



## March General Assembly Meeting - March 3, 2021 at 5:30 PM

*We wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory and a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous peoples. The territory on which we are meeting today is located along a traveling route and home to the Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. It is also the homeland of Metis Nations, and a large gathering place for Inuit Canadians and settlers. These nations are our family, friends, and peers. Their spiritual and practical relationships to the land create a rich heritage for our learning and our life as a community. As members of the City of Edmonton Youth Council, we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship and are committed to continuing our reconciliation.*

### Invited Attendees

All Voting Committee Members, Samim, Mike, Kaylin, Christine, Andrew, YALs

### 1.0 Welcome [5:30 pm]

1.1 Call to Order	Ricky
1.2 Treaty 6 Recognition (top of document)	Volunteer
1.3 Approval of the Agenda	Voting Committee Members
1.4 Approval of <a href="#">January</a> & <a href="#">February</a> Meeting minutes	Voting Committee Members
1.5 Social Media, Elections and Public Relations	Ricky

## 2.0 Review [5:40 pm]

2.1 VCM Resignation

Ricky

**ALL VCM's: please join the breakout room when invited/prompted.  
YAL Members and Guests, please remain in the main meeting room.**

2.2 Council Updates (5 mins)

Andrew

2.3 Training Sessions and Dates (5 mins)

Samim

## 3.0 Initiative Proposals [6:00 pm]

Subcommittee chairs or initiative leads will have **15 minutes in total** to present their proposals. Chairs/leads will have 4 minutes to present the proposal, followed by an 11 minute question/discussion period facilitated by Ricky and Anuj.

3.1 Initiative Proposal(s): Projects Subcommittee

- a. [Clean Water Initiative](#) (15 mins)
- b. [Environmental Webinars](#) (15 mins)

Cherry and/or Initiative Lead

3.2 Initiative Proposal(s): Policy Subcommittee

- a. [Food Waste Memo](#) (15 mins)
- b. [CSWB Task Force Response](#) (15 mins)

Robyn and/or Initiative Lead

3.3 Initiative Proposal(s): Internal Subcommittee

- a. [School Visits](#) (15 mins)
- b. [Blog](#) (15 mins)

Ahdithya/Anwi and/or Initiative Lead

## 4.0 Adjournment

4.1 Next Steps (Action Items)

Anuj

4.2 Motion to Adjourn

Ricky

Next General Assembly

April 7th, 2021 @ 5:30PM

Google Meets

*Note: The Google Meets Invite to the April GA (and all future GA's until June) have been sent to your emails*



## March General Assembly

### Details

Date:	March 3, 2021
Location:	Google Meet
Time:	17:30-19:36

### Attendance

In Attendance:	Pram T., Ryan J., Sarah F., Lakshmi P., Cherry C., Kasey E., Fajr K., Reetu A., Anuj K., Zaharadeen J., Avanideep L., Achyutha S., Irshad S., Quynh Anh N., Ricky L., Irmen D., Manujitha H., Robyn T., Ahdithya V. Samim, Mike, Kaylin, Christine, YALs
Late:	
Absent:	Dominika G.
Guests:	Councillor Andrew Knack

### Meeting Start Time: 17:30

<b>1.0 Welcome</b>	
1.1 Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ricky</li></ul>
1.2 Treaty 6 Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cherry</li></ul>
1.3 Approval of the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move to approve by Ricky<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Seconded by Manujitha</li><li>○ Passed with no abstains or opposition</li></ul></li></ul>
1.4 Approval of <a href="#">January</a> and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move to approve January GA minutes by Ricky<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Seconded by Achyutha</li></ul></li></ul>

