

# Minutes General Assembly - **November 1, 2023**

#### Attendance

VCMs- R. Arvikar, H. Kaur, S. Ahmed, S. Dalal, H. Shu, I. Sayed, L. Peddi, R. Jacques, T. Beschell, A. Frost, A. Humura, M. Sandhu, J. Chiasson B. Magalnick, D. Mao, A. Singh Raina. E. Yang

Cllr Salvador, K. Put, C. Lamoureux

Regrets

P. Thennakoowela, K. Cardinal,

| <b>1.0 Welcome</b> [5:30 pm Dinner - (online 5:50)]                           |  |                          |
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| 1.1 Call to Order   |  | Reetu                    |
| 1.2 Land Acknowledgment   |  | Sehaj                    |
| 1.3 Approval of the Agenda  | Motion by Reetu, Seconded by Sehaj, carried                        | Voting Committee Members |
| 1.4 Approval of Minutes -<br>Draft General Assembly Minutes - October 4, 2023 | Motion by Reetu, Seconded by Lakshmi, carried<br>Abstained: Irshad | Voting Committee Members |

| 2.0 Standing Items                       |   |                        |
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| 2.1 Councilor Updates (5 mins)           | Zoning bylaw- modernize and make more equitable<br>housing and viable transportation option. People came<br>out in support<br>Council approved the new zoning bylaw.<br>Valley Line South East is opening on November 4th.<br>5:15am is the first train ride on the line.<br>Budget coming up- Budget adjustment, opportunity to<br>adjust as needed. CEYC can be engaged. Important to<br>hear from diverse perspectives when making these<br>budget decisions. Reach out to Councillor Salvador if<br>interested. | Cllr Salvador          |
| 2.2 Chair Updates (5 mins)               | <ul> <li>Strategic plan has been postponed. No updates.</li> <li>Initiative proposal time - use last year's Strat plan as a guideline for the work.</li> <li>Reference the CEYC mandate/prior priorities - pulled from previous proposals.</li> <li>Indigenous reconciliation team is working hard. If you want to see more work done in that area, please engage in that work yourself.</li> </ul>   | Reetu & Lakshmi        |
| 2.3 Administration Updates (5 mins)      | <ul> <li>D&amp;I new training dates will be sent out this week. You can attend one and not the other.</li> <li>Try to attend both.</li> <li>Try to remember to RSVP to meetings.</li> </ul>   | Admin                  |
| 2.4 Subcommittee Chair Updates (10 mins) | Internal- Interest meeting a week ago. Please join  | Subcommittee Co-chairs |

| during the subcommittee breakouts if you're interested.   |  |
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| <b>Projects</b> - Low turn out, but many people know about projects and got some great ideas from the people who attended. Developed one initiative proposal for community engagement |  |
| <b>Policy-</b> had their interest meeting. Looking at housing, urban planning, and cycling as areas of focus.   |  |

| 3.0 Presentation                               |   |   |
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| 3.1 Office of the City Clerk- Bylaw Amendments | CEYC - Advisory Committees of Council - Governa   | Kristin Stolarz and Mollie Everett,<br>Office of the City Clerk |
|  | Governance review presentation on changing and upcoming changes   |   |
|  | 2021- Motion from Council to review their work<br>June 2023- reported to council and got direction<br>October - changes to bylaws<br>Will be bringing additional changes forward this year<br>and in Spring 2024  |   |
|  | The Municipal Government Act allows extended<br>governance- Rules that apply to City Council also apply<br>to Youth Council. The advice is based on the MGA and<br>principles within. A principle is that council conducts it's<br>business in public. It's about transparency. |   |
|  | Changes made at the October 24, 2023 Council<br>meeting:<br>No changes to current membership<br>Standardized the bylaws for all advisory committees<br>Attendance requirements and standarized leaves of<br>absence.  |   |

| Removal of the word advocacy means to other levels of government specifically. Can still advocate to City |  |
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| Council.<br>Changed minimum term from 1 year to 2 years.  |  |
| Standard process to fulling vacancies.  |  |
| Subcommittees need permission from city council. Will   |  |
| implement in 2024-2025 workplan with CEYC.  |  |
| Changes before 2024 recruitment:  |  |
| Requirement that members need to be residents of<br>Edmonton  |  |
| Clarify that City of Edmonton Staff are eligible to serve   |  |
| as members.   |  |
| Dates- March 5: annual reports and work plans. Request  |  |
| approval for subcommittees at this time.  |  |
| Q&A-<br>What does advocacy mean?- CEYC engage in advocacy   |  |
| with City Council and City Council can advocate to other  |  |
| levels of government  |  |
| Subcommittee - Heard that they're resource intensive  |  |
| and not always aligned to the advisory committee  |  |
| priority and council priority. And subcommittee work  |  |
| isn't compensated under the honorarium policy. Most   |  |
| appropriate method to ensure subcommittees are focused on the work and resourced appropriately.           |  |
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| The bylaw was amended and subcommittees can be  |  |
| created with the approval from council. Work plan will  |  |
| have rationale for subcommittees, what they do, and resources required to support council to make that    |  |
| decision.   |  |
| Question about term length- When reappointment  |  |
| come up, you'll get reappointment under the new term,   |  |
| but if you're on year 7 and get reappointed, you will only  |  |

