

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT GRANT

Fostering Potential



The grant would enable youth to access mentoring and financial support for youth-led projects in their neighbourhoods.



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- ▶ Advisory Committee of Council
- ▶ Encouraged youth input into a cross section of issues which effected the municipality and the community-at-large.
- ▶ Established two Youth Forms per year
- ▶ Inactive since 2012

YOUTH FORUM

- ▶ Collaboration with host City department
- ▶ One-day workshop setting
- ▶ Report generated
- ▶ Topics included transportation, the environment, recreation, art and culture, and social issues

RESEARCH & CONSULTATION

- ▶ Reviewed current literature
- ▶ Examined other youth leadership programs
- ▶ Obtained stakeholder input
- ▶ Participated in the Canadian Student Leadership Conference



THE GRANT

- ▶ Fosters the potential in youth by providing them with support for youth-led projects
- ▶ Is closely aligned with the Strong Neighbourhood initiative
- ▶ Develops transferable skills that support youths' ability to continue to contribute to the community

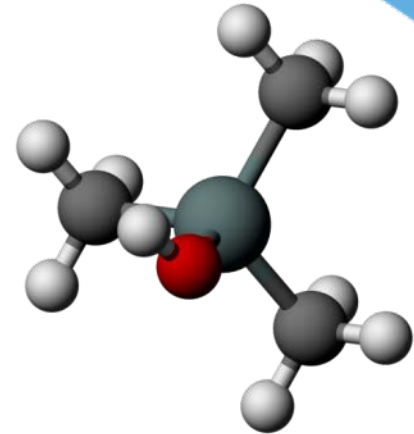
MENTORSHIP

- ▶ Research indicates that mentorship is as beneficial to youth as the grants themselves.
- ▶ Mentoring includes:
 - ▶ Input and guidance in formulating project ideas and filling out the grant application
 - ▶ Workshops that cover topics such as project management
 - ▶ Ongoing support throughout delivery of project



GRANTS FRAMEWORK

- ▶ \$5,000 annually
- ▶ \$1,000 maximum per grant
- ▶ Matching requirement
- ▶ Youth-led projects (13-19 years of age)
- ▶ Minimum 3 youth
- ▶ Mentoring component
- ▶ Enhance neighbourhood quality of life



DESIRED OUTCOMES

- ▶ Youth involved in enhancing the quality of life at a neighbourhoods level
- ▶ Youth that are inspired, engaged, and empowered to create the best city they can imagine



NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Develop Grant Guidelines
 - ▶ Report Back to Council
 - ▶ Launch Program

