

## **Oshawa Youth Council Information**

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Oshawa Youth Council. Your participation will help give youth a voice in our City! What is the Oshawa Youth Council? The Oshawa Youth Council consists a committee of Youth who work together to address the recreation and leisure needs of youth in Oshawa. Youth representatives must be in grades 6-12 and a resident of Oshawa.

### **Youth Leaders:**

- Grades 6-9
- Meetings will be held once a month, with some months having two meetings due to workshops
- Youth leaders will have a vote on all matters/topics that arise
- Provide insight as well as emerging trends affecting youth

### **Youth Mentors:**

- Grades 10-12
- Youth Mentors will represent the interests of youth in Oshawa, to public and private stakeholders through various discussions regarding things such as relevant issues and/or recommendations
- A member will be the supervisor/person in charge, they will be responsible for drafting the agenda for regular meetings

### **Our goals include:**

- Develop the Principles and Practices for the Oshawa Youth Council (O.Y.C.)
- Youth development opportunities
- Participation in the community
- Event participation and volunteering
- Education and awareness of youth issues
- Create an inventory of Youth Services available in the Oshawa area;
- Provide feedback to City of Oshawa staff with recommendations to increase youth voice
- Communicate and coordinate events, services and initiatives available to Youth; Create action plans and prioritize future projects from feedback received by youth
- Recruit new volunteers for the Youth Council
- Have Fun!
- Establish and maintain a youth council that builds youth capacity to participate in their community
- To create a structure, which will contain decision-making processes for events like National Youth Week
- To engage in various activities that will enable them to improve their well-being, socialization and leadership skills

**Before you begin, please note:**

- Members must be Oshawa residents.
- Currently in Grades 6 through 12 or 13-18 years of age
- Involvement, such as attending meeting and event planning/participation, in the O.Y.C. is eligible for **community volunteer hours**.
- Additional opportunities may be available to volunteer and/or take on additional tasks and may require additional time
- All members must include a parent/guardian signature on application.

**Personal Information**

Name:		
Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Email:	
School Name:		Grade:

**Why would you like to be on Oshawa Youth Council? (Check all that apply)**

- Attend Oshawa Youth Council meetings
- Attend project meetings and to work on projects identified in between meetings
- Be available to attend any workshops or other training that may occur
- Provide Oshawa Youth Council information to their networks eg.: School newsletters, social media
- Bring youth issues and opportunities to the Oshawa Youth Council
- Raise awareness of the positive contributions that youth are making to our community
- Make friends and have fun

**Please check which category you will fall into:**

- Youth Mentor (Grade 6 – 9)
- Youth Leader (Grade 10 – 12)

**Why would you like to be a part of the Oshawa Youth Council?**

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**Parental/Guardian Consent** (required for applicants under 18 years of age)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/ guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
am aware of the applicant's interest in becoming a member of the Oshawa Youth Council.

Name of Parent/Guardian:
Parent/Guardian Telephone Number:
Signature of Parent/Guardian:

**Please drop off the completed Oshawa Youth Council Application Form at any City of Oshawa Recreation Facility, or email directly to Paul Harris, Program Coordinator, at [pharris@oshawa.ca](mailto:pharris@oshawa.ca)**

**For more information, please contact:**

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