

Meeting Notes
Community Youth Initiative Special Meeting
December 14, 2020

In Attendance: Michael Stanley BDACI; Michelle Neville CDSBEO; Robyn Holmes Connect Youth; Jane Hess Health Unit; Sue Poldervaart RNJ; Don Lewis UCDSB (chair); Chelsea Anderson EEC; Debbie Jonkman FCSLLG; Laurie Bourne Mackeigan ARCC; Alison Tutak UCDSB; Victoria Roberston EEC, Victim Services; Shawn Souder LLGAMH; Trish Buote United Way; Matt Harper Town of Gananoque; Margaret Fancy EKIOC

- 1. Background** – Don reported that the purpose of the meeting was to identify some next steps in supporting Gananoque youth.

Margaret updated members on the conversations/meetings that were held with a citizens' group that was formed to increase opportunities for recreation for Gananoque youth. Margaret reported that that group has disbanded but meetings have continued with Councillor Harper; Recreation Director Kari Lambe; GISS principal Trevor Holme, Scott Gee Gananoque Police; Kim Marshall Health Unit, Sue Poldervaart and Don Lewis.

Gananoque Council recently voted to provide space for youth activities in room above Lou Jeffries arena.

- 2. Summary of Discussion**

- Focus on increasing awareness of community agencies.
- Reformat the Youth Poster that was developed to allow for broader distribution.
- Due to COVID will need to focus on virtual delivery/communication.
- Provide information about services through Youth Activity Kits

- 3. Next Steps**

- Arrange for youth to pick up Youth Activity Kits at Lou Jeffries
- Kits will contain information about supports and services.
- Michael will reach out to Gananoque citizens to gain champions/support.
- Sue P. agreed to take the lead in developing a short-term plan.
- Sue and Trish will meet to discuss possible United Way funding support.
- Identify activities/programmes that are already being offered and promote widely.
- Develop systematic way to engage youth.
- Michelle will determine number of students from CDSBEO in Grades 7 and 8 at St. Joseph
- Margaret will distribute Youth poster to the group ...