

## **Stakeholder Engagement:**

### **Youth Council past & present member survey**

As part of the review of the Youth Council, a survey was sent to past & present YC members from the past 5 years. The survey was anonymous.

12 people responded to the survey.

Feedback included:

What was the highlight of your term with Youth Council?

- The respondents shared a wide range of highlights from their time on Youth Council, including:
  - being involved in events,
  - mental health initiatives,
  - the Youth Summit,
  - project work,
  - contributing ideas to the board,
  - and meeting new people

Was Youth Council what you expected it to be?

- Approximately half of respondents shared that Youth Council was not what they expected it to be.
- Those who responded “no” commented that they thought;
  - they would be working in the community more,
  - it would be more formal,
  - it would be more like school council,
  - it would be less of a time commitment

Were you able to comfortably manage the expectations of Youth Council with your other commitments?

- Most of the respondents felt that they were able to comfortably manage the commitments of Youth Council
- One respondent commented that they needed more notice of activities to be able to rearrange their work schedule.

Did you enjoy meeting at the Council chambers?

- Respondents overwhelmingly said that they enjoy meeting in the Council chambers, but would also like the opportunity to mix it up and engage/meet with other youth

If you could rebrand Youth Council, what would you call it?

- Most respondents like the Youth Council brand, but felt the brand needs to be stronger and that the Youth Council should be able to have more control over their branding
- One respondent commented that the name “Youth Council” may be a barrier to some young people applying – they may feel like they are not good enough to sign up