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Cambridge Council Establishes New Group Join the Youth Advisory Committee

Cambridge, Ontario. July 27th, 2009...Cambridge is blessed with a very youthful population which is younger than the Ontario average. Cambridge Council recognizes this very important component to our demographics and is seeking applications for positions on a new advisory committee that is designed to get input from community youth.

"It's about fostering two-way communication with Council and the many community groups who work with us to bring events and services to the community," says Rick Cowsill, Council's representative on the newly formed advisory committee. "The new committee will bring forward ideas about issues facing youth throughout the community." Cowsill notes that the latest update of the Youth Recreation Services Policy revealed that stakeholders wanted a structured way to channel input to Council and the recreation coordinator for the City of Cambridge.

Young people between 14 and 21 years of age are encouraged to participate. In addition to being a channel of free flowing information, YACC members are required to meet at least quarterly to discuss current and upcoming issues and opportunities for getting involved.

The mandate:

- To increase opportunities for young people's positive participation in community life.
- To act as a positive, influential and energetic voice raising awareness and addressing a wide range of issues including the inclusion of young people, multiculturalism, employment and recreation.
- To promote the positive recognition of youth through the Youth Link Newsletter and articles in the local newspapers.
- To coordinate with and advise the Community Services Department in the development of special events for youth within Cambridge.
- To provide input to the Community Services Department in the development of effective programs and services for youth.
- To promote and work in conjunction with the Arts community to enhance Arts and Culture for the youth of Cambridge.

The City is hoping to have the committee in place by September so applications for consideration should be sent immediately to the attention of the City Clerk.

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