



# Youth Futures Council Records of Discussion

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m AST

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## In Attendance:

Moira Shaw  
Nicole Mountain  
Emma Drake  
Ali Younis

Taya Nabuurs  
Luke Poirier  
Alex Dalton  
Olivia Batten

Kenzie Lund  
Ex-Officio: Alicia Bruce  
Ex-Officio: Brad Colwill

## Welcome

This meeting commenced at 6:00pm with a welcome and round-table introductions of members, including new member Emma Drake.

## Housing Consultation

Members who participated in the online housing consultation co-hosted by the Youth Futures Council and the Department of Family and Human Services updated the Council on it. Council members were happy with the active listening and facilitation of the consultation. There was disappointment in non-council turnout, but a lot of value in the discussions that were held. It was decided that using technology in this form is valuable for consultations, as we aren't always able to get out to communities or people aren't always able to attend in person. A discussion was held on possible ways to improve engagement outcomes in the future while using technology, and a live session on facebook or youtube where comments can be added but video/audio isn't needed on behalf of the participants was suggested.

## Policy Research

Deputy Colwill has engaged with Bobby Cameron, a PhD candidate in Policy Research who works for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to help shape the project. Three members of the Council agreed to be on a sub-committee to further develop the idea.

# Survey

Earlier in 2017 a proposal to conduct a survey of Islanders currently living out of province was discussed and endorsed by Council and has been shaped by UPEI's department of Island Studies. It is expected to be released soon and Council members are encouraged to share with their networks to help gather data and inform decision makers of key factors for Islanders to return home. Members of the Retention and Repatriation sub-committee will also be followed up with for feedback on this and other initiatives.

# Life Skills/Adulting 101

A council member proposed an idea to offer a series of workshops or seminars based around important life skills for youth such as understanding credit and managing debt. A discussion was held around the most pertinent topics to be discussed at such a workshop for youth.

- Understanding how tax, student loan, debt system and credit systems work or renters rights
- Only 1% of Canadians are debt free
- Damage control for some people, proactive thinking for others
- A lot of youth that Council members are meeting have been talking about this
- Council can promote through its networks, and engage young professionals to help facilitate or lead sessions
- Could be hosted in different locations on PEI, and also live streamed to ensure access

It was further discussed that a video series could be a better platform to engage youth rather than workshops. Ten-twelve minute clips on student loans, credit card debt, landlord tenant rights, etc. The videos could also run in tandem with a seminar or workshop, or the videos could be used to promote an in-person event.

Council members also discussed this as an opportunity to engage youth from its social media platforms to see what kind of content they would like to see.

# Adjournment

**Decision:** The next meeting will be held end of March via Zoom. A doodle poll will be sent to confirm date.