



## **Rural Youth Group Committee Meeting**

July 3, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Royal Canadian Legion

Present: Chair Marg French, Councillor Ashley Brandt, Mayor Chris Hope, Jeannette Godfrey, Barry Burton, Secretary

Guests: None

Regrets: Corinne Penstone, Mary Thomson

Delegations: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by M. French
2. M. French lead the committee through the land acknowledgement
3. Disclosure of Interest  
None
4. Acceptance of the Agenda  
Moved by J. Godfrey - Seconded by C. Hope
5. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes  
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 June 5, 2025.  
Carried.
6. Old Business
  - a. Finance Update  
Funds raised remain the same as reported last meeting.
  - b. Youth Communication- Survey results and next steps  
29 youth surveys and 13 parent surveys were completed at the Downtown Celebration. The survey has been extended to mid August. Preliminary data was compiled by a group of youth and shared with the committee. M. French will update the formatting of the data and send to the committee for review. M. French will provide the Secretary with the web links to the surveys to add to the webpage.
  - c. Website and Social Media  
M. French has been sharing local events and celebrations as well as adding stats to the page. Followers are increasing.
  - d. Staffing Update  
Last meeting J. Godfrey provided draft descriptions. No feedback received from the group to date. This item has been added to the 6-month project plan.

f. Fundraising Update- Go Fund Me

No new funds received since last meeting. The Go Fund Me page has been set up. A. Brandt has created a video however wishes to make further edits. The launch will wait until the video is received.

7. New Business

a. A townhall meeting to promote awareness

The committee will host a townhall on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Towne Theatre (pending council approval). The committee will purchase a dvd to play for free. Prior to the movie, information will be shared on the Youth Group's mission, vision, and the request for guests to complete the surveys. The committee is requesting use of the theatre between 6pm-9pm, staff to run it, and that any proceeds above the cost of concession items are donated back to the Youth Group. A planning meeting for the event is set for July 16<sup>th</sup>.

b. Project Plan for 2025

A 6-month project plan was shared with all members to review and provide comment. A special meeting is set to focus strictly on flushing out the plan which spans 6 months. This meeting will be held July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

c. Chair Report to Council

M. French prepared a report for Council highlighting progress to date. The report will be sent to the Secretary for this next Council package.

d. Motion to publish as a committee of council

Clarification requested by the committee regarding permitted publishing. Secretary and C. Hope to speak to CAO.

8. Closed Session

Committee entered closed session at 7:20pm pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c.25: Section 239 (2) (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board- Potential Lease Opportunity.  
Committee entered back into regular meeting at 7:25pm

9. Recommendations to Council

a) That the Rural Youth Group Committee uses the Towne Theatre at no cost to them on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00pm to host a Town Hall followed by a free film. The DVD would be purchased by the committee. Staff would be required to run the theatre.

b) That proceeds from the sale of concessions items at the event above the cost to the Village, be donated to the Rural Youth Group.

10. Date of Next Meeting: July 16, 2025 (Town Hall planning meeting)

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. Moved by B. Burton - Seconded by C. Hope

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Signature of Chair- Marg French