<p><a href="#">February Meeting Minutes</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Passed with no abstains or opposition</li> <li>● Move to approve February GA minutes by Anuj <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seconded by Ahdi</li> <li>○ Ricky abstains, no opposition, passed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>1.5 Social Media, Elections, and Public Relations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Keep in mind social media presence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If you feature CEYC within your bio or publicly advertise your membership, you are NOT allowed to endorse any political candidate or help their campaign in accordance with Edmonton Elections Bylaw and standing contracts</li> <li>○ You MAY post non-partisan information pertaining to the vote, such as registration and voting days, polling locations, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Hansen: could we include a disclaimer to separate our views from official CEYC policy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ricky: our notice was a repetition of official Council policy, so any ways to navigate existing bylaws can be discussed with Ricky or Anuj</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>2.0 Review</b></p>	
<p>2.1 VCM Resignation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ricky: a VCM has resigned for personal reasons, and this vacancy will not be filled since we are already a good portion of the way through the term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In accordance with bylaws, other VCMs must vote to do the following:</li> <li>○ Ricky motions to rescind the resigning VCM's voting rights and accept the resignation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Seconded by Kasey</li> <li>■ Ahdi abstains, no opposition, passed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>2.2 Council Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Councillor Andrew Knack: Given byways, I also remove my identification as a councillor from my social media before election season</li> <li>● How should we engage the youth of the city leading into the 2021 municipal election? What new methods can be used?</li> <li>● Not looking for answers immediately today, but is important to put the question out there so that people are thinking about it in the months leading to October</li> <li>● Cherry: we could make interactions with councillors easier/more accessible</li> <li>● Andrew: the approval of the new city plan saw a new City Zoning Bylaw, why should you care? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This bylaw begins translating the city plan into</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>action, and this law hasn't been updated in around four decades (a long time!)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vote! Tell others to vote!</li> </ul>
<p>2.3 Training Sessions and Dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Samim: those who are in the training channel, please keep updated to dates and events, and give requests for any training event ideas you might have</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.0 Initiative Proposals</b></p>	
<p>3.1 Projects Subcom</p>	<p>a) Clean Water Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cherry: Swati and Mehrnaaz are now co-leads and will be presenting</li> <li>● Swati: this will be multi-term, but this term's main focus will be an information report and which areas of Edmonton have bad water quality and/or accessibility</li> <li>● We will contact the university's engineering department to have discussions and suggest solutions</li> <li>● We would also like to investigate the viability and usefulness of this project in the leadup to the April GA</li> <li>● Ricky: Is there existing research into water quality ongoing at the university? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leads: we can look into this</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Lukas: I know of water conservation fields that are popping up at some universities. It could be valuable to look into these</li> <li>● Robyn: Will this be conducted under projects, or is this an inter-committee project? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Swati: this is a projects initiative</li> <li>○ Cherry: there is potential for policy to be involved here, but I think it is better to keep this initiative to projects alone to better establish subcom boundaries in the first year of the hybrid model</li> <li>○ However, reaching out to projects is a valuable proposition and is currently in the plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Nashin: you could contact Epcor for help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They have not been too helpful, probably because they can't gauge our seriousness, so we will wait until we gather a bit more research</li> <li>○ Andrew: I have an Epcor contact that could be helpful to this initiative</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Quynh Anh: how will you plan to engage the people who actually lack clean water for this initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mehrnaac: we hope the experts will help more accurately guide us to the areas in need</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Avani: why an academic standpoint on this rather than going straight to the community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mehrnaaz: right now there is almost no data on which areas of Edmonton need improvement in water quality, so it is better to do research first</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Gurpreet: community outreach is important in addition to academics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mehrnaaz: the community emphasis will be in phase two</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cherry motions to investigate the viability of a water quality information report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seconded by Ahdi</li> <li>○ Passed with no abstains or opposition</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>b) Environmental Awareness Webinars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reetu: Topics and dates have been decided, based on feedback from the initiative's last table pitch</li> <li>● Notes will be made based on every meeting for later access</li> <li>● Cost will be no more than \$690</li> <li>● One month advertising period</li> <li>● Noshin: potentially reach out to school climate club to get a more targeted audience</li> <li>● Ahdi: will the Zoom account be shared to other subcoms? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cherry: two of our 4 initiatives need a Zoom Pro account, however, it is possible for the account to be shared with other subcoms to save money</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cherry: Motion to approve the environmental webinar initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seconded by Lakshmi</li> <li>○ Passed with no abstains or opposition</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>3.2 Policy Subcom</p>	<p>a) Food Waste Memo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Noshin: initiative to fight food insecurity</li> <li>● Solutions will be proposed to City Council with hopes to incorporate this into City Plan 2050</li> <li>● Andi: central goal is to mitigate food waste and reallocate food that may be currently bound for wastage</li> <li>● Memo to be published on CEYC by June</li> <li>● Estimated cost \$200 for advising speaker</li> <li>● Community engagement, improve policy writing skills</li> <li>● Learning about government procedures, establish community ties</li> <li>● Internal will help with image through social media posts and CEYC website posts</li> <li>● Code of Conduct to ensure respect</li> <li>● Ricky: will volunteers be on site</li> </ul>

