

Windsor, Ontario, February 2, 2015

**REPORT NO. 260 of the
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**
of its meeting held January 7, 2015


Present:
Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Paul Borrelli
Councillor Rino Bortolin
Councillor John Elliott
Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

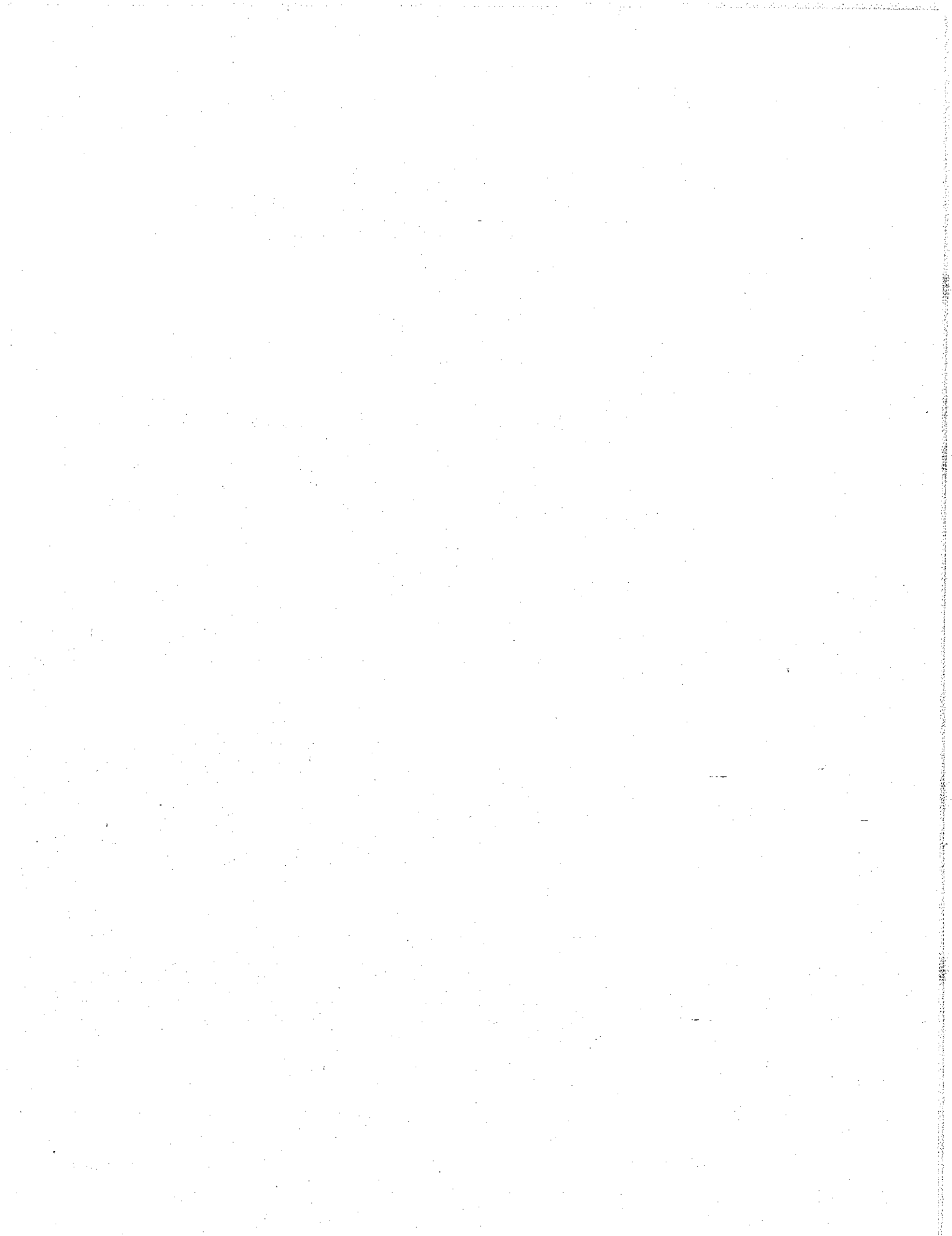
Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Bortolin,
That the 2014 Annual Report of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Clerk's Note: That the report by the Chair of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee entitled "*Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Annual Report*" is attached as background information.


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MYAC would like to highlight five aspects of Youth Engagement /Improvement in 2014

2014 Youth Leadership Awards

2014 marked the third annual Youth Leadership Awards presented by Mayor Eddie Francis at the City Birthday Celebration in May. The committee worked hard to promote the awards to attract applicants, work with the external selection committee, and organize all logistics surrounding the Awards Ceremony. This was our first year using an online registration system to encourage youth to nominate themselves or others for a Youth Leadership Award. We received a record number of applicants and now have the mechanisms in place to continue to improve upon a process which has already shown results. The 2014 winners were Ronnie Haidar, Regina Yuen, Michelle Gajewski and Foad Karimian.

MYAC Involvement with Mayoral Debate and Other Local Organisations

MYAC has continued to expand its relationships with various local organizations as we collaborate on issues regarding youth engagement. MYAC members had the opportunity to meet with members of YKNOT Windsor-Essex members, Transit Windsor, City of Windsor elections officials, the Mayor's Office, as well as the members of our selection committee and our eventual YLA winners. By networking with these accomplished individuals, MYAC was able to create strong relationships with the leaders of our community. The Mayoral debate was held on October 15TH 2014. It was a youth-impacted debate with encouragement for young people to go out and vote. MYAC was asked to participate in this event and was represented on the literature of the event as a participant. MYAC members were asked to distribute flyers and spread the word about the debate.



MYAC Website

With new leadership on the committee, MYAC worked hard towards developing a new website to give a refreshed look to the accomplishments and future goals of the committee on a more user-friendly interface. Alex Deans, with the help of Corinne Despierre-Corporon (IT Department, City of Windsor), took on the role of site coordinator and managed to successfully transfer all our information to the new hosting service.

Windsor Transit Relationship with MYAC

MYAC Vice-Chair Prakash Pandya was appointed to take on the position of Youth Representative on the Transit Windsor's Board. He has been working to enhance the youth transit experience by attending board meetings and working directly with community members who have questions or suggestions about the service. He is currently working on an issue regarding home schooled students and the Transit Windsor student fare policy.

Blueprint Windsor: Fast Forward 2020

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee is an organization centered on the precept that the engagement of young people is an integral part of our city's success. As such, we believe that offering opportunities for young people to grow is an essential part of this process. MYAC is in the preliminary stages of planning an inaugural event- Blueprint Windsor, hopefully to be held in 2015. This would be an event which would bring together high school students and members of the Windsor business community to share ideas on what makes our City a desirable location for education and employment. The theme for the first Blueprint Windsor event would be Fast Forward 2020. Our goal would be to 'start the conversation' where students and business leaders can talk about the types of opportunities and challenges we as a community, can expect to face over the next five years and how we can work together.

2014 Committee Members

Aditi Goswami- Chair

Prakash Pandya- Vice Chair

Eileen Chen- Committee Member

Timothy Au-Yeung- Committee Member

Alex Deans- Committee Member

Scott Fenn- Committee Member