



Rural Youth Group Committee Meeting

March 30, 2026, at 5:30pm at 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls

Present: Chair Barry Burton, Mayor Chris Hope, Jeannette Godfrey, Corrine Penstone,
Recording Secretary

Guests: None

Regrets: Co-Chair Ashley Brandt, Mary Thompson

Delegations: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair B. Burton
2. **Land Acknowledgement:**
The Land Acknowledgement was provided by C. Penstone
3. **Disclosure of Interest:**
None
4. **Acceptance of the Agenda:**
Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by C. Penstone
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Advisory Committee amends the agenda to add item 7. a) New Business - Planning Updates
Carried.
Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by J. Godfrey
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Advisory Committee approves the agenda of the meeting of March 30, 2026
Carried.
5. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
Moved by J. Godfrey - Seconded by C. Hope
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on March 9, 2026.
Carried.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Results of the Council Meeting**
At its regular meeting on March 9, no additional recommendations were brought forward for Council's consideration. The delegation from Chair B. Burton did not take place. A committee member has been requested to attend the Council meeting scheduled for April 21, 2026, to respond to any questions. J. Godfrey confirmed her attendance at the meeting.
The RYG committee again expressed the importance of proceeding with the hiring process, as candidates have been awaiting a response since February.
The committee passed a resolution to proceed with hiring for the coordinator position.

b) Naming of the Centre

Deferred.

c) Downtown Celebration

As no committee members are available to attend the event, Mayor C. Hope offered to distribute materials on behalf of the committee, provided they are prepared and supplied to him in advance.

d) Fundraising

The Committee discussed that securing a coordinator would assist in advancing fundraising efforts. It was also noted that additional volunteers are needed. C. Penstone advised that the two individuals previously interested in volunteering are no longer available to participate.

7. New Business

a) Planning Updates

Chair B. Burton presented the "Youth Centre To-Do List" to the Committee, along with a six-month budget, renovation quotes for space "A," and a corresponding diagram. The Committee reviewed the materials and noted that negotiations for reduced rent, in consideration of renovation costs, will be pursued. An alternative location was also discussed, and the Committee will attempt to arrange a viewing.

The Committee approved the six-month budget, with the desire to a negotiate rental rate reflecting renovation costs.

8. Recommendations to Council

Moved C. Hope - Seconded by J. Godfrey

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Committee recommends that Council approve the hiring of a Youth Coordinator based on the previously submitted candidate selection, with the position set at 20 hours per week for an initial six-month term.

Carried.

Moved by J. Godfrey - Seconded by C. Penstone

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Committee recommends that Council approve the six-month budget as presented, with the notion that rent will be reduced in consideration of renovation costs.

Carried

9. Date of Next Meeting: Either April 20th or 27th- TBD, 5:30 pm, 2026

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.



Signature of Chair