



Amherst Town Council

RFD# 2025023

Date: March 24, 2025

TO: Mayor Small and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Sharon Bristol, Director, Community Living

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SUBJECT: Appointments to Amherst Youth Town Council

ORIGIN: Ongoing recruitment of members to the Amherst Youth Town Council (AYTC)

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Amherst Youth Town Council Policy, #10350-21

RECOMMENDATION: That Council appoint Krissa Murray to the Amherst Youth Town Council.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the Amherst Youth Town Council Policy, there is an ability to accept up to 15 members. Currently there are 8 students on AYTC.

DISCUSSION: Involving youth in the community adds value to youth development; it empowers our young people to be active participants in their community through positive engagement. The Amherst Youth Town Council also provides Council with a youth perspective on issues pertaining to the youth in Amherst.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The expenses associated with this committee are accounted for in the Community Living Department's operating budget for the current fiscal year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Ongoing

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: While there are no direct environmental implications with filling the positions on the Youth Council, involvement of the younger generation tends to support protection and preservation of the environment.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: Involving youth in decision making empowers them to become responsible members of society. Youth have creativity in problem solving and should be taken into consideration when making municipal decisions.

ALTERNATIVES: These appointments are at Council's discretion

ATTACHMENTS: None

Report prepared by: Sharon Bristol

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