Present: Brian Mehlenbacher, Chelsey Crevar, Matt Jackson, Justin Wan, Rachel Gardner, Krystena Wan, Holly Thompson, Nikki Goldberg, Jennifer Fazzari

Regrets: Kristin Eccles, Jane Vanderhout, Nicola Jackson

Staff Liaison: Shari Farrell

Welcome: Rachel Gardner welcomed all in attendance. It was noted that those absent today had notified Shari Farrell in advance with their regrets.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held February, 14, 2006. The Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, February 14, 2006 were accepted as presented.

Ancaster Youth Activity Council Update of the Ancaster Community Council Meeting: Matt Jackson and Holly Thompson attended the meeting and presented an update on the Ancaster Youth Activity Council initiatives. Matt and Holly expressed that the members of the Ancaster Community Committee seemed pleased and interested in hearing the future plans of the Council and the work completed to date.

Update on AYAC Vaughan Mills Shopping Excursion and AYAC Coffee House Events: Shari Farrell announced that she was in the process of working with the City of Hamilton’s Risk Management Team in order to obtain the approval and proper documentation required for participants to partake in the Vaughan Mills Shopping Mall excursion. Shari mentioned that she felt confident that all was going well and that it would only be a short matter of time before registration information would be forthcoming. Shari explained that once the trip information is available, all Council members would need to do their part in promoting the event amongst their peers and friends. The Vaughan Mills Shopping Excursion is set for Saturday, March 25, 2006. Shari explained that registration for this outing would only be available through the Ancaster Rotary Centre or the Ancaster Aquatic Centre. (This was due to the need to ensure all forms are correctly completed and received, and that no registration monies or forms become misplaced or lost.)

Shari will contact all AYAC members as soon as can be accepted. Notification will be sent to the area high schools as well.

It was announced that there is the possibility that Ancaster High School will be scheduling their 2006 Prom Night to be on Wednesday, May 18th, 2006. (This is the same night that the AYAC’s Coffee House is scheduled to take place on.) Shari requested that
as soon as any members of the AYAC could confirm whether the Prom Night would be on Thursday, May 18, 2006 to please let her know. Whether there is the possibility of moving the Coffee House event to a different week would then have to be reviewed.

**Update on Heritage Days**
Shari asked those who are part of the Heritage Days Committee for an update. It was announced that a meeting for this year’s Heritage Days events had yet to take place. It was suggested that those on the Heritage Days Committee ask for recommendations, suggestions, or ideas in regards to how the Ancaster Youth Activity Council could benefit the Heritage Day event. As well, it was suggested that inquiries take place as to a possible venue should the AYAC Committee wish to set up bands, etc. again.

**Update on Ancaster Food Drive**
It was announced that the Ancaster Food Drive went well. The Food Drive organizers were hoping for more food donations this year, but were still pleased and appreciative for the overall outcome. Sincere thanks goes to all members of the Ancaster Youth Activity Council who took part and donated their time and energy towards this worthwhile cause!

**Other Business**
Shari Farrell reminded the AYAC that Murray Ferguson’s office (Kathy Bishop) is hoping that the Ancaster Youth Activity Council will once again assist with this year’s “Buddy-Up to Clean-Up Ancaster” event. Shari will notify the AYAC when she has been informed of the date for this year’s event.

**Date of Next Meeting**
The date for the next Meeting of the Ancaster Youth Activity Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Ancaster Rotary Centre – Teen Centre. Chairperson: Matt Jackson