

Youth Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Presentation

Presented by Jackie Stubbs, Supervisor,
Neighbourhood Development



Sturgeon
C O U N T Y

YAC Mandate

Purpose

- The Youth Advisory Committee advises Council on issues related to youth in the community.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide input into policy proposals, programs, and services that impact youth in the community;
- Consult with Administration and other youth serving agencies to support youth initiatives;
- Work with Administration to develop and maintain a community dialogue about matters important to youth in Sturgeon County;
- Establish partnerships with individuals and youth serving organizations to ensure different perspectives are reflected in Youth Advisory Committee initiatives;

YAC Mandate

Duties and Responsibilities (continued)

- Receive and act on direction from Council on matters impacting youth in the community;
- Solicit feedback from youth in the community when appropriate at the Committee's discretion, or at the direction of Council; and
- Inform Council of initiatives of other levels of government that affect youth.

2024 Board Members

YAC Committee Chairperson – Nienke Ritsema

YAC Vice Chairperson – Evan Sorochan

Benjamin Baril

Skylar Boissonnault

Lilyah Richardson

Madison Selinger

Kiera Comeau

Morgan Soetaert

Cody Mackoway

Shelby Pierce

Deputy Mayor Kristin Toms

Councillor Deanna Stang

2024 Accomplishments

- 9 Youth Advisory Committee Meetings held in 2024
- Attendance of members from the YAC group at other Board/Committee meetings including:
 - Transportation Advisory Committee
 - ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee
 - Agricultural Service Board
- Attendance of members from other Boards/Committees at YAC meetings including:
 - Community Services Advisory Board
 - Economic Development Advisory Board
 - Agricultural Service Board

2024 Accomplishments

Identification, discussion, selection and implementation of the YAC Vision and Mission statements:

- *Our **Vision** is to build connections, awareness, and represent the voice of youth to create generational change within the County that will enhance a sustainable community to retain and engage Sturgeon County's youth demographic.*
- *Our **Mission** is to create a thriving community environment that prioritizes the retention of youth by encouraging affordable housing options, diverse employment opportunities, accessible social resources, and reliable transportation. We are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive atmosphere where young people feel empowered to pursue their goals and contribute to the growth and vitality of our community. Through collaborative efforts and innovative initiatives, we strive to address the needs of our youth demographic, ensuring they have the resources and support necessary to build a prosperous and fulfilling future in our area.*

2024 Accomplishments

- Presentations from different community groups, organizations and internal Sturgeon County departments:
 - Morinville RCMP
 - Victim Services
 - Safe Communities Facilitator
 - Protective Services
 - Open Spaces focus group
 - Information Services digital roadmap conversation
 - Economic Innovation and Growth collaboration

Tentative 2025 Work Plan

- Identify key issues of importance for youth
- Provide recommendations on community youth engagement strategies
- Identify and discuss gaps in services/resources for the youth demographic within the County
- Provide input on how to address unmet needs
- Continued interaction with related County Committee and Boards.



Questions?

Thank you!