

Tracking Status

- This item was considered by [Community Development and Recreation Committee](#) on December 4, 2013 and was adopted with amendments.

Community Development and Recreation Committee consideration on December 4, 2013

CD25.6	ACTION	Amended		Ward:All
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Recreation Services for Youth: Expansion of Youth Spaces

Committee Decision

The Community Development and Recreation Committee:

- Requested Deputy City Manager, Cluster A to develop and maintain a youth-friendly website to improve virtual access to available youth recreation services, programs and initiatives in the City.
- Referred the report (November 20, 2013) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to the Budget Committee for their consideration on the implementation of 10 new youth lounges based on the model proposed by St. Stephen's Community House and Community Recreation for All, with the option to use 2014 budget allocation to also enhance existing lounges based on the same proposed model, to begin operation by June 1, 2014; and
- Subject to funding being approved in Recommendation 2, the Community and Recreation Committee requested that:
 - implementation include an appropriately resourced Advisory Committee comprised of staff and community members representing youth workers, youth serving agencies, parents, youth and Community Recreation for All and other appropriate organizations, to provide ongoing input on start up and operation of youth spaces;
 - the Advisory Committee provide input and assist in evaluation for potential neighbourhoods for new and enhanced centres, including locations in Rexdale, Kingston-Galloway, Jane and Finch, Central Etobicoke (East and West Malls), Mount Dennis, Weston and Lawrence, and Kipling and Dixon; and
 - staff report on the current youth programs and the role of the Advisory Committee in 2014;

- d. staff report to Community Development and Recreation Committee on the start up and operation of the new programs no later than first quarter of 2015.

Origin

(November 20, 2013) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

In November 2012, City Council adopted the City of Toronto's 2013-2017 Recreation Service Plan (RSP). The RSP will guide the City of Toronto's planning and delivery of recreation programs and services over the next five years. An Implementation Plan was approved in July 2013.

The comprehensive Recreation Services for Youth report was approved by City Council in October 2013. The report included the Youth Recreation Engagement Strategy, an inventory of current recreation programs and services for youth and explored options to expand additional youth drop-in programs and integration with the Toronto Youth Equity Strategy.

This report responds to the follow-up direction by City Council to report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the financial impact and criteria to implement an additional 10 new youth spaces, incorporating an enhanced community recreation youth space model proposed by St. Stephen's Community House and Community Recreation for All. This report was informed through community and stakeholder engagement including St. Stephen's Community House, the United Way, community youth workers and Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff.

Background Information

(November 20, 2013) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation on Recreation Services for Youth: Expansion of Youth Spaces

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-63962.pdf>

(November 20, 2013) Appendix A - Map of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Youth Program Locations

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-64424.pdf>

(November 20, 2013) Appendix B - Parks, Forestry and Recreation Youth Lounges Fall 2013

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-64425.pdf>

(November 20, 2013) Appendix C - Map of City of Toronto Youth Population Density and Low Income Census Tracts

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-64426.pdf>

Communications

(December 3, 2013) E-mail from Nicola Holness, Community Outreach Councillor, Community & Legal Aid Services Programme, Adjunct Faculty, Osgoode Hall Law School York University (CD.New.CD25.6.1)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/comm/communicationfile-42064.pdf>

(December 4, 2013) Letter from Community Recreation for All (CD.New.CD25.6.2)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/comm/communicationfile-42025.pdf>

(December 4, 2013) Letter from Tim Maguire, President, CUPE Local 79 (CD.New.CD25.6.3)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/comm/communicationfile-42066.pdf>

(December 4, 2013) Submission from Nation Cheong (On File with City Clerk's Office) (CD.New.CD25.6.4)

(December 5, 2013) Submission from Judith Otto (CD.New.CD25.6.5)

Speakers

Nicolas Lopez, Community Connections

Judith Otto (Submission Filed)

Lekan Olawoye (Submission Filed)

Nation Cheong, Director of Youth Initiative

Lesley Johnston, Researcher and Policy Analyst, Social Planning Toronto

Andrea Demchuk

Ellen Curtis, Youth Worker, Scadding Court Community Centre

Terryl Knox Mariano Magbanua, TYC Advocacy Director, Toronto Youth Cabinet

Maureen Simpson

Motions

1 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam (Carried)

That the Community Development and Recreation Committee:

1. Request Deputy City Manager, Cluster A to develop and maintain a youth-friendly website to improve virtual access to available youth recreation services, programs and initiatives in the City.

2 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Joe Mihevc (Carried)

That the Community Development and Recreation Committee:

1. Refer the report (November 20, 2013) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to the Budget Committee for their consideration on the implementation of 10 new youth lounges based on the model proposed by St. Stephen's Community House and Community Recreation for All, with the option to use 2014 budget allocation to also enhance existing lounges based on the same proposed model, to begin operation by June 1, 2014; and
2. Subject to funding being approved in Recommendation 1,
 - a. that implementation include an appropriately resourced Advisory Committee comprised of staff and community members representing youth workers, youth serving agencies, parents, youth and Community Recreation for All and other appropriate organizations, to provide ongoing input on start up and operation of youth spaces;
 - b. that the Advisory Committee provide input and assist in evaluation for potential neighbourhoods for new and enhanced centres, including locations in Rexdale, Kingston-Galloway, Jane and Finch, Central Etobicoke (East and West Malls), Mount Dennis, Weston and Lawrence, and Kipling and Dixon; and
 - c. that staff report on the current youth programs and the role of the Advisory Committee in 2014;

- d. that staff report to Community Development and Recreation Committee on the start up and operation of the new programs no later than first quarter of 2015.

3 - Motion to Adopt Item as Amended moved by Councillor Joe Mihevc (Carried)

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