

City of Port Colborne

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Committee Room 3-City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

Members Present: Eva Wachel
Emma Laur
Jenna Kountouris
Sophia Seca
Grace Tonnies
Peyton Fletcher
Quynn Fraipont
Rose Tonnies
Skylar Lilley

Member(s) Absent: Dylan Graham

Staff Present: G. Todd
Coun. Tim Hoyle
Mayor Steele (absent)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by E. Wachel, seconded by R. Tonnies

That the agenda dated May 14, 2025, be confirmed as presented.

3. Disclosures of Interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by R. Tonnies, seconded by S. Seca

That the minutes of April 9 be approved as amended. (Unanimous vote to continue to meet during summer months was missed. Amended and now included in minutes.)

5. Staff Updates

Photos taken by Communications staff before today's meeting. To be forwarded to Emma.

6. Order of Business

6.1 Spring Fling debrief

Chair E. Laur reported attendance of 102 guests at Spring Fling dance Friday, May 9; fewer guests than last year's event (130) but more people paid admission than brought non-perishable donations. Food donations collected to be delivered to Port Cares Reach Out Centre by D. Graham.

Expenses (pizza, chips, sour keys) totalled \$272 with profit of \$617.40. Seven party tray pizzas were ordered; six would have been sufficient. Next time, more sour keys. Pop, iced tea, and water was donated by Jenna's father, owner of Joe Feta's Greek Restaurant. Chair said committee is grateful for his sponsorship.

Chair requested comments from all members, positive and negative.

Emma said L.R. Wilson Archives a good central location. Committee grateful municipal rental fees were waived. Many thanks to museum registrar Katelynn Best for being on-site staffer. Quynn said decorating with streamers, plastic tablecloths over windows, and party light made a good atmosphere. Peyton suggested more food donations be encouraged. Eva said a non-carpeted venue was preferable. Beverage spills were cleaned with carpet cleaner provided by Skylar. Grace found colourful beaded necklaces in the decor box to use as prizes for a dance competition, which was a big hit. Rose suggested guests write down requests, rather than shout them out. Sophia said the kitchenette was perfect for food and drink sales. Skylar suggested rules be posted more prominently at entrance. Rose advised stricter security. With no in-out privileges, and no air conditioning, need to bring fans next time. Emma said parents as happy with location as committee: good central location with easy drop-off and pick-up. Next time need posters and mini-flyers earlier to promote event at least one month before, with more exposure on social media. Arrange door prize for next event.

Guests remained inside from 5:30 to 8:15 when things started to wind down by 8:45pm. Emma said committee members did amazing work pulling it all together and cleaning up after. All was done by 9:30pm.

Thank you cards to be issued to all who supported MYAC: Jenna's father Pierre for providing beverages, LR Wilson Archives for providing location, Katelynn Best for serving as on-site staff, Blair Holinaty for loan of sound system from marina, Luke Rowe for delivery and pick up of sound system, Skylar's dad for carpet cleaner. Any others, please inform chair Emma.

6.2 Donation to Lilly Grabovac

MYAC pledged to donate proceeds from the cornhole tournament held during Sportsfest in February to Lilly Grabovac, who qualified for Canada's national roller derby team which competes in Australia later this summer. Proceeds (\$158) fell short of expectations. Chair Emma polled members of the committee if they agreed to contribute funds from the Spring Fling to bring the donation to a total of \$250. All MYAC members agreed. Unanimous.

Presentation to be made at next MYAC meeting Wednesday, June 11. Gail will arrange big cheque for photo, and cash from MYAC finds to give to Lilly.

7. New Business

7.1 Reminder meetings to run through summer months

7.2 Increase social media presence with ice cream gift certificates as incentives to like, share, follow, post. Awarded randomly. Emma to write letter requesting donations. Members to distribute letters and follow-up.

8. Adjournment

Moved by E. Wachel, seconded by R. Tonnies, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:29pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, June 11.



Chair



Staff Liaison