| be reappointed to the maximum term of 8 years.   |  |
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| Subcommittees how to request them and is there a<br>maximum number?<br>Still developing the process. Workplans in spring will be<br>the first opportunities for Council to make this decision.<br>Can't speculate on what the number will be.<br>Clerk's office will support the development of the<br>workplan to align with the bylaw.<br>Preparing a clear rationale for how the subcommittee<br>fits under the overall CEYC mandate. How are you using<br>the subcommittee to accomplish that mandate or an<br>item identified in the workplan |  |
| Resourcing- Workplans will outline what the need for<br>administration is and council can look at if admin has<br>the resourcing or will require more allocated.   |  |
| Timeline- With the new changes being implemented<br>mid term when will they take effect. Will impact<br>recruitment (e.g. 2 years, other recruitment rules)<br>For subcommittee piece- that is more related to the<br>workplans. Workplans are in March.   |  |
| Subcommittees will need approval in the Spring with CEYCs workplan.  |  |
| Other questions- reach out to Kaylin. Chairs can reach out to Kristin and Mollie.  |  |

| 4.0 Initiative Proposals                  |  |        |
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| 4.1 🖻 Youth Community Involvement Webpage | Wants to focus on federal grants and city grants.<br>Highlight those opportunities and update the<br>opportunities that come out after the pandemic. | Hassan |

| Feedback in the past about the site being hard to use-<br>Will the layout be changed?<br>Next step collecting information and month after will<br>reorganize and discuss the layout. |  |
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| Suggestion to list age requirements.   |  |
| How many people are using the site?  |  |
| Motion<br>Speena: The project subcommittee moves to approve<br>the youth community involvement initiative.<br>Moneek seconded  |  |
| Oppositions: 0<br>Abstentions: 0   |  |
| Initative approved by consensus  |  |

| 5.0 Discussion   |  |  |
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| 5.1 Subcommittee Choice Form   | Fill out subcommittee form if not already completed.   | Everyone   |
| 5.2 Initiative Ideas (20 mins)<br>Initiatives - Please ensure you run the budget and<br>ensure there is support from Administration. | Breakout session for subcommittees   | Subcommittees<br>Virtual attendees, please join the<br>links at the bottom of the agenda |
| 5.3 Indigenous Allyship & Reconciliation (20 mins)   | <ul> <li>Reflection on last year's progress         <ul> <li>How do you think CEYC can better support this work?</li> </ul> </li> <li>How can we use the flexibility of the Indigenous Allyship working group to our advantage?</li> <li>You can just pick the Indigenous Allyship working group,</li> </ul> | Breakouts  |

|   | and no subcommittee. It's okay to just focus and<br>prioritize on Indigenous ALlyship- Reach out to Reetu or<br>Lakshmi if you'd like to step down from a<br>subcommittee. |          |
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| 5.4 Social Media Platforms (10 minutes) | Tabled   | Everyone |

| 6.0 Adjournment       |       |
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| 6.1 Birthdays!!       | Reetu |
| 6.2 Motion to Adjourn | Reetu |
| 8:28                  |       |

| 7.1 Recognition Awards | The following YAL were recognized by the<br>subcommittee chairs during the 2022-2023 term and<br>thanked for their exceptional work and commitment as<br>YAL members.<br>Oscar Ly<br>Anakin Boa<br>Aditya Peddi<br>Alex Liu<br>Tiffany Phan<br>Alex Dudek<br>Nicole Quin<br>Luka Zvonkovic | YAL's |
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| 7.2 Fun Surprise |  | Everyone |
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| Next meeting and upcoming dates |                |
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| December 6, General Assembly    | Hybrid Meeting |

Breakouts:

#### **Internal Subcommittee Breakout**

Video call link: <u>https://meet.google.com/tfn-yaou-rcy</u>

Or dial: (CA) +1 226-214-6268 PIN: 217 518 671#

More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/tfn-yaou-rcy?pin=4608644818871

### Policy Subcommittee Breakout

Video call link: <u>https://meet.google.com/szq-gssy-pyg</u> Or dial: (CA) +1 647-735-2394 PIN: 136 721 390# More phone numbers: <u>https://tel.meet/szq-gssy-pyg?pin=4580283482841</u>

## **Projects Subcommittee Breakout**

Video call link: <u>https://meet.google.com/gcg-yaix-dbj</u> Or dial: (CA) +1 647-736-9384 PIN: 957 840 477# More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/gcg-yaix-dbj?pin=3569098283406