



**Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay
Policy Statement**

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Topic: YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

The Purpose of this Policy is to provide clarity around Youth Representative as identified under 13.1 of the Municipalities Act NL 1999

The role of the Youth Councilor Representative will comply within the guidelines stipulated within the Municipalities Act, NL. The intent to improve communications with youth within the Town of Happy Valley – Goose Bay, to engage in consultations, and other dialogue formats to ensure the Council is well informed and understands the needs, aspirations, and values of youth and provide advice on issues of related thereto.

The Youth Representative:

- Advise council on issues related to Youth
- May attend Public Council meetings
- May attend Committee meetings of council as suggested by Council.
- May attend Public Functions of Council as requested/invited
- Engage with all residents of community especially youth
- Act as a liaison between Youth and Town Council
- Assist with community consultations.
- Promote community interaction with Youth through partnership with stakeholders.

Council may add additional responsibilities for Youth Representative with the approval of Council. Youth Representative must meet the Age criteria as dictated in Section 13.1 subsection 2 of the Municipalities Act, NL 1999.

Youth Representative must be a resident of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and a current executive member of the Mealy Mountain Collegiate (MMC) Student Government structure. The MMC student government will write a letter notifying council of nomination for council to review. Council will review the nomination and vote to accept the individual put forward. If council rejects the name put forward, MMC Student Government can put forward another individual for council's consideration.



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If during the course of a term the youth representative no longer resides within the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay municipal boundary or is no longer a member of the MMC student government, they are considered to have vacated their seat immediately and a new youth representative will be considered for the remainder of the term.

Council reserves the right to remove a youth representative via 2/3 vote of all of Council.

Youth representative's voting rights are outlined in Section 13.1 subsection 3 of the *Municipalities Act, 1999*.

The term of the youth representative will be for one year (September to August). An individual can be considered for additional terms if they meet criteria originally outlined above.

There can be only one youth representative at any given time. The youth representative is expected to comply with *Municipalities Act, 1999* as it pertains to regular attendance of elected Councilors.

The youth representative will be provided schedules of upcoming events as provided to Council. The youth representative will be provided a copy of the Council package which contains information for Public Council Meetings.



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The Town will provide the youth representative with any equipment (i.e. computer, laptop, electronic devices, etc.) that Council and youth representative deem necessary to complete tasks as youth representative.

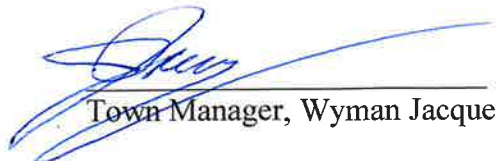
The youth representative shall report to Council. The youth representative will be provided any opportunity to speak or give input at a Public Council meeting on issues relating to youth.

Upon successful completion of one term as youth representative and subsequent proof of enrollment at a post-secondary institution, the youth representative will receive an allowance of up to \$1,000 which will be pro-rated based on participation at monthly public Council meetings during their term.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this policy is sealed under the Common Seal of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.



Mayor, Jamie Snook



Town Manager, Wyman Jacque