

Youth Council

Terms of Reference

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MISSION

To be a catalyst for girls empowering girls

PURPOSE

To engage in consultation with the Board and its Committees by providing youth input and insight on issues impacting girl membership, to facilitate leadership development, and to undertake work as delegated by the Board

ACCOUNTABILITY

Board of Directors

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. At the request of the Board or its Committees:
 - a) Provide advice, insight, and opinions to the Board of Directors and its Committees to ensure girl voice is captured with regards to current and future directions in programming, advocacy, organizational initiatives and other issues which may impact girl membership.
 - b) Provide advice to the Board of Directors on proposed strategies to achieve the strategic priorities of GGC's Strategic Plan, including the growth and retention of girl membership.
 - c) Provide advice and recommendations to proposed changes to governance matters and future directions under consideration by the Board of Directors.
 - d) Provide advice to the Board on most effective ways and tools to communicate to girl Members on specific strategic topics.
 - e) Offer suggestions and recommendations to the Operations Committee re services to transitioning Members.
 - f) Engage in such other consultation as may be directed by the Board or requested by Board Committees.
2. On an annual basis, offer concepts, ideas, suggestions, and recommendations to the Board for National level initiatives which benefit current and/or future girl membership.

As a Council:

1. Stay apprised of current national and global trends and issues affecting girls in Canada.
2. Stay apprised of initiatives and projects being implemented nationally by GGC and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
3. Act as spokespersons or ambassadors for GGC, when requested by the Chair of the Board.

Refer to DICA decision matrix for support and guidance on **D**ecision-making, **I**mplementation, and stakeholder **C**onsultation and **A**dvisement as appropriate.



MEMBERSHIP

- Board Director-Chair, Youth Council
- Girl Member-Co-Chair, Youth Council, to be elected from amongst, and by Council members on an annual basis.
- National Youth Council will have a minimum of nine (9) girl Members, not to exceed twelve (12), who are registered as Rangers, who are competent to carry out the stated responsibilities, and who collectively represent the various regions of Canada
- Selection will be through a national recruitment process in the spring of each year.
- Pathfinders eligible to become Rangers in the next Guiding year may apply to join the Council during the spring recruitment process, and, if selected, assume their role in the fall of the same year as registered 1st year Rangers.

STAFF RESOURCES

- Staff as delegated by the Chief Executive Officer

MEETINGS

- A minimum of two (2) face-to-face meetings per year, one (1) of which is in conjunction with a meeting of the Board of Directors
- Other meetings as needed may be scheduled through teleconference or other social media formats.

TERM

- Board Director-Chair, Youth Council: Three (3) years to coincide with term as Director of the Board.
- Youth Council members: One (1) year, renewable for one (1) consecutive year while the Council member continues to be an active girl Member.

