



Youth Futures Council Records of Discussion

March 18th, 2017, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m AST

In Attendance:

Special guest: Brad Colwill
and Alicia Bruce
Sarah Bulman
Moir Shaw

Taya Nabuurs
John Ployer
Emma Huestis
Kenzie Lund

Nicole Mountain
Luke Poirier
Alex Dalton
Tyler Murnaghan

Welcome

Congratulations were extended on behalf of the council to Taya Nabuurs, who recently participated in and gave a speech at the Daughters of the Vote Conference in Ottawa.

Sarah Bulman will be pursuing other opportunities as of March 31st, 2017 and will no longer be acting as co-chair on the Youth Futures Council. Alicia Bruce will fill her role as co-chair and provide support to the council from April 1st onwards.

Barriers to Youth Employment

Council members discussed this theme and responses that had been compiled online prior to the meeting.

Engagement Strategy

Youth Repatriation Presentation—Think Forward Solutions

Mathieu Arsenault and Abby Goodwin of Think Forward Solutions gave a presentation on a survey concept targeted at Youth who've moved away from Prince Edward Island to find out their reasons why and what it would take for them to return home.

Next Steps: Brad and Alicia will follow up with progress on this initiative.

Prime Minister's Youth Council

PEI's representatives on the Prime Minister's Youth Council, Chris Zhou and Dana Kenny joined the Youth Futures Council via video-call and in person, respectively.

Chris Zhou requested back in December an opportunity to meet the Youth Futures Council in hopes of learning more about the needs of young Islanders. Recently, Dana Kenny has been announced as an appointee stemming from the second wave of applicants. A discussion was held on what the PMO's Council is working on and what areas overlap with the work of the Youth Futures Council.

Next Steps: Explore opportunities to collaborate with the Prime Minister's Youth Council on future initiatives.

Informal Pitch Session

A pitch was made by a council member to work on a recommendation surrounding increasing co-op and experiential learning opportunities for post-secondary students.

Decision: Council members agreed to discuss this concept further at a future meeting.

Department Consultation

Student Financial Services

Brad Colwill, CEO of the PEI Student Financial Assistance Corporation, conducted a Q&A session on specific topics to help inform Student Financial Services programs going forward including the Community Service Bursary. This session was abbreviated to allow for more time for the other agenda topics.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be via video conference on April 24th, 2017 from 7:30pm-9:30pm.