that impact or involve youth including the things that are considered to be assets, strengths and opportunities in the community.

The main services of the committee are:

1. Providing Recommendations to Council

The committee serves as a bridge between the youth of White City and our town's Council. They will consider, debate, and make recommendations to Council on various issues that affect our youth. These recommendations will help inform Council's decisions and ensure that they reflect the needs and desires of our young residents.

2. Collaboration and Support

The committee will work closely with Administration and other youth-serving agencies to support various youth initiatives. Collaboration is key to creating a supportive environment for our youth to thrive.

3. Advocating for Change

The Youth Advisory Committee is committed to driving change and advocating on behalf of our youth. They will be the champions of youth interests, ensuring that their voices are heard in discussions that shape the future of White City.

4. Building Partnerships

Inclusivity is at the heart of this committee's mission. They will establish partnerships with individuals and youth-serving organizations to ensure that different perspectives and voices are reflected in their initiatives and procedures.

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How the Committee Operates

The Youth Advisory Committee operates within a framework to ensure that its activities are productive and effective. Here's a glimpse of how it functions:

- While the committee does not possess any delegated powers of Council, resolutions passed by the committee form recommendations for consideration by Council.
- The committee has the authority to resolve administrative and non-substantive matters such as approving meeting agendas, appointing leadership positions, and setting meeting dates.
- Membership includes one member of Council, up to three youth-at-large representatives aged 12 to 18, and one student representative aged 12 to 18 from each of our local schools.
- All members must reside within White City's municipal boundaries.
- A Staff Liaison attends all meetings on an ex-officio basis, providing valuable support and guidance.
- The committee selects a Chair and Vice-Chair and appoints a secretary annually to facilitate its operations.

**Applications for the
Youth Advisory Committee
are now open!**

**Apply online by visiting
www.whitecity.ca/p/youth-advisory-committee
or scanning this QR Code.**



Overall, the Youth Advisory Committee intends to encourage youth participation in the community, engage leaders and volunteers of the future, and provide a mechanism for youth to communicate with Council and administration of the Town of White City.

If you have any questions, have a comment, want more information, or want to suggest a topic for a future blog please email townoffice@whitecity.ca or call 306-781-2355 – we look forward to hearing from you!

– Councillor Andrew Boschman