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Youth Action Committee seeking additional members

The Campbell River Youth Action Committee is looking for new members to share their ideas about the future of Campbell River. The Youth Action Committee provides City staff and Council a youth perspective on community issues like art, recreation, safety, transportation, culture, parks and the environment.

Last year, the Youth Action Committee developed a promotional video and a presentation to Council on ways to improve the transit system in Campbell River. Other projects included helping organize the Earth Week Film Festival, providing a focus group for the Recreation and Culture Department's public consultation, giving feedback on the Sustainability Department's food map project, and helping with Youth Week events.

Greta Hamilton, a first-year member speaks highly of her time with the committee. *"The YAC is a great way for forward-thinking students to get together and make a difference in their community. Because it offers opportunities to work directly with City Council, as well as other local organizations, students' opinions are more actively taken into consideration, than when working solely through the school district. It benefits students by making connections in local media, politics, and social programs, and by giving youth with big ideas an outlet to see them realized. Moreover, free food and laughs have never been a bad way to spend an after school time slot,"* she says.

The Youth Action Committee is composed of open-minded, innovative, motivated youth aged 14 to 18. The committee launches again this fall with a workshop on Friday, Oct 24. It will meet twice per month on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to discuss topics important to youth in Campbell River.

"The Youth Action Committee is a fun way to get involved in the community. It gives youth a say in City projects and decisions that inevitably mean our future as adults in Campbell River," adds committee member Manesha Bains.

Application forms for the Youth Action Committee are available at Timberline and Carihi school offices, the Sportsplex and the Community Centre. Applications are due by Oct. 10 and can be submitted via email until 11:59 p.m. or dropped off during regular hours at the above locations.

For more information, or to request or submit an application form, please email: amber.zirnhelt@campbellriver.ca or kevin.elmore@campbellriver.ca.

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