- Andi: yes, with COVID protocols in place
- Andrew (from his kitchen): Concern that a memo that goes to council will be shuffled and lost in the fall administration change or during summer break, so maybe a report would be a more successful proposal given the circumstances
  - Andi: we are open to this, and the points Andrew brought up are valid, especially in pointing out that this may be lost in the summer (even before the election)
  - Ricky: keep timelines in mind! This will extend the initiative's approximate timeframe
- Cherry: how will "culturally relevant" food options be assessed?
  - Noshin: culturally knowledgeable food brokers will help us in this initiative
- Robyn moves to approve the Food Memo initiative
  - Seconded by Ahdi
  - Passed with no abstains or opposition
- b) CSWB Task Force Response
  - David and Ayesha: Report will receive help in being formulated by sitting in on task force meetings guidance from a community advisor, etc.
  - Hansen: compliance, factors, and goals reviewed
  - Lukas: What is the hoped outcome of this project?
    - Hansen: we will first assess what a community-based model of safety looks like, and then advise council based on findings about how community safety and wellbeing can be improved
  - Anuj: Have you considered a social media presence for this initiative? Form a stance and consider information before you do this if you plan on it
  - Eric: Given that the issues at hand are quite contentious, so how do you plan to accommodate a variety of perspectives?
    - This project will have members from the community voice their opinions,
  - Ahdi: some of this project carries into municipal jurisdiction, so how do we ensure we don't overstep the provincial government?
    - The hearings we are using to guide this start of this initiative are on a municipal scale, and thus solutions will be a municipal scale too
  - Robyn motions to approve the CSWB TFR Initiative
    - Seconded by Ahdi
    - Passed with no abstains or opposition

### 3.3 Internal Subcom

- a) School Visits Initiative
  - Sarah: This initiative aims to inform as many youth as possible of CEYC
  - Email notices are written and ready to be sent out in March
  - Presentations will start either this month or next month, with follow-ups and more presentations scheduled in the following months
  - Estimated cost: \$0
  - Alignment and compliance reviewed
  - School contact needs to be done ASAP to fit within the narrow existing timeline
  - Important to keep presentations fun and engaging despite being strictly online
  - Irmen: what is the focused demographic
    - Sarah: Junior high and high school, with presentations during the day
  - Sarah: emails will be sent to as many schools as possible, with booking on a first-come-first-serve basis
  - Anuj: How will you engage schools that usually don't engage with CEYC?
    - Ahdi: student connections are helpful to doing this, and internal can help engage schools that may not be represented on CEYC
  - Anuj: Maybe also present to youth groups?
  - Lakshmi: present to multiple classes at once or one at a time? Consider COVID protocols?
    - Ahdi: depends on what the school wants
  - Ayesha: I go to Queen E, and many north-side schools don't like their leadership groups endorsing CEYC as it comes off as too bureaucratic
  - Sarah motions to approve the School Visits Initiative
    - Seconded by Ahdi
    - Passed with no abstains or opposition
- b) Blog
  - Sithara: Opportunity to better showcase the work of CEYC and Edmonton youth as a whole
  - Cost up to \$500
  - "Journalism society"
  - Mixed media (photos, videos) in conjunction with writing will help to keep people engaged
  - Cherry: any plans to make the blog available in French?
    - Sithara: Definitely, and I encourage anyone who may be able to translate to other languages to help
  - Achyutha: how will you ensure the blog continues after this term or after you leave CEYC?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sithara: we hope other members will join the blog in coming years and take up the blog in the place of former VCMs and YALs.</li> <li>● Noshin: Seeing how the previous blog did could be helpful</li> <li>● Lakshmi: how will the blog maintain neutrality when talking about contentious issues? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ahdi: we can consider rebranding the blog to ensure that more opinionated statements on the blog don't speak for CEYC as a whole</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Ahdi motions to approve the blog initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seconded by Robyn</li> <li>○ Passed with no abstains or oppositions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>4.0 Adjournment</b>	
4.1 Action Items and Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sign up for desired events in the Slack training channel</li> <li>● BLOG INITIATIVE MEMBERS: discuss opinion writing with Samim</li> <li>● Feel free to suggest ideas for less bureaucratic topics (merchandise, bonding activities)</li> <li>● VCMs please fill in bios (Anuj has a power trip)</li> <li>● Next GA on April 7</li> </ul>
4.2 Move to Adjourn	Motioned By: Ricky Seconded By: Anuj No abstains or opposition Time: 19:36