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Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee

Tuesday June 18, 2013.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Lister Block Building, 28 James Street North, Basement Meeting Room.

Present: Co-Chairs: Nashwa Khan
Members: Marten Kaas, Fan Yang, Lauren Hansen, Mikayla Zolis

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson, Alexandra da Silva, Fiorella Villanueva-Heldmaier, Michael Pratas, Don Mahleka, Becky Schmor, Joselin Marccio, Lauren Hicks Jackson Virgin-Holland, Ahmad Ahmad, Alex Fiorello, Camilo Sanchez Galindo, Daniel Sanchez Galindo, Nicole Lachapelle

Also Present: René Reid, Mark Weingartner,

COMMITTEE SECRETARY/MINUTE TAKER & TIMEKEEPER/MANAGER -

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

5.1- Attendance

5.2 Youth Week Hamilton Information Report.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - HYAC did not achieve quorum

4. PRESENTATIONS - None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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5.1 Attendance: Fan Yang announced that he will be stepping down from his appointed role on the committee as of today to attend school in Ottawa in the fall.

***HYAC now has 18 members. Quorum would be 9 members plus 1 additional member for a total of 10 members in attendance at the meeting in order to approve minutes and to vote on committee matters.*

5.2 Youth Week Hamilton Information Report: René followed-up on the Youth Week Hamilton Information Report that is being submitted to Council in September 2013. Members in attendance, as well as, Camilo Sanchez Galindo, Ahmad Ahmad, and Jackson Virgin-Holland have endorsed the report. During the summer hiatus, Mark will forward the report so it will be ready for September 9th. Nashwa will sign the final report on behalf of the committee.

5.3 Youth Week Hamilton Survey Summary Review: The Youth Week Hamilton survey summary is complete. Data collected from the survey will be used to form other reports HYAC hopes to bring to Council. Please refer to the appendix

5.4 Youth Friendly Spaces Report-status update: Nashwa discussed some of the work around youth friendly spaces being done by New Generation (NGen) and Unfiltered Facts. All agreed NGen is a good model of a youth space. Mark suggested we think about a definition of what a youth space is or what it could be. As several groups are interested in this topic it was suggested we pull everyone together so as to not duplicate the work going on. Nashwa suggested a meeting of all stakeholders for early September. After more discussion the group decided to focus on early October for this meeting. No confirmed details about what type of report this will be.

Youth Transit Report-status update: Marten plans to form a mini report on the data he has collected so far. Some HYAC members on this sub-committee (Fiorella, Lauren x 2, Nicole, Jackson and Nashwa – Jan.2013 Minutes), need to work more with Marten on this report. No confirmed details about whether report will be a presentation or information report. Will have a better idea as to the direction of this report by the September meeting.

5.5 Youth and Recreation Report-status update: René contacted Jason Ryan from the Recreation Dept. to follow-up on the Youth Recreation Strategy. At this time there are no updates. Jason is planning a short electronic survey he hopes to circulate among HYAC members in the near future. It is anticipated that members, having had ample time to use the free Rec centre passes, will be able to offer additional feedback via the survey.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

- René represented HYAC at the Pathways to Education Year End Celebration. This was a great little community event that offered free food, activities and entertainment to local young people. At the HYAC booth, young people could spin the Hamilton Trivia Wheel and win HYAC promotional items while learning about the committee.
- Nashwa talked-up the next SuperCrawl (*a free festival of art, music and performance that celebrates the diversity of Hamilton's James Street North district, our multi-disciplinary arts community, and the incredible spark that results with our unique mix of cultures, businesses and creative people*) happening Friday, September 13th and Saturday, September 14th. HYAC has been invited to have an interactive booth that will attract young people. HYAC already has a number of props suitable for this event. Our attendance is to be confirmed.
- Reminder about the new Crown Point Youth Advisory Committee. Supporting adult is Rebecca Dahl, rebeccadahl@yahoo.com. Contact Nashwa for more information.
- Reminder that HYAC will be on hiatus until September – **Next meeting will be September 17th, 2013**
- Those needing bus tickets, please see René

7. ADJOURNMENT: That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 6:45p.m.

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Appendix

Youth Week Hamilton 2013
Survey Responses Summary



NOTE: Responses are ***bold and in italics***. Numbers indicate the number of responses to the question.

