

Rural Youth Group Committee Meeting

July 22, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Young at Heart Seniors Centre

Present: Chair Marg French, Jeannette Godfrey, Corinne Penstone, Mary Thomson, Councillor Ashley Brandt, Mayor Hope, Barry Burton

Guests: None

Regrets: Camille Barr

Delegations: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by M. French

Councillor Brandt and Mayor Hope stated they could not stay past 7pm.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and finalize the Rural Youth Group Project Plan.

Update from Council

An update from Council was shared by Mayor Hope:

- Council has indicated that proceeds from the concession stand may not be available to the Youth Group. Committee members noted their previous understanding, based on earlier discussions, was that concession stand profits would help offset the costs for two student positions, with any shortfall covered by the Rural Youth Group. Clarification from Council will be requested.
 - It was also shared that the group may be able to submit articles to the *GNA* at no cost for publication. Confirmation on Council's position regarding this will also be sought.
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Movie Night Planning

The group discussed potential movie selections for the upcoming movie night. Suggestions included *Donnie Darko*, *Happy Gilmore*, *The Sandlot*, and *Spaceballs*. Corrine and Mary will review available options and survey the group to determine the final choice.

The group agreed to include a short pre-movie presentation (5–10 minutes) to introduce the Rural Youth Group. The presentation will:

- Introduce committee members
- Provide a high-level overview of the committee's mandate and goals

Additional requirements for movie night include:

- **Speaker and microphone** – Marg will follow up with Tara.

- **Promotional materials** – Corrine will prepare flyers, post on social media, and distribute them throughout Burk's Falls and surrounding communities. Mary will assist and explore additional outreach opportunities in the Magnetawan area.
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Rural Youth Group Project Plan

Due to time constraints, the Project Plan was not reviewed in detail. The group agreed that:

- The proposed timeline is ambitious but generally workable.
- The plan serves as a roadmap and should remain flexible as circumstances evolve.
- Feedback suggests that youth are seeking a safe place to gather, and parents would likely be supportive provided the Centre is supervised.
- We need confirmation of age of majority to enlist student volunteers for the centre.

Mary Fenech