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## **Town of Essex Council Welcomes New Youth Member**

**Essex**– At Monday night's Regular Meeting, Council for the Town of Essex welcomed the newest young citizen to join their ranks as Edua Marczinko officially started her term as a Youth Council Member.

Edua, who is currently a grade 11 student at Essex District High School, was encouraged to apply for the position by the previous Youth Council Member, Cameron Soucie.

"I don't know very much about how the town around me operates, yet I live in it, so I knew that this position would allow me to better understand and give my own share of input for the youth in this town," Marczinko said. "I hope to bring a 'fresh pair of ears' to attentively listen and even share some of my own thoughts as a youth. There are many important issues surrounding youth that I can see every day around school, on my sports teams, and around the community."

As a Youth Council Member, she said she is hoping to contribute to a successful town, as well as develop leadership and communication skills through working with members of council.

"Youth voices are important as ever because they can see the town through a much different point of view, one free from concerns over budgets, resources, planning and finances," she said. "This opportunity not only connects the youth to council but more importantly the council to the youth in the community, so it really is a benefit for everyone."

"On behalf of Council, we are thrilled to welