



**Town of Aurora
Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2024
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Video Conference

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8. Informational Items

9. New Business

10. Adjournment



**Town of Aurora
Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee
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Committee Members: Angela Covert (Chair)
Michelle Black
Abe Reiss (Vice Chair)
Dan Winters

Members Absent: Robert Gaby
Shaheen Moledina

Other Attendees: Jason Gaertner, Manager, Financial Management
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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Moved by Abe Reiss

Seconded by Michelle Black

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

5. Receipt of the Minutes

5.1 Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2024

Moved by Dan Winters

Seconded by Abe Reiss

1. That the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Application from Sport Aurora; Re: All Kids Can Play Program

Moved by Angela Covert

Seconded by Dan Winters

1. That the Application from Sport Aurora; Re: All Kids Can Play Program be received; and
2. That the Committee grant the funding request in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Carried

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7.2 Application from Yellow Brick House; Re: Break the Silence, Step in my Shoes Walk

Moved by Abe Reiss

Seconded by Dan Winters

1. That the Application from Yellow Brick House; Re: Break the Silence, Step in my Shoes Walk be received; and
2. That the Committee grant the funding request in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Carried

7.3 Application from Huayun Multicultural Association; Re: Community Events

Moved by Michelle Black

Seconded by Abe Reiss

1. That the Application from Huayun Multicultural Association; Re: Community Events be received; and
2. That the Committee grant the funding request in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Carried

7.4 Application from The Optimist Club of Aurora; Re: Youth Programs

Moved by Dan Winters

Seconded by Michelle Black

1. That the Application from The Optimist Club of Aurora; Re: Youth Programs be received; and
2. That the Committee grant the funding request in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

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9. New Business

The Town Clerk noted that, after what was awarded during the meeting, the charity fund sits at \$141,655.09.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Michelle Black

Seconded by Dan Winters

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Carried

Application to Receive Funds

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Name of Individual or Community Group *

Canadian Mental Health Association York and South Simcoe

Address

Street Number and Name *

1101 Nicholson Road, Unit 5

City/ Town *

Newmarket

Province *

Ontario

Postal Code *

L3Y 9C3

Contact Information

Email Address *

vhatzopoulos@cmha-yr.on.ca

Phone Number *

On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.



July 4, 2024

Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic
Town of Aurora
100 John West Way, Box 1000
Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA YRSS) to express our sincere interest in being considered as a recipient of the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic. With this application we would like to request funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 going towards our Mobile Youth Walk-In Clinic (MOBYSS).

The impact of mental health struggles, especially among young people, cannot be overstated. Every year, nearly 3,700 individuals in Canada lose their lives to suicide, and it is the leading cause of death for those aged 15-24. This is a critical issue that requires immediate and sustained attention. The pandemic has only exacerbated the mental health challenges faced by young people. Studies indicate that 70% of school aged children have experienced a deterioration of their mental health due to the pandemic's disruptions. The need for accessible, specialized care has never been greater.

One of our most significant initiatives, the Mobile Youth Walk-In Clinic (MOBYSS) was launched in 2015 and has been tackling the loss of young lives to mental illness, addiction and suicide. Operating as Ontario's first and only mobile and virtual mental and physical health clinic for youth aged 12-25, MOBYSS has provided free, no wait, no judgement care to over 16,000 youth in York Region and South Simcoe since its launch. The MOBYSS schedule can be viewed by clicking [here](#), where you can see we provide services to youth at Aurora High School each Friday from 9am – Noon, as well as all day for virtual appointments.

MOBYSS operates five days a week, 52 weeks a year, ensuring that youth can access critical services without barriers. The mobile clinic's services range from primary care to one-on-one counseling and group discussions. MOBYSS meets young individuals where they are, whether it's at schools, community centres, or shelters, in both urban and underserved areas. While MOBYSS has made a significant impact, we are faced with the challenge of maintaining its operations. The \$350,000 annual operating cost is entirely reliant on philanthropic donations. Your support would directly contribute to sustaining this life-saving initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing our application. Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Vicky Hatzopoulos
Donor Engagement Officer
CMHA York and South Simcoe

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Name of Individual or Community Group *

Aurora Cares Community Action Team c/o Doug Steele

Address

Street Number and Name *

75 Deerhorn Crescent

City/ Town *

Aurora

Province *

Ontario

Postal Code *

L4G6S3

Contact Information

Email Address *

Phone Number *

On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.

May 21, 2024

Mayor's Golf Classic Fund Committee
c/o Aurora Town Clerk
100 John West Way
Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

To Whom It May Concern,

The Aurora Cares Community Action Team was originally created during the COVID-19 pandemic to support residents experiencing homelessness, seniors, people living with disabilities and those who rely on food banks. As the pandemic subsided, the Action Team paused its work, but has now been reestablished to provide ongoing support to community members.

