

### Appointment Recommendations - City of Edmonton Youth Council

Board	Citizens-At-Large	Appointment Term
<b>City of Edmonton Youth Council</b>	<b><u>New Appointments (9)</u></b>	
	Hania Aamer	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Shilar Bakayula	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Kunal Chander	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Madison Dube	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Samuel Goertz	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Sonia Lal	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Sarah Lavimizadeh	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Cheyenne Neufeld	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Amber Sayed	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	<b><u>Reappointments (11)</u></b>	
	Brianna Abboud	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Ravina Anand	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Thomas Banks	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Navneet Chand	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Genna DiPinto	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Kasey Enokson	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Logan Fechter	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Kaelin Koufogiannakis	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Vivian Mak	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Joanne Picard	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018
	Armaan Somani	September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018

Below is brief public introduction as provided by new Appointees:

Hania Aamer	City of Edmonton Youth Council
<p>Hania is a science student entering her second year at the University of Alberta. Serving as a Youth-At-Large member for the past two terms, Hania gained invaluable insight into decision making processes. As Vice Chair on the Arts Committee and acting Chair on the Engagement and Outreach committee in past years, Hania has become actively involved with the CEYC and its mission to educate and empower youth.</p> <p>Hania describes herself as a curious individual who loves new challenges, is never content with the status quo, and strives for continuous improvement. She coaches debate at Grandview Heights School and Tempo School and by doing so, pushes her peers to make a positive impact in the community. She hopes to help Edmonton's youth develop into confident, well rounded individuals.</p>	

## Attachment 1

<p>With an interest in healthcare and medicine, Hania also volunteers her time at Canadian Blood Services. She also stays busy running a business she cofounded in 2015, Teen Tutors, which enables youth to become employed and contribute to society in a meaningful way. As a member of the Youth Council, Hania hopes to further her scope of involvement with the youth of Edmonton in order to provide them with opportunities and experiences to grow.</p>	
Shilar Bakayula	City of Edmonton Youth Council
<p>Bakayula Shilar was born in Uganda and moved to Canada at the age of 12, and to Edmonton two years later. Shilar went to primary school in Uganda where she got her first leadership position as the Guild President/Head Girl in primary six.</p> <p>She goes to St. Joseph Catholic School where she just finished the 12th grade and will be upgrading for the 2017-2018 school year before she goes to university. Her favourite subject is World History and she enjoys reading, playing soccer, swimming and volunteering at the YMCA Don Wheaton. She is also a member of the YTP Leadership group at the YMCA Bill Rees and the Global Girls program at the Edmonton Mennonite Centre.</p>	

Kunal Chander	City of Edmonton Youth Council
<p>Kunal Chander is a Geomatics Technology Student attending the Northern Institute of Technology (NAIT) with previous education and experience in the Environmental Field. Kunal served on the Youth Council's Urban Planning Committee during the 2016/2017 term as a project leader for the What Moves Youth Transit Project, with the end goal of representing youth perspective to City Council. He also engaged with Edmontonians through social media in promoting his own and other various projects for the Urban Planning Committee. He demonstrated awareness of the local issues faced by youth in our city, and worked to tackle and engage youth through his many works with Youth Council.</p> <p>His past experiences and various volunteer and employment roles have enabled Kunal to hone his leadership and communication skills. He has contributed to the well-being of the community through his volunteering efforts, and aims to further advance his ability to create positive social change. In his words, Kunal brings the experience and the professionalism needed of a youth leader. A good leader, in his opinion, is one who is adamant and bold; a better leader, however, is one who is compassionate and empathetic to the issues that those who he represents face. In all, he seeks to not only give life to projects that will make Edmonton truly a city of champions. But also seeks to communicate and promote initiatives among the greater Edmonton community.</p>	

Madison Dube	City of Edmonton Youth Council
<p>Madison is currently working towards her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Political Science at the University of Alberta, and is extremely active in the University community. She is a Team Facilitator with Week of Welcome, has volunteered on Student's Union Executive campaigns, was a member of the Arts Judicial Panel and Arts Faculty Committee, and currently serves as the Vice President – Events of the Faculty of Arts Association, OASIS. Madison is also active in her community, and has volunteered with the Salvation Army, Metro Cinema, and</p>	

various Youth Programs. Madison is passionate about gender equality, and seeing youth realize their potential. Madison plans to pursue a Masters in Journalism and hopes to end up working in political communications and strategy. In her spare time, Madison enjoys reading, working on campaigns, taking pictures, and finding new places to drink coffee.