General (62 responses)	Living Rock (27 responses)	Notre Dame House (5 responses)
<p>1. How did you hear about Youth Week Hamilton? (Check one).</p> <p>22 Friend</p> <p>2 HYAC Website</p> <p>10 Social Media</p> <p>3 Attended last year</p> <p>28 Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>NGen Youth Centre (New Generation Youth Centre) x2</i> - <i>My daughter is involved</i> - <i>HYAC member x3</i> - <i>Helped plan x3</i> - <i>YMCA x2</i> - <i>UFF x2</i> - <i>brother x2</i> - <i>also facebook group x2</i> - <i>centres</i> - <i>member of Unfiltered Facts</i> - <i>I planned it</i> - <i>photographer</i> - <i>cousin</i> - <i>approached at City Hall</i> 	<p>1. How did you hear about Youth Week Hamilton? (Check one).</p> <p>17 Friend</p> <p>HYAC Website</p> <p>3 Social Media</p> <p>5 Attended last year</p> <p>5 Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Centre 3</i> - <i>Spouse</i> - <i>Never did</i> - <i>I just come every Tues. & Thurs.... so</i> - <i>Boyfriend</i> - <i>Never heard</i> - <i>The Rock</i> 	<p>1. How did you hear about Youth Week Hamilton? (Check one).</p> <p>2 Friend</p> <p>HYAC Website</p> <p>1 Social Media</p> <p>Attended last year</p> <p>2 Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Staff</i> - <i>Notre Dame</i>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>my sisters helping in it</i> - <i>crazy dancing people by the bus station</i> - <i>just walked by</i> - <i>Pathways to Education staff</i> 		
<p>2. <u>What are some hot-topics of interest to youth in Hamilton? (Check all that apply).</u></p> <p><u>Youth-friendly spaces</u> 14 I don't know of any</p> <p>39 Need more places for youth to go</p> <p>8 What is a youth friendly space to you? How would you describe it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>NGen Youth Centre. Awesome place to be at and to be part of! It's like home.</i> - <i>NGen Youth Centre. That place is awesome, like my other family.</i> - <i>Mental Health</i> - <i>Community centres -> large, well-lit, safe, culturally/LGBT friendly,</i> 	<p>2. <u>What are some hot-topics of interest to youth in Hamilton? (Check all that apply).</u></p> <p><u>Youth-friendly spaces</u> 4 I don't know of any</p> <p>18 Need more places for youth to go</p> <p>5 What is a youth friendly space to you? How would you describe it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>A safe place for all youth to get good stuff done.</i> - <i>the library</i> - <i>a safe environment that will keep kids out of trouble</i> - <i>where friends can go and have some laughs... no beef, people just chillin' in a environment that's healthy to be in.</i> - <i>sanctuary. Described as bliss.</i> - <i>I would have to say the rock</i> 	<p>2. <u>What are some hot-topics of interest to youth in Hamilton? (Check all that apply).</u></p> <p><u>Youth-friendly spaces</u> I don't know of any</p> <p>3 Need more places for youth to go</p> <p>1 What is a youth friendly space to you? How would you describe it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -

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<p><i>lots of rec/programming</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Within the communitie</i> - <i>East end</i> - <i>Safe, fun environment</i> - <i>Ex YMCA, UFF</i> - <i>Positive youth</i> - <i>Newcomer Youth Centre</i> - <i>It is a place where youth come together and socialize and have fun</i> - <i>Library; parks; trails</i> - <i>Workshops, study groups</i> - <i>“Living Rock” is the best</i> - <i>In the outlying areas</i> - <i>Open, safe, fun</i> - <i>Welcoming, safe</i> - <i>Somewhere you can have fun or do school work</i> - <i>Very helpful</i> - <i>Senior centre to meet and discuss Hamilton life</i> - <i>Backpacking trip, etc.</i> - <i>North End Community Centre – lots of youth friendly programming</i> - <i>Safe place to hang out. Where youth can hang out keeping them active – positive mentors</i> 	<p><i>library and the mall.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>friendly home feeling environment.</i> - <i>an environment filled with happy respectful youth, having fun occupying themselves in a (room)</i> 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Diverse cultural representation. People not “talking down to” but working with you.</i> - <i>YMCA, parks, malls are fun to hang out at. Just somewhere to chill out and/or relax</i> - <i>Place where youth can connect and be leaders</i> - <i>A place where youth can connect and learn.</i> - <i>Library and workplace</i> - <i>Chill, no pressure, youth led</i> - <i>A gathering space which should make youths safe and comfortable.</i> 		
<p>Where are youth-friendly spaces most needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Downtown Core x 5</i> - <i>Downtown x 7 maybe somewhere around Barton Street</i> - <i>Inner city Hamilton</i> - <i>near city hall</i> - <i>Hamilton centre</i> - <i>Near school I think. X4</i> - <i>Mountain x 2 – is isolated so somewhere</i> 	<p>Where are youth-friendly spaces most needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>every area</i> - <i>east end of Hamilton</i> - <i>Places like the library and perhaps some place on the mountain</i> - <i>W O</i> - <i>Down town x4</i> - <i>Public events</i> - <i>Toronto, downtown Hamilton</i> - <i>All areas of hamilton</i> 	<p>Where are youth-friendly spaces most needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Every where</i> - <i>Downtown</i> - <i>Everywhere and anywhere</i> - <i>I think more should be located up the mountain</i>

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<p><i>accessible by transit.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Stoney Creek</i> - <i>in every city – not just downtown.</i> - <i>developing communities – Winona, Stoney Creek mountain, etc.</i> - <i>East end x3</i> - <i>School x4 - they should come around to schools more often. I think they might have better near the campus/schools and communities</i> - <i>around university</i> - <i>In the communitie x2</i> - <i>in areas close to neighbourhoods</i> - <i>within small neighbourhoods</i> - <i>public space x3</i> - <i>in YMCA</i> - <i>In churches x2</i> - <i>everywhere x2</i> - <i>outdoor activities and malls with different types of entertainment</i> - <i>Encouragement</i> - <i>friendship, sharing</i> - <i>N/A</i> - <i>education</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Not really, Im content</i> - <i>Anywhere AND Everywhere.</i> - <i>Every quadrant</i> - <i>Unno</i> - <i>Everything</i> - <i>All over Hamilton x 2</i> - <i>Up on the mountain.</i> - <i>All over downtown hamilton</i> - <i>All around</i> - <i>Everywhere but downtown</i> - <i>After 9pm on chill</i> 	

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<p><u>Public transportation</u> Is it accessible, yes 38 no 19 ? Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Macnab bus terminal just across from the entrance of it. - That is very convenience. I can go anywhere by bus. - Cost, esp. to secondary/university students - All in Hamilton every where - Depends only on certain times on the weekdays - Not always - So random almost useless - Cause they ??? you everywhere - So it is easier to travel - Inconvenient times / stops / prices - Except for Binbrook ☹ - Bus stops are everywhere - Need busses to go to more places and needs a less waiting time 	<p><u>Public transportation</u> Is it accessible, yes 18 no 9 ? Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No money to spend on tickets - There are outreach youth support workers that can give bus tickets - I walk if I want to go somewhere - Unknown - Gets me from A to B - Why?..... Why not have public transportation? - Walking distance - So hot - Lack of money x 2 - Because anywhere you go there is a bus route - I don't bus a lot - Who has money? 	<p><u>Public transportation</u> Is it accessible, yes 5 no ? Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bus routes - Because it gets you where you need to go - Bus - Because the system is better than most places -

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>We can bike</i> - <i>Always late ! ! !</i> - <i>I am a university student and am satisfied with the services</i> - <i>Horrible timing, buses always full. drivers not safe driving. Timing not spaced out. Need buses in summer.</i> - <i>N/A</i> - <i>Somewhat</i> - <i>Because it's public</i> - <i>More safer</i> - <i>Bikes are needed</i> - <i>We have an excellent system. Looking forward to LRT.</i> - <i>Public transportation is very accessible.</i> - <i>We need more transportation for more young people to branch out. Job oppotation (?)</i> - <i>Frequent stops</i> - <i>Affordability, esp. for youth who are not in school.</i> - <i>It needs to be accessible by bus because most youth (at least the ones I</i> 		

