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

Staff Liaison:  Shari Farrell

Welcome:  Jane Vanderhout welcomed all in attendance.  A special greeting was made to the newest Ancaster Youth Activity Council member, Jennifer Fazzari.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, January 10, 2006:  The Minutes of the Meeting were accepted as presented.

Update of the Ancaster Community Council Meeting:  AYAC members were informed of the discussions that took place at the Ancaster Community Council meeting.  Brief discussion also took place in regards to this year’s “Heritage Days” events and activities.

Update on Proposed Activities and Associated Costs:  Shari Farrell informed the AYAC that she had completed research in regards to the costs associated with each of the Ancaster Youth Activity Council’s proposed activities.  All in attendance were provided a detailed hand-out listing the costs.  Members were informed that if traveling by bus, a tendered and city approved bus would be required.  (i.e.: Currently Attridge Transportation)  As well, for the Coffee House event, as per city policy and procedures, properly trained and approved security staff would be required.  Discussion took place as to whether events planned would be offered as a fundraising initiative or, as a special event community youth activity.  Most felt that they hoped to generate revenues, but at the same time, were seeking activities which youth in the area would be interested in participating in.

After reviewing the four proposed events, (Blue Mountain Ski Excursion, Vaughan Mills Shopping Excursion, Toronto Eaton Centre Shopping Excursion and Spring Coffee House, the Council felt that they would be successful in recruiting participants (and hopefully, deriving fundraising revenues) from the Vaughan Mills Shopping Excursion and the Spring Coffee House event.  Discussions then took place in regards to these two proposed activities.
Shari Farrell explained the expenditures she was able to come up with in regards to a previous Coffee House event. After reviewing the expenditures and the potential revenues, it appeared that the previous year’s event may have not been fully cost recovery.

Shari then notified that Council that she had been in touch with Mr. Dave Kelly at Copps Coliseum. At an estimated cost of approximately $313.50, Copps Coliseum will provide a city approved Supervisor, two in-house Security staff and a Medical patrol person to supervise the Coffee House event. (Last year’s Security was estimated at $400.00.) There was question as to whether those working Security were in fact, city approved.

Previous financial records for past Coffee House events were not available, however, it was estimated that the cost of pizza and bottled water to be supplied to all bands, (as well as the AYAC) would cost approximately $200.00. As a cost saving method, those in attendance approved that pizza not be ordered this year. It was suggested that coffee, hot chocolate as well as chips, chocolate bars, pop and bottled water be available for purchase.

Brian Mehlenbacher offered to help with the coordination of bands for the evening,

Krystena Wan offered to help with the development of flyers for printing and promotion. It was recommended that May 18th, Coffee House event also be announced at area schools.

Shari Farrell questioned whether selling tickets in advance was a possibility in order to know in advance whether the event would obtain sufficient sales in order to ensure cost recovery. AYAC members noted that all other Coffee House events have always been tickets sales at the door. (The Council expressed that they felt attendees would not buy tickets in advance. They also expressed that they did not they feel there would be a problem generating participants.)

The AYAC then proceeded to discuss details in regards to the Vaughan Mills Shopping Excursion. A date of Saturday, March 25, 2006 was recommended. It was felt that a ticket price of $15.00 per person would be affordable. The bus departure time would be approximately 9:00 a.m. from the Ancaster Rotary Centre. The bus departure time from the Vaughan Mills Shopping Mall, would be approximately 4:00 p.m. Participants would purchase their own for lunch. AYAC members expressed that they would be willing to recruit participants. It was asked if registrations could be done through AYAC members with the registration forms and payment forwarded back to the Ancaster Rotary Centre via AYAC members. Shari will investigate further and report back to the Committee in regards details on the proposed event.
Ancaster Food Drive
Krystena Wan thanked the AYAC members whom last Saturday, handed out community information flyers in regards to the Ancaster Food Drive event. This Saturday morning is the pick-up date for the donated food items. Several AYAC members confirmed that they would be attending and assisting on this day.

Heritage Days
The AYAC expressed their interest in being involved with the Heritage Days event again this year. As the previous location may not be available, discussions took place in regards to possible activities and locations for this year’s event.

Brian Mehlenbacher asked whether there might be a possibility of tying in with the evening fireworks event and possibly hosting a barbeque and bands event. Questions then ensued as to whether an event such as this would derive as much exposure and participation as in the past, when the event took place during the day.

It was announced that in the near future a “Heritage Days Events Planning Meeting” would be taking place. Brian Mehlenbacher announced that he is planning to attend this meeting and will discuss AYAC’s interest in participation with consideration for possible ideas and venue space.

It was discussed that in the past, AYAC participated in previous Heritage Days parades. Discussion took place as far as a possible vehicle/float for this year’s parade. Members in attendance felt that they would like to continue with their participation and wished to hand out treats and information flyers as was done in the past. If a vehicle/float is not available, it was suggested that AYAC members could also walk the parade.

Other Business
Rachel Gardner notified that she is unable to commit to the May Ancaster Community Council Meeting. Holly Thompson agreed to attend in her place. (Just a reminder that Ancaster Community Council Meetings take the first Monday of each the month.)

Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Ancaster Youth Activity Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. Chairperson: Rachel Gardner