Samuel Goertz

City of Edmonton Youth Council

Sam Goertz is proud to be the President of Greenfield Community League, a mature, south side neighbourhood. He is currently a second-year Political Science and Economics student at the University of Alberta and also serves on the Gateway Newspaper's Board of Directors there. He is the co-head of The Green Medium, an Emerald Award winning blog, as well as a writer for the Alberta Street News and YouAlberta.

Sam spent his last year as a part of the Urban Planning Subcommittee, leading the GO Edmonton campaign. He was honoured on the Dean's Honours List for the 2016-2017 school year and is a member of Mensa Canada. He has also worked with the Citadel Theatre Young Acting Company, Junior Achievement, Green Business Canada, and others.

Sonia Lal

City of Edmonton Youth Council

Sonia Lal is a high school student who is passionate and dedicated to her work in human rights. She is the President of her school's Newspaper, Speech and Debate, CAPPIES and Global Opportunities (GO) clubs, all of which she uses as outlets for discussion among her fellow peers.

Outside of school Sonia volunteers with the John Humphrey Center, and was involved in the Youth Action Project: Justice. She also competes nationally in Taekwondo and models professionally. In her free time, Sonia likes to play with her dog Sam, and hang out with friends. This summer, she will be heading to Mexico for a second time to build homes for those living in poverty.

Sarah Lavimizadeh

City of Edmonton Youth Council

Sarah is a political science student attending the University of Alberta french campus, Campus Saint-Jean. Beyond her academic endeavours, Sarah continues to strive to serve her community for proactive initiatives to inspire change. During her 5 years as the World University of Canada Events Coordinator, President and Advisor, she has been able to manage and organize campaigns to sponsor over 15 student refugees to the University of Alberta campus. This ardent belief of youth diversity in levels of academic representation goes further with Sarah as she believes youth must have the avenue to express their voice in civil society. She has sat on the Dean of Students' Advisory Committee, proposing along with other Undergraduate students' possible remedies and ameliorations to current and future programs. Allowing students and youth to be apart of the discussion on matters which directly affect them is of utmost importance, it creates more effective manners to implement policy changes.

Sarah constantly seeks out community initiatives to engage in as creating a better community resides in yourself. She is currently on the Edmonton Centre Youth Council for

Member of Parliament Randy Boissonnault and was able to successfully organize an immigration panel on rethinking integration along with her immigration subcommittee. Sarah believes that diversity is at the core of generating a holistic environment to change. A diversity which includes different cultures, youth and genders. She currently sits on the STRIDE governance committee at the University of Alberta which seeks to open a space for women and non-binary individuals to seek governance positions. Sarah hopes in the future to never stop this passion for her community to reach her ultimate goal of becoming an advocate for society as a lawyer.

Cheyenne Neufeld

City of Edmonton Youth Council

Cheyenne Neufeld is a recent high school graduate who is extremely passionate about youth empowerment. She believes that the youth are the future of not only today, but the future of tomorrow. She has demonstrated this commitment to action as a national delegate at the UNESCO World Forum in Ottawa, where she presented the *International Youth White Paper on Global Citizenship*; youths' vision for Global Citizenship Education. Environmental studies is another area interest for Cheyenne. Last summer, she attend the International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Hawaii and found her voice for change. Because of Cheyenne's Mi'kmaq status, she felt it necessary to speak up for all aboriginal communities regarding water sovereignty in Canada and had her voice heard in the *#Decarbonize Blue Youth White Paper on Climate Change (COP22)*. Cheyenne has been accepted at MacEwan University where she will be pursuing career opportunities that provide advocacy for youth, and create meaningful change within the world.

Amber Sayed

City of Edmonton Youth Council

Amber is currently entering her final year of high school at Tempo School. She has served on her Student Council for the past three years and just completed her term as Vice-President. Currently she holds the position of Mental Health Awareness Club President and runs her school's chapter of [jack.erg](http://jack.erg), a mental health awareness charity; she hopes to use the club to help bring more mental health resources to the student population. Outside of school, Amber is a member of the Alberta Minister's Youth Council, on which she serves as an advisor for the Minister of Education.

Amber is also an avid speech and debate competitor in both English and French, and loves to volunteer at junior high tournaments and classes in her spare time. She enjoys taking part in Model United Nations, as well as playing the piano. Passionate about community involvement, Amber also does various volunteer work as a Daycare Aid, Student Supervisor, and Youth Leadership Mentor.