

Rural Youth Group Committee Meeting

August 7

~~May 1~~, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Royal Canadian Legion

Present: Chair Marg French, Co-Chair Ashley Brandt, Mayor Chris Hope, Jeannette Godfrey, Mary Thomson (Zoom), Barry Burton (Zoom, left at 7:18pm), Recording Secretary Camille Barr

Guests: None

Regrets: Corinne Penstone

Delegations: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by M. French

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Disclosure of Interest: None

4. Acceptance of the Agenda: Agenda accepted for August 7, 2025

5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Moved by B. Burton - Seconded by C. Hope

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group approves the minutes of the meeting held on July 3, 2025.

Carried.

Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by J. Godfrey

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group approves the minutes of the meeting held on July 16, 2025.

Carried.

Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by A. Brandt

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group approves the minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2025.

Carried.

6. New business:

Sub-Committee

The committee discussed the potential use of a sub-committee to support day-to-day planning/advisory functions. It was noted that the establishment of any sub-committee must be recommended to Council for approval. A resolution regarding this matter was reviewed and approved by the committee.

Youth Workshops

The committee engaged in a discussion about initiating workshops targeted at youth

engagement. Following deliberation, the item was brought to a vote, and a resolution to recommend the initiative to Council was approved.

Donation Tree from Clearview Township

The committee was asked whether they would like to accept the donation tree from Clearview Township. All members were in favor.

Moved by A. Brandt- Seconded by C. Hope

7. Old Business:

a. Movie Night

The committee confirmed they will cancel the planned movie night. The decision followed a discrepancy between the committee's proposed plan and what was ultimately approved by Council. To prevent future misunderstandings, it was agreed that all resolutions submitted by the committee will be clearly detailed. Additionally, Council responses will be communicated to the committee by the following day after each Council meeting.

b. Discuss/approve requirements for volunteers

Under New Business, the committee discussed staff and volunteer requirements. J. Godfrey presented a draft document outlining recommendations related to these roles. The document will be reissued to committee members by J. Godfrey for review and is scheduled for approval at the next committee meeting. Upon committee approval, the document will be forwarded to Council for formal resolution.

c. Fundraising Opportunities

A. Brandt received feedback on the video intended to accompany the GoFundMe campaign and will make the necessary revisions. In the interim, the GoFundMe campaign will be launched, with the finalized and approved video to be added at a later date.

d. Engaging surrounding communities

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to a future meeting for further discussion.

e. Preliminary survey results

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to a future meeting for further discussion.

f. Location updates

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to a future meeting for further discussion.

8. Recommendations to Council:

1. Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by J. Godfrey

That the Rural Youth Group seek approval from council to host up to two youth-focused workshops per month until such time as the permanent youth Centre is operational, subject to available resources and space.

Workshops may include mentoring sessions, skill development, arts and culture, guest speakers, and other programming aligned with the committee's mandate.

Rationale:

To gain community engagement and introduce youth services while planning and developing the permanent youth Centre. We would also gain a better understanding of interest in the establishment of the Centre based on participation in the workshop programs.

This item went to vote:

For: M. French, M. Thomson, J. Godfrey, A. Brandt

Against: B. Burton

Abstain: C. Hope

Carried.

2. Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by J. Godfrey

That the Youth Committee establish an advisor group composed of committee members and interested community volunteers to develop recommendations for the day-to-day programming of the future rural youth Centre and workshops leading up to the opening. As members of the rural youth group, we would be seeking input from people with expertise in areas such as education, the arts, cooking, recreation, and community service, who could bring valuable ideas and perspectives to the table.

The goal is to brainstorm, refine, and prioritize programming ideas that reflect the needs and interests of our youth, whether it's music and art workshops, leadership development, life skills training, or physical activities. Meetings will be kept informal and solution focused. In addition to securing subject experts, the advisory group will include in their proposals, recommendation on location if there are to be workshops leading up to our opening, communication, staffing with volunteers etc.

This group is not part of the formal Rural Youth Group committee structure and would have no decision-making authority but would blue sky ideas and bring the best forward for consideration. As such, we believe that no formal minutes of the meetings are required as any action items would be reflected in the Rural Youth Group meeting minutes.

We foresee that the advisor group, once they have nailed down some of the ideas, with practical implementation, will present their proposal to the Rural Youth Group committee for consideration and subsequently to Council for approval.

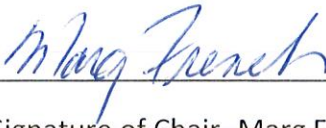
Rationale:

To ensure that the planning of the rural youth Centre is informed, practical, and youth-driven, and to allow program design to progress in parallel with physical and administrative preparations for the facility.

Carried.

9. Date of Next Meeting: September 4, 2025, at 6:00pm

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm. Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by A. Brandt



Signature of Chair- Marg French