

### Creating a Youth-Friendly Windsor-Essex

**A PRESENTATION BY** 

THE YOUTH COUNCIL COALITION OF CANADA (YCC)

#### What is the YCC?

The Youth Council Coalition of Canada is a not-for-profit that works to foster the development, success and influence of Canadian youth councils by determining areas of improvement and creating resources as well as networking and learning opportunities with the support of community partners and organisations.



#### What is a youth council?

"Youth advisory [or action] committees are official committees that report to municipal council.

They are expected to connect with, engage, and represent the youth who live in the municipality by setting GOALS and PRIORITIES, hosting public committee meetings, and referring youth issues back to municipal council."



Source: "The Municipal Youth Engagement Handbook," The Federation of Canadian Municipalities



#### YOUTH COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES IN ONTARIO

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Other Youth Councils/Committees • YCs in Windsor-Essex



#### Did you know?

In 2016, youth ages 10-24 comprised

18.77%

### of the Windsor-Essex population





#### That is almost 1 in 5 people that are <u>NOT</u> being meaningfully engaged

"Municipal politics is often over-looked, especially by young people. This, despite the fact that local Councils have the greatest impact on building more youth friendly communities. Having a youth voice at the municipal level is therefore crucial."

- Kyle Fitzgerald, Youth Chair for The Durham Youth Council

"It is important to the community to see Youth as an important opportunity and not judge them. I see a change in our communities that have the YAC where you start to hear the opinions change and the thoughts behind youth organized events. It's uplifting. Our youth work hard to bring forward bright new ideas, collaborate with other organizations and be a liaison to council for information."

- Trish Wake, Municipality Resource for Mapleton Youth Action Council and Wellington North Youth Action Council



# Youth issues are everyone's issues.







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# How can we do our part to engage youth?



# Community Impact Grant

# What are they asking?

Who will benefit from the project and what impact will it have? How will we measure the effectiveness of the project? How have we identified the need for this project?

### What are we going to do?

Provide you with set-up resources and tools:

- Agenda template
- Minutes template
- Terms of reference template
- Collaboration day
- Recruitment day

Work to facilitate and guide your appointed staff and/or volunteers to maintain membership and active engagement. Provide ongoing learning and networking opportunities for yours and other youth councils across Ontario in identified areas of interest (i.e. mental health).

# Now all we need is YOUth!

