



Committee of the Whole

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to be held at the City of Penticton, Council Chambers
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C.

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Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Recessed from the Regular Council Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. **Call Committee of the Whole to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Delegations:**
 - 3.1 Youth Council Penticton – Vote16 Campaign 1-8
Sophie Robinson, Anna Farbridge and Aareeba Sadeque - Youth Council Penticton
4. **Adjourn to Regular Meeting of Council**



Request to Appear as a Delegation

Preferred Council Meeting Date: June 18

Second choice(s): July 16

Subject matter: Youth Council Penticton - Vote16 Campaign

Name of person(s) making presentation:

Sophie Robinson, Anna Farbridge

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Phone: _____

Email: pentictonyouthcouncil@gmail.

Please provide details of your presentation or request of Council here: (or provide a detailed attachment)

The Youth Council Penticton will be presenting about their new Vote16 Penticton campaign. We will be presenting about how we would like the City council to be involved in our campaign to help amplify youth voices in Penticton.

Please note:

- Meetings may be held electronically. Participation details will be confirmed with you prior to the meeting.
- This form and submissions will become part of the public record.
- The Mayor has the authority to determine if the subject matter warrants the delegation to appear before Council and may determine at which meeting.
- Please submit this completed form at your earliest convenience. Written Requests to Appear are to be received by the Corporate Officer, no later than noon Monday, one week prior to the Council meeting. Please include a copy of all materials that will be discussed.
- If you'd like to share a PowerPoint with Council, email it to the Corporate Officer by 9:30 a.m. Wednesday prior to the Council meeting to be included with the Agenda. If presenting via zoom, please be prepared to share your screen.
- **Delegations are limited to 5 minutes.**

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Youth Council Penticton
June 13, 2024

RE: Lowering the Voting Age in Penticton

Dear Mayor, Councillors, and staff,

The Youth Council Penticton is working with Vote 16 Canada to involve youth in democracy, now. Vote 16 is a federal campaign dedicated to extending voting rights to 16-year-olds in federal, provincial, and municipal elections. Giving 16-year-olds the vote would mean a stronger and fairer democracy, where more people's voices can be represented in the decisions that get made. This important initiative is being championed by Senator McPhedran: her proposed Bill S - 201 was the first bill regarding Vote 16 to pass the second reading. Vote 16 has been supported in the House of Commons by all Bloc MPs, all NDP MPs, both Green MPs, and 20 Liberal MPs voted for a voting age bill last year.

Lowering the voting age will encourage young voter turn-out by allowing eager and interested youth to vote earlier. This will allow them to continue growing their interest through their adolescent years. Many 18-year-olds gain the right to vote once they have left home and are not as involved or familiar with their community; allowing youth to vote at age 16 allows youth to become more involved in a community they know well and continue this practice with more confidence in future years. At 16 youth can already make the decision to leave school, work-full time, and pay taxes as consumers; at age 16 we have the maturity to vote. There are already 16 countries who have lowered the voting age to 16, including Austria, Germany, and Argentina to name a few; it is time for Canada to step up - and Penticton can be a champion in this initiative.


Youth Council Penticton would like to ask for the City of Penticton's support of youth in lowering the voting age to 16. We humbly request the City of Penticton Council to support Youth Council Penticton by writing a letter to the BC Government requesting a consideration of amending the Local Government Act to allow 16 year olds to vote in municipal elections and allow the final decision on voting to remain with the municipalities. We would also like to ask for support in lowering the voting age to 16 for School Board Elections; an election that has a great effect on youth age 16. We greatly appreciate your support of youth in this important initiative.


Sincerely,

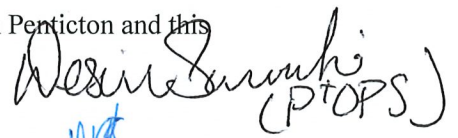
Youth Council Penticton

Sophie Robinson
Founder and Leader
Youth Council Penticton

We are grateful for the support of Penticton organizations supporting youth in Penticton and this initiative:


Kinza Sankey
South Okanagan Similkameen
Brain Injury Society


Annika Kirk
United Way BC


Melisa Ederly
Foundry Penticton
(PTOPS)

VOTE 16 PENTICTON

Presented by Youth Council Penticton

2024



WHY VOTE16

- **Lowering the voting age will encourage young voter turn-out**
- **Youth are more engaged in their community at age 16**
- **Youth are a responsible; paying taxes as consumers, able to move out on their own**

VOTE 16 PENTICTON

A campaign created by Youth Council Penticton as a part of the national Vote16 movement to extend voting rights to 16-year-olds

Aligns with our goal to provide opportunities for youth to learn, lead, and engage in their community and learn about civic engagement



OUR HOPE IN PENTICTON

Our hope is for penticton to be a champion in supporting youth voices by providing voting rights to 16-year-olds. We hope for 16-year-olds to have the right to vote in Penticton's local elections, including school board elections.

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To: City of Penticton Council

**Penticton, Lower the Voting
Age to 16**



Campaign created by
Youth Council Penticton 

YOUTH COUNCIL PENTICTON AND CITY COUNCIL TOGETHER

City Council supporting Vote16 Penticton by writing a letter to the BC government in support of lowering the voting age to 16

Youth Council Penticton works with City Council to draft letter



THANK YOU

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Petition:

<https://you.leadnow.ca/p/PentictonVote16>