December 12, 2012

To: Members,

Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: 2012 Youth Advisory Committee Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE - DECEMBER 4, 2012

That this report be received and filed.

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The Committee adopted a resolution to concur in the recommendation contained in the report.

Councillor Sharron Bryce, Members: Scott Findura, Emma Knight, Faith Mbugua, Vlad Melnikov, Julia Ziyue Peng, Annie Robertson and Natalia Smith were present during the consideration of this report by the Youth Advisory Committee.

The Youth Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on December 4, 2012, considered the following report from the Chairperson:

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be forwarded to the Community & Protective Services Committee for information.

BACKGROUND

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) has had a busy year. Our 2012 work plan stated that we were going to do three things:

- Study the Calgary Youth Council Model
- Hold a Youth Forum
- Give recommendation on other issues

As a committee we are still working on looking into the Calgary Model. The City of Calgary has a very progressive Youth Committee that we hoped to model the Regina Youth Advisory Committee after. In recent correspondence with the adults that work with the Calgary Youth group, we found out that they would like their group to be more like ours. They admired our ability to get together and throw a big event for kids across the city.

The YAC's main event for the year was our 2012 Youth Forum. This event was named Extreme Youth on the Move. The event was attended by 126 kids, ages 5-18 from across Regina to tryout different sports and physical activities. It was an amazing day, we as a committee, are very proud of the accomplishments from our hard work. After the event we received many calls saying how great the event was and asking when the next one would be held. The YAC has already been discussing our plans for the 2013 youth forum. As a group we have discussed many ideas such as:

- Employment
- Careers
- Volunteering
- Sports
- Science
- Arts

Lastly, on an on-going basis, City Administration and other committees have sought our opinions on their issues such as Design Regina and Vandalism. The committee members highly enjoyed hearing what other committees were doing and helping when we could. The YAC is interested in hearing from more committees and giving our youth perspective.

The Youth Advisory Committee had a great year and we are looking forward to the 2013 possibilities.

Thank you to all the Councillors and the support staff to the Committee for all your encouragement and help this year.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUTH ADVSORY COMMITTEE

Mavis Torres, Secretary