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Youth Action Committee seeking additional members

The Campbell River Youth Action Committee is looking for new members to help shape 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 worked on a project with the City's transportation department looking at improving cycling routes and facilities, and adding bike rack locations throughout Campbell River. Other projects included helping organize the annual Earth Week Film Festival and providing a \$500 environmental bursary for a graduating student, assisting with the development of the Urban Forest Management Plan, donating to the Food Bank at Christmas, and meeting with MLA Claire Trevena to provide a youth perspective on provincial issues.

"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 affect our future as adults in Campbell River," says previous committee member Maneesha Bains.

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. 23 and meets twice per month on Mondays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to discuss topics important to youth in Campbell River.

"The Youth Action Committee is a place where your opinion not only matters, it can ignite ideas for change in the city that we live in," says Mariah Carpenter, prior Youth Action Committee Chair. *"As youth, often times we feel as though we have no control over how things are done and as though our voices don't hold much power. By joining a committee like YAC that is specifically for youth, you not only have the opportunity to let your voice be heard, but you have a group of your peers coming together, also bringing their ideas which can lead to changes that we, as youth, want to see. We're a **real** committee of **real** teenagers, creating **real** plans and making a difference for the present and future youth of Campbell River."*

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. 9 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:
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