

Minutes

Youth Council Meeting

Monday 8 April 2024 at 6pm

Council Chamber at Civic Centre,   
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Youth Councillors

Zachary Melvaine Youth Mayor

Kaynat Virk Deputy Youth Mayor

Angelica Banquil

Dean Connelly-Carpenter

Bavleen Kaur

Mustafa Khraim

Angela Rolevska

Masina Salesa

Esha Serai

Tanya Sharma

Sandy Tran

Emily Tricarico

Sophie Winter

Officers

Jacinta Stevens Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Bobbie-Lea Bright Unit Manager Governance

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**1 Opening**

**1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions**

The Youth Mayor opened the meeting at 6pm and welcomed those in attendance.

**1.2 Apologies**

Esha Serai - arrived late at 6:12pm

Masina Salesa

Sandy Tran

**1.3 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement**

The Youth Mayor read the following statement:

*“On behalf of the Youth Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.*

*I would also like to personally acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”*

**1.4 Acknowledgements**

The Youth Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

**International Women's Day**

On 6 March the Council hosted a community screening of the documentary film Equal the Contest, which celebrated women, girls and gender diverse people and demonstrated determination, community spirit, joy and courage. I am glad to advise that your Deputy Youth Mayor, Kaynat Virk attended that event.

**Community Awards**

In March, the City of Whittlesea was thrilled to present awards to the 5 recipients of the 2023 City of Whittlesea Community Awards. There were 38 nominations with the winners being selected by a community committee. Our congratulations goes to our Deputy Youth Mayor, Kaynat Virk for winning the Young Citizen of the Year award for being a dedicated and passionate campaigner of issues facing young people.

**2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

No declarations were made.

**3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting/s**

# Recommendation

THAT the following Minutes of the preceding Youth Council Meetings as circulated, be confirmed:

Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 5 February 2024

Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 4 March 2024

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| **COUNCIL RESOLUTION** | |
| ***Moved:*** | *Youth Councillor Sophie Winter* |
| ***Seconded:*** | *Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk* |

**THAT the following Minutes of the preceding meeting as circulated, be confirmed:**

**Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 5 February 2024.**

**Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 4 March 2024, with a change to the voting tables on page 7 to replace Bavleen Kaur with Kaynat Virk.**

**CARRIED**

**4** **Officers' Reports**

4.1 Sports Fair Access Policy

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**Director/Executive Manager:** Director Community Wellbeing

**Report Author:** Coordinator West Community Hubs

**In Attendance:** Coordinator West Community Hubs

Acting Sport & Recreation Operations Officer

# Executive Summary

This report seeks Youth Council perspective and feedback on the draft City of Whittlesea Fair Access Policy (the Policy) and draft Sporting Clubs action plan currently out for stakeholder and community consultation.

The draft Policy responds to the [Fair Access in Sport Policy Roadmap](https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/download_file/view/5986/2173) developed by the Victorian [Office for Women in Sport and Recreation](https://sport.vic.gov.au/our-work/participation/women-and-girls-sport/office-women-sport-and-recreation) to support gender equitable access and utilisation of community sports infrastructure in Victoria.

The state government roadmap requires all Victorian councils to have an endorsed gender equitable access and use policy for community sports infrastructure to be considered eligible to receive Victorian Government sporting infrastructure funding.

The draft Policy applies to community sports facilities where Council is the owner, land manager and/or operator of the facility.

# Officers’ Recommendation

THAT Youth Council:

1. Reviews the draft Sporting Fair Access Policy.
2. Provides feedback for consideration prior to the Policy being presented to Council for formal adoption at its 18 June 2024 Council meeting.

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| **COUNCIL RESOLUTION** | |
| ***Moved:*** | *Youth Councillor Angela Rolevska* |
| ***Seconded:*** | *Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk* |

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1. **Reviews the draft Sporting Fair Access Policy.**
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| **YOUTH COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION** |
| *Nil* |

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| **VOTING** | | | |
| **UNANIMOUS** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAINED** |
| *YES* |  |  |  |

4.2 Youth Council Charter Review

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**Director/Executive Manager:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

**Report Author:** Councillor Support Officer

**In Attendance:** Unit Manager Governance

# Executive Summary

The Youth Council Charter is the statement that is read out by the Youth Mayor at the commencement of each Youth Council Meeting.

The statement is a summary of the purpose of the Youth Council, the values it stands for and the goals the Youth Council want to achieve collectively during the term of membership.

# Officers’ Recommendation

THAT the Youth Council:

1. Collaborate to re-word the current Youth Council Charter so that it aligns with the goals and aspirations of all Youth Councillors.
2. Submit the new Charter to the Councillor Support Officer for inclusion and adopting at the May Youth Council Meeting.

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| **COUNCIL RESOLUTION** | |
| ***Moved:*** | *Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur* |
| ***Seconded:*** | *Youth Councillor Tanya Sharma* |

**THAT the Youth Council:**

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2. **Submit the new Charter to the Councillor Support Officer for inclusion and adopting at the May Youth Council Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

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| **YOUTH COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION** |
| *Nil* |

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| **VOTING** | | | |
| **UNANIMOUS** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **ABSTAINED** |
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**5 Notices of Motion**

No Notices of Motion

**6 General / Urgent Business**

No Urgent Business

**7 Closure**

There being no further business the Youth Mayor closed the meeting at 6:24pm.

Confirmed this 6th day of May 2024.

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Zachary Melvaine

Youth Mayor