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<p><i>know) like to have the freedom of going where they want without depending on others.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In developing communities busing does not come often, have to wait for 30-45 minutes</i> - <i>buses, friends</i> - <i>it a kind of advertising</i> - <i>has a pass</i> 		
<p>Do buses go where you need/want them to go, yes 51 no 11?</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>I usually go on the mountain so they run often over there.</i> - <i>Wherever I want to go buses can take me to their. That's very convenience.</i> - <i>* Hours * are more of an issue. Many buses stop running relatively early e.g. midnight. Limited / less frequent buses @ night.</i> - <i>Not to the movie theatre in Meadowlands</i> 	<p>Do buses go where you need/want them to go, yes 20 no 7?</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>be cuz I live out of town</i> - <i>I just take 1 bus</i> - <i>Downtown</i> - <i>To an extent, but buses can't cover the whole city</i> - <i>Doctors malls</i> - <i>Sometimes</i> - <i>Sometimes you have to change buses</i> - <i>Not in all parts of Hamilton for work.</i> - <i>Not really</i> - <i>If you need to go to the mall or up on mountain there is a lot of buses.</i> 	<p>Do buses go where you need/want them to go, yes 5 no ?</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>yes they do because bus routes are in destination.</i> - <i>If you need to get some where you need to go</i> - <i>The buses go everywhere</i> -

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Only you have to fill (?) the information for the worker in YMCA</i> - <i>Sometimes actually and most of the time we have to walk a lot to reach the place we wanna go to</i> - <i>I have to different city, which bus doesn't go</i> - <i>Many neighbourhoods excluded</i> - <i>I live in Binbrook no buses come into Binbrook</i> - <i>There is several bus stops around my school and house</i> - <i>Sometimes No because you have to walk another km to get to your destination</i> - <i>Sometimes need a bike</i> - <i>Because it's convenient</i> - <i>Transfers don't meet up</i> - <i>Their routes go through main points and throughout the city.</i> - <i>I can get to the mall, friend houses x2</i> - <i>Public transportation</i> - <i>The buses go</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>It get me where I want to go</i> - <i>I go to work, and home</i> - 	

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<p><i>everywhere I need to go</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Everywhere</i> - <i>There are a lot of buses, you just need to know what ones to take</i> - <i>Took 3 hours by HSR from Stoney Creek – Ancaster Meadowlands – 3 hours !</i> - <i>Buses are all in convenient places that are easily accessible.</i> - <i>Maybay yes because for one I don't take the bus I drive</i> 		
<p>Are the buses on time, yes 37 no 21?</p> <p>Are the buses comfortable, yes 44 no 13?</p> <p>Do you have enough personal space while riding the bus, yes 40 no 20?</p> <p>Do you feel safe riding/waiting for the bus, yes 44 no 23?</p>	<p>Are the buses on time, yes 13 no 12 ?</p> <p>Are the buses comfortable, yes 17 no 8 ?</p> <p>Do you have enough personal space while riding the bus, yes 14 no 13 ? <i>sometimes</i></p> <p>Do you feel safe riding/waiting for the bus, yes 21 no 6 ?</p>	<p>Are the buses on time, yes 5 no?</p> <p>Are the buses comfortable, yes 5 no?</p> <p>Do you have enough personal space while riding the bus, yes 4 no?</p> <p>Do you feel safe riding/waiting for the bus, yes 5 no?</p>

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<p><u>Opportunities</u> There are opportunities and support for young people in Hamilton to (Please check all that apply):</p> <p>43 Get their high school diploma</p> <p>37 Get their post-secondary school diploma (college or university)</p> <p>39 Build their leadership skills</p> <p>35 Build their employment and job search skills</p> <p>33 Get the medical help they need</p> <p>21 Get the financial support they need</p> <p>16 Get the legal support they need</p> <p>29 Access recreation</p> <p>25 Access cultural and</p>	<p><u>Opportunities</u> There are opportunities and support for young people in Hamilton to (Please check all that apply):</p> <p>19 Get their high school diploma</p> <p>19 Get their post-secondary school diploma (college or university)</p> <p>19 Build their leadership skills</p> <p>22 Build their employment and job search skills</p> <p>18 Get the medical help they need</p> <p>16 Get the financial support they need</p> <p>17 Get the legal support they need</p> <p>19 Access recreation</p> <p>20 Access cultural and artistic experiences</p>	<p><u>Opportunities</u> There are opportunities and support for young people in Hamilton to (Please check all that apply):</p> <p>5 Get their high school diploma</p> <p>3 Get their post-secondary school diploma (college or university)</p> <p>4 Build their leadership skills</p> <p>3 Build their employment and job search skills</p> <p>2 Get the medical help they need</p> <p>2 Get the financial support they need</p> <p>3 Get the legal support they need</p> <p>2 Access recreation</p> <p>3 Access cultural and artistic experiences</p>

