

## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

## **COUNCIL POLICY**

# TITLE: Role of Youth Representative Appointments to Council Committees

NO. ADMIN - 60

#### **POLICY**

Appointment to a Youth Representative position on one of Council's Advisory Committees is an important role. It provides an opportunity for youth to participate with elected leaders and Council appointed citizens in active community engagement, and provides Council with a different perspective on municipal issues.

For the purposes of this policy, youth are defined as persons:

- between the ages of 13 and 18; and
- who are residents of Esquimalt or are in full-time attendance at a school located within the boundaries of the Township of Esquimalt.

### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. All Council appointed committees will provide the opportunity for youth to participate as members.
- Youth representative positions will have full voting privileges.
- 3. Advertisements and postings regarding available committee vacancies:
  - (a) will include specific reference to youth representative positions;
  - (b) will be posted in newspapers, the Township's official public notice board, the municipal website, public notice boards located at Esquimalt recreation and sports centres, and any other youth or teen activity centres within the Township;
  - (c) will be specifically sent to schools located within School Districts No. 61 [Esquimalt High] and No. 93 [Victor-Brodeur] inviting youth who are interested in participating on a Council committee to submit an application either directly to the Township, or through the school to be forwarded to the Township.
- 4. The term of youth representative positions will be for the period from September to June. Council may appoint youth who will be graduating for a shorter term.
- 5. All appointments to Council committees sit at the pleasure of Council and may be removed at Council's discretion. Any recommendation to rescind an appointment will be submitted to Council by the Chair of the committee.

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