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To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: George Acorn, Director, Community Services | Lee-Ann Reck,
Manager, Client Services

Date: Monday, April 12, 2021

Re: GG-163-21 Youth Engagement in Clarington

At the regular General Government Committee meeting held on Monday, February 16, 2021, Council received a delegation by the Clarington Youth Council regarding Youth Engagement in Clarington. Community Services staff were asked to determine whether support is available to support the Youth Council.

As indicated on page three of the February 16, 2021 General Government Committee Minutes, the Clarington Youth Council bridges the gap between youth and their municipal government, acts as a shadow to Clarington Municipal Council, and promotes civic engagement amongst young people.

Vanessa Bilenduke-Guppy of the Community Development team met with Tenzin Shomar on March 24, 2021 to gain a better understanding of their needs and planned activities. There were several next steps generated from that meeting:

- 1) The Clarington Youth Council will share their constitution with staff to review and therefore identify other avenues for supporting their efforts.
- 2) The Clarington Youth Council has been referred to the Community Funding Program for financial and in-kind support. As they are a new organization, Community Development staff will work to connect them with an existing agency who may act as a mentor to their application.
- 3) Community Development staff will work to support the Clarington Youth Council with the recruitment of Youth Councillor's within Ward 3. The Youth Council will share images, social media posts, etc.

- 4) The Clarington Youth Council will share their plans for their youth strategy, which includes a survey to Clarington youth. The results will be shared with the Municipality of Clarington, community partners and the community at large.
- 5) Community Development staff will attend the Clarington Youth Council meetings as needed.

Following this meeting, Community Development staff attended the public Clarington Youth Council meeting through their Zoom platform. In attendance was the John Howard Society, Clarington Youth Centre's Coordinator, who made a delegation on their current youth programs and expressed their support for the Clarington Youth Council's objectives.

Staff will continue to support the Clarington Youth Council by connecting them to local networks and resources that support their deliverables.

Thank you for your time.



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