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<p>artistic experiences</p> <p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>very poor access in general to all/any programs.</i> - <i>not enough adult ed/transition/bridging</i> - <i>not sure re “get financial support” and “get legal support”</i> 		
<p>3. <u>How could Hamilton ‘do better’ from a youth perspective?</u> (Please check all that apply):</p> <p>35 More prevention programs to deal with underage drinking and illegal drug use</p> <p>34 More prevention programs and supports to deal with bullying</p> <p>23 Personal safety and violence prevention, support and recovery</p> <p>34 Mental health promotion and support</p> <p>24 More accessible events and activities geared to young people</p>	<p>3. <u>How could Hamilton ‘do better’ from a youth perspective? (Please check all that apply):</u></p> <p>20 More prevention programs to deal with underage drinking and illegal drug use</p> <p>18 More prevention programs and supports to deal with bullying</p> <p>17 Personal safety and violence prevention, support and recovery</p> <p>18 Mental health promotion and support (<i>extra emphasis indicated x 3</i>)</p> <p>18 More accessible events and activities geared to young people</p>	<p>3. <u>How could Hamilton ‘do better’ from a youth perspective? (Please check all that apply):</u></p> <p>3 More prevention programs to deal with underage drinking and illegal drug use</p> <p>3 More prevention programs and supports to deal with bullying</p> <p>3 Personal safety and violence prevention, support and recovery</p> <p>4 Mental health promotion and support</p> <p>2 More accessible</p>

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<p>29 More support for youth experiencing poverty and/or homelessness Note: for example PBW2</p> <p>27 Engage youth in municipal politics and connect with us Note: Dental / Health plans Note: - Support of youth spaces and centres and programming! - LGBTQ</p>	<p>19 More support for youth experiencing poverty and/or homelessness (extra emphasis indicated x 2)</p> <p>15 Engage youth in municipal politics and connect with us</p>	<p>events and activities geared to young people</p> <p>2 More support for youth experiencing poverty and/or homelessness</p> <p>3 Engage youth in municipal politics and connect with us</p>
<p>4. <u>What area of the City are you from (Please check one)?</u></p> <p>8 Stoney Creek 4 East Mountain 1 Central Mountain / Westdale 14 Central Hamilton 3 North Hamilton 3 Downtown to Mountain Brow 6 West Mountain 3 Ancaster 2 Waterdown 11 Other - Westdale / Ainslee Woods - Binbrook - Welland - Mississauga x4</p>	<p>4. <u>What area of the City are you from (Please check one)?</u></p> <p>2 Stoney Creek 2 East Mountain (HOOD) 2 Central Mountain 7 Central Hamilton North Hamilton 5 Downtown to Mountain Brow 1 West Mountain 2 West Hamilton Ancaster Waterdown Other - Oakville/Burlington</p>	<p>4. <u>What area of the City are you from (Please check one)?</u></p> <p>1 Stoney Creek East Mountain 1 East Hamilton Central Mountain Central Hamilton North Hamilton Downtown to Mountain Brow West Mountain West Hamilton 1 Ancaster Waterdown 1 Other</p>

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<p>x3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Niagara Falls ☺ - Crawl jams street - Niagara 		
<p>5. Did you attend any Youth Week Hamilton events last year? If so, which one(s)? Yes 3 No 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, I took part in Youth Week opening - Yes, @ YMCA - This one last year - Yes, several - Opening event - No, but I have heard about it - Hamilton downtown - Kickoff x2 - Yes – opening ceremony 	<p>5. Did you attend any Youth Week Hamilton events last year? If so, which one(s)? Yes No 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tri Roc - 5 Days for the Homeless - no, first time - nope x4 - because I'm tired of the streets. - Didn't attend last year x2 - City hall games and workshops and food. - No I did not 	<p>5. Did you attend any Youth Week Hamilton events last year? If so, which one(s)? Yes No 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental Health Week - No I did not