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# News Release

## Youth Council

**Edson, Alberta, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – Youth in Edson will soon have a larger voice at the table. Edson Town Council has adopted the Youth Council Policy, outlining the creation and operation of the new group. The Youth Council will be a direct link to Town Council for input into municipal processes and to report on various community issues pertaining to youth.

Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara says it's a huge step forward. "Our Council is dedicated to engaging our public, and the Youth Council will allow us to hear directly from the young residents of our community. We want to hear what is affecting them, what direction they would like to see the Town move on certain issues, and make them a part of the process."

The Edson Youth Council will consist of up to 12 youth and will work closely with the Mayor, two Town Councillors, and have administrative support from a Community Development Coordinator. The applicants must be between 13 and 18 years old, and either attend school in Edson, or live in Edson. Yellowhead County residents who attend school in Edson are eligible. We're looking for a diverse group to help bring a broad perspective to the table.

Members of Youth Council will be required to attend monthly meetings, represent youth perspectives on issues at these meetings, volunteer at community events, and work with Town Council representatives to address youth needs in the community.

Benefits include a \$500 bursary towards post-secondary education for every year of participation, the opportunity to learn about Local Government, and to make an impact in the community.

For more information, or to download the application forms, go to [www.edson.ca/youthcouncil](http://www.edson.ca/youthcouncil). Application deadline is December 18, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

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