

# EcoSuperior Youth Advisory Committee

## Vision

EcoSuperior delivers many vital environmental programs, in partnership with all levels of government. The Youth Advisory Committee was organized as a means to engage youth in the creation and implementation of environmental initiatives in the city.

## Mandate

The Youth Advisory Committee will connect with and support EcoSuperior in several ways:

- i. Advise EcoSuperior staff on ways to appeal to youth in the community with current programs
- ii. Development of committee initiated projects, with committee members involved in entire process – planning, proposal to EcoSuperior Management and Board of Directors, and implementation
- iii. Recommend possible new connections and programs or projects that may require funding

The Youth Advisory Committee will also involve educational opportunities for members.

## ***EcoSuperior's Mission***

*EcoSuperior delivers programs that encourage and support environmental stewardship in the Lake Superior basin and beyond, for the benefit of present and future generations.*

## Goals

- The Youth Advisory Committee will be a forum for youth to share ideas; a welcoming place for youth in the city to share their ideas on environmental issues and actions.
- Its members will be a resource for change while also helping to make the change.
- The committee will focus on positive actions for youth and address ideas that work towards a sustainable community.
- It will help to decide on the most relevant environmental issues pertaining to youth.
- The committee will advise EcoSuperior and its Board of Directors on actions to take in addressing environmental issues pertaining to youth in the City of Thunder Bay.
- The committee will strive to include a broad representation of youth from the community, including high-school students, post-secondary students and youth from the greater community in the age range of 13 – 25.

## Working Guidelines

- i. The Youth Advisory Committee will decide together on committee initiated projects.
- ii. Any committee actions and projects will require the approval of EcoSuperior.
- iii. The Youth & Education Coordinator (Heather) will present project ideas to appropriate EcoSuperior staff for approval or other necessary requirements.
- iv. The Youth & Education Coordinator will present suggestions from the committee to appropriate EcoSuperior staff.
- v. All involvement in meetings and projects will be on a volunteer basis from Committee members.
- vi. Any actions that involve representation of the Youth Advisory Committee or the EcoSuperior organization require the approval of EcoSuperior.