

## NEWS RELEASE

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### 12 Youth Appointed to Mayor's Advisory Council

*Mayor and Council to benefit from youth perspective on city issues*

#### Summary

On May 12 the City of Nanaimo's Mayor and Council appointed 12 young people to the newly formed Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC). The Council consists of Alexander Cheung, Aakash Pawar, Bri Odgers, Cassidy Sanford, Claudia Thompson, Coleman Kaps, Kent Macdonald, Mackenzie Cumberland, Madeline Shred, Malcolm Beaton, Samantha Bishop and Sarah Lumley.

They will meet directly four times a year with members of the City of Nanaimo's Council and the Mayor to provide input from a youth perspective on issues facing the local government.

**Strategic Link:** The Mayor's Youth advisory Council will further enable the City to facilitate effective stakeholder consultation and enhance community participation in decision making.

#### Key Points

- The formation of an advisory council comprised of youth is a significant opportunity for young people to get involved in their local government and to shape the future of the city.
- Appointments to the Youth Council are for a two year term, and all members are between the ages of 15 and 24.

#### Quotes

"I look forward to working with a group of young people that are so invested in Nanaimo's future. I am confident that their fresh perspective and energy will be a great benefit to our community."

John Ruttan  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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