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Want to make a difference? Join the City's Youth Action Committee

Calling community-minded students; the City is seeking Youth Action Committee members. Innovative and motivated students in grades 9 to 12 are invited to have their say on community issues. Join your peers, and tell us what matters to you.

The Youth Action Committee provides City staff and Council a youth perspective on community topics such as safety, recreation, transportation, downtown revitalization, promoting a youth-friendly city, and the environment. Learn about local government and develop valuable skills for resumes and post-secondary applications.

Last term, the City's YAC helped facilitate and organise Campbell River's first-ever youth hackathon. In less than 10 hours, 28 students on five teams developed solutions to make Campbell River a more youth-friendly place. After research, programming, developing 3-D models and websites, they presented their pitch summaries to a panel of tech experts.

"YAC allowed me to connect with students I had never talked to before, and brainstorm with them to help better the City. I did not have a significant chance to share my concerns or ideas for the community until this committee, and that is by far why YAC was the greatest part of my high-school years," says Anna Bissonette, last year's YAC chair.

"As a first time YAC member, I have felt that my voice has gained significance in our municipal government, which gives me great hope for the future of this City's youth," adds committee member Paige Pierce.

YAC launches again this fall with a workshop at the beginning of October. Members connect in a fun and engaging atmosphere. An added bonus: tasty treats are provided at each meeting.

Application forms for the Youth Action Committee are available at school offices, City Hall or online at www.campbellriver.ca/your-city-hall/advisory-committees-commissions/youth-action-committee.

Applications will be accepted until September 30 at 4:30 p.m. at school offices, City Hall, or by email to info@campbellriver.ca.

Please email laura.walker@campbellriver.ca for more information.

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