The Action Team's inaugural meeting was held on May 13th and discussed new ways to connect vulnerable community members to available services, as well as provide any potential in-kind supports. The Action Team also discussed revising the resource guide it developed during COVID-19 to include updated information and links and include housing supports for those that need assistance.

In order to be prepared for any costs associated with providing these supports we are seeking \$5,000 from the Mayor's Golf Classic Funds Committee to assist with initiatives of the Aurora Cares Community Action Team.

I thank you for your consideration and look forward to your response.

Doug Steele
Vice-Chair, Aurora Cares Community Action Team

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Name of Individual or Community Group *

York Region Children's Fund

Address

Street Number and Name *

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City/ Town *

Newmarket

Province *

Ontario

Postal Code *

L3Y 9A1

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July 8, 2024

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic

Attn: Selection Committee

Re: 2024 YRCF Stay in School Program

The York Region Children's Fund (YRCF) has a mission to help improve the quality of life for children and youth in the care and protection of York Region Children's Aid Society (YRCAS) through support for vital childhood enrichment, education support, and compassionate aid. With the community's help, we can enrich the lives of some of the most vulnerable children and youth, and ensure they have the opportunities needed to help them reach their full potential. The YRCF Stay in School Awards initiative, has two main components: Public School Awards for students in grade 8-12 who have demonstrated success within their school year, recipients receive a certificate of recognition for their achievements and are awarded a gift card; Post-Secondary Awards for students who are attending College, University or a Trades Program. Eligible students can apply for an annual Stay in School Award and receive coaching for their award from their YRCAS advisor. Last year, we awarded 53 Public School Awards and 17 Post-Secondary Awards. We are committed to supporting and encouraging educational achievement among young individuals.

The Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/Newmarket started the Stay in School Awards 8 years ago following a presentation from the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth. The research showed that the high school graduation rate for youth that are on Extended Society Care was less than 50%. The provincial average is above 80%. The awards program promotes staying in school and our staff have told us that showing these young people the community cares about them, and their school achievement, is a real source of encouragement.

The York Region Children's Fund (YRCF) has sustained the initiative that was initially launched by the Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/Newmarket. We are actively engaging with the community to fund the awards program aimed at recognizing and supporting youth who have persevered in their education and are making commendable strides.

Our very first award winner has completed law school, and another winner was accepted into the York University MBA program. Other great success stories including students entering the trades, film and music. There are bright hopeful results.

In support of



York Region
Children's Aid Society
Société d'aide à l'enfance
de la région de York

Charitable Registration Number 83174 0634 RR0001

16915 Leslie Street • Kennedy Place • Newmarket • Ontario • L3Y 9A1 • 905-895-2318

The YRCF obtains funding through donations and grants and these funds are provided to the YRCAS through the Children's Special Projects Fund. The Children's Special Projects Fund was created to support activities and needs outside of the Ministry's mandated funding. This fund supports the experiences and needs that add richness and normalcy to the lives of children and youth we serve, such as recreational activities, music lessons, household items, tutoring, tuition fees, textbooks, laptops and other school supplies. One of our goals is to encourage youth who are on Extended Society Care (previously known as Crown Wards) or voluntarily working with the York Region Children's Aid Society to stay in school.

The YRCF receives donations that are dedicated to our Stay in School Awards program, however, there are education needs above and beyond this. With the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic funds, we will be able to provide more support and awards to help York Region children and youth achieve educational success!

YRCF is seeking \$5,000 from the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic for our Stay in School Awards program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at diana.horrex@yorkcas.org if you have any questions or require further information.

Thank you for your consideration

Diana Horrex,

Senior Administrative Assistant
York Region Children's Fund

Diana.horrex@yorkcas.org

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Name of Individual or Community Group *

Empowering Jack: Help bring Juno Home

Address

Street Number and Name *

297 - 5 Wellington Street East

City/ Town *

Aurora

Province *

Ontario

Postal Code *

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On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.

July 9, 2024

Empowering Jack: Bring Juno Home Campaign

Dear Customer Relations,

My name is Victoria Williams, and I am contacting you today to discuss my fundraiser and to inquire about any contributions you may be able to donate.

I have a 7-year-old boy with Autism and a while back we joined the waiting list at Ability Dogs Canada in hopes of being matched with an Autism Service Dog.

We have finally received the news that we've been eagerly waiting for, and have been matched with Juno, an Autism K9 from ADC (Ability Dogs Canada).

We have begun our 12-month fundraising campaign to help cover the associated costs. While any donation amount is valuable to reach our goal, we are requesting \$1000 donation from your organization.

Please confirm your interest to participate via email and/or phone.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Victoria Williams



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www.facebook.com/uniteJackandJuno/

For more information on Ability Dogs Canada please visit www.abilitydogs.ca