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MAY 7TH, 2018
NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK
WORKSHOP RESULTS

INTRODUCTION

On May 7th, 2018, the City of Hamilton hosted the first National Youth Week Workshop. Youth, Youth Serving Agencies, Anchor Institutions, Government, Business, and City Staff were invited to Liuna Station to discuss what do we do well, not so well, and the ideas of how to make Hamilton more Youth Friendly.

The workshop was a great start to the engagement that will be done to develop the youth strategy. Participants engaged in great conversations, had the opportunity to hear from Mayor Fred Eisenberger as well as the City of Hamilton Youth Strategy Team. Participants also heard from two major funders for youth work in The Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Youth Opportunity Fund, and Royal Bank of Canada's Future Launch.

Our guests were also treated to a great performance of traditional Indigenous Drumming from youth at the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre.

This report will outline the qualitative data that was analyzed using the indicators from the Stepping Up Framework.
WORKSHOP SUMMARY

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES
268

NUMBER OF AGENCIES REPRESENTED
61

NUMBER OF RESPONSES
1315
WHAT DOES HAMILTON...

1. **DO WELL FOR YOUTH**
   - Access to Arts
   - Collaborative Networks
   - Outreach Staff
   - Xperience Annex
   - Educating about Healthy Choices

2. **NOT DO WELL FOR YOUTH**
   - Promotion of Services
   - Navigating Social Services
   - Youth Voice
   - Affordable Housing
   - Helping Youth Identify Career Paths

3. **FEEL WILL MAKE US MORE YOUTH FRIENDLY**
   - Create a 1 Stop Shop For Information on Youth Services
   - Intentional Youth Engagement for City Wide Policy and Infrastructure
   - Increased Teen Dedicated Spaces
   - Increase Services Offered At Youth Friendly Times (Not 9:00 - 5:00)

   - Drug and Alcohol Use
   - Lack of Services Outside Core
   - Transit for Mountain and Rural Youth

   - Require Evidence Of Youth Input On Youth Programs Or Services That Receive City Funding
   - Increase Affordable Housing
   - Provide Free Transit For High School Students
   - Increase Service To Mountain And Rural area