

COMMUNITY YOUTH INITIATIVE  
 WORKPLAN  
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Objective/Theme	Activities	Person Responsible
Youth Activities and Programming in the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-calendar of events –what is happening and where? How do we feed into this?</li> <li>-searchable map for youth, where youth can actually search for things on their phones</li> <li>Update September 29</li> <li>YMCA drop ins have started – has run at capacity (15) – space is shared with community</li> <li>Jade Cote will take on responsibility of updating calendar</li> <li>Sue P reported that a “Stingers on the Move” is possible to fill gaps outside of Brockville</li> <li>Youth Activities Project – activities being distributed every 2 weeks</li> <li>Youth Job Connection (EEC) will be reaching out to determine need in communities</li> <li>January 21 – discussion of agreeing on a single platform (e.g. Instagram with shared access).</li> <li>-Vision would be for any organization to upload events</li> <li>-question- who owns the administration of this?</li> <li>-getting feedback from youth about what platform is best – quick poll at Stingers on Tuesday night as they are signing in</li> <li>-age range –grade 7 to 12</li> <li>-need to explore the registration/liability forms at Stingers – this has been expressed as prohibitive by some youth - Sue to follow up with Andrew. Sue will be promoting again.</li> <li>-Explore how to creatively use Making Play Possible funds (i.e. for a group of kids, rather than individual). Group needs to think about ideas and gain input from youth.</li> <li>-Explore support for weekend activities (Jane F pursuing Trillium grant)</li> <li>Update July 7 – Successes</li> <li>Some feedback gained through Stingers at Y Friday night groups and through</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Emily to follow up with Don Lewis to start sub group</li> <li>Sue P</li> <li>TBD</li> <li>Partners to promote Stingers on sites</li> </ul>

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	<p>TKOK consultation. Need to explore common platform Action: Role this into work of youth engagement committee Suggestion of accessing MPP funds Still exploring weekend activities. Lorena reported that youth engagement position has been advertised. Youth engagement position filled... January 21 February 22 – will check in with youth at Stingers and Y to determine how/where they want to receive information... Youth Activities Project can be used as a vehicle for getting information out to youth about services Outreach to be LG wide</p>	<p>Don Lewis will follow up with Stingers Sue P will follow up with Activity Kits</p>
<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>-start time of school day is problematic for high school/adolescents– we would like to advocate as a group for a school day that is more aligned with adolescent development Letter written by Erin Lee and Margaret and shared with Board chairs. Tabled because of COVID February 22 – tabled for now but still remains on agenda -transportation advocacy (free buses, buses available for youth specific nights e.g. Y youth night)– should we do this through Council’s youth advisory? Tom, Margaret, Jennifer Labelle, Cameron met with Brockville CEO. Pilot youth bussing plan approved by Council.</p>	<p>Allison, Don, and Louise to guide the group re: how to advocate  Margaret to speak with Cameron Wales</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>-how do the bus routes and fees work to be youth friendly -is there a way we can be providing free bussing in the community -follow up with Cameron Wales/Jane Fullarton, who sit on transportation committee (Marg F) – review the taskforce report -Explore rural access to transportation for in town events, should go through Municipal Rec directors or committee – Margaret can follow up <u>July 7</u> Could we look at different routes at different times of day... Rural transportation – Margaret will connect with recreation directors and will continue research on best practices.</p>	

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	<p>Cameron will look into youth transportation pilot – is there a need for vouchers?  <u>February 22</u>—Cameron will confirm pilot with City Staff as soon as COVID restrictions allow</p>	
<p>Addictions</p>	<p>-Consider Community Safety and Wellbeing plan –it’s complete but not sure how it’s been rolled out – and whether we can input some of the implementation pieces  <b>Community and Wellbeing plans due in July</b>  <u>February 22</u> – UCLG contracted to take the Lead in CSWB plans for remaining 11 municipalities</p> <p>-Municipal Drug Strategy – Tom has attended meetings since we last met. Jan 10<sup>th</sup> meeting that Tom is attending with some City staff      -harm reduction – needle clean up will target areas that were identified in some of the data collected in summer. Southwest end of Brockville is where greatest volume of needles are found.      -vision is for community to advocate for MDS      -Jen Adams has written proposal to use Wall St Church as a warming shelter      -Jan 29<sup>th</sup> is a potential date for a community education  <u>July 7</u>      Tom spoke to Brockville CEO re: needle exchange boxes      MDS – need to bring in youth piece      Question – is there needle drop off at methadone clinic.      Action Greg will follow up with Tom.      Tom – MDS has had a couple of meetings so far. Would like a member from LLGAMH and looking for youth members      Shawn will be contact for LLGAMH      There have been 13 overdoses since March in LG.      January 2021 – Task groups established      Community Education – de-stigmatization      Looking at a community awareness campaign – will let this committee know how they can get the message out.      Engaging Persons with Lived Experience      Coordination of Mental Health and Addiction Services</p>	

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	<p>February 22          Focus on Peer-to-Peer Interaction to address social isolation          Destigmatization campaign – connect with Peer Support workers at Health Unit          MDS in Prescott – Jane Hess will check on status</p> <p>-Planet Youth – very active in Lanark, we need to watch and bring back info from how that is gaining traction and how it can link to Leeds-Grenville</p> <p>July 7          Grade 10 surveys moving ahead in Lanark schools Michelle will continue to act as liaison.          Questions re: COVID will be added to surveys.</p> <p>September 29 – Planet Youth is on hold for the time being          December – Municipal Drug strategy Steering Committee has been established</p> <p>-CMH has been working with LLG Addictions and Mental Health to try and build capacity at CMH around addictions issues for youth (e.g. staff person from Addictions and Mental Health to spend day a week with CMH to work with their staff)          -What other opportunities are there for addictions supports to be in schools ?          Still a challenge accessing services through LLGAMH          Often went through schools for referrals before COVID—challenge will be accessing kids in school          Action: Don will reach out to Lorena and Shawn Souder for a meeting re: addiction services... this needs to come to larger meeting.</p> <p>January 2021—agreement among school boards and involved agencies that will provide a designated youth worker. Will use a coordinated service planning type model</p>	<p>Tom Fournier through MDS</p>
<p>Public Education</p>	<p>-library can make space available for public info sessions          -HT sessions          -Jane Hess and Don – public education re: different drugs          -Facebook livestreaming could be used as a communication mechanism          -youth justice committee – Louise can be the liaison b/w it and this group</p>	

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	<p>July 7 –need to follow up on Facebook Livestreaming Michelle can potentially offer ASSIST training</p> <p>September 29 Don – there are still barriers for youth accessing services Lorena will schedule a meeting with Alison, Shawn, Don, Michelle and Sue P to discuss addiction services</p> <p>January 2021 – MDS will take the lead in public education related to drug use. This committee will support the messaging.</p> <p>February 22 – Michelle will send information to Don about Lung Association MDS will take lead in public education re: drug use... CYI will assist in disseminating information.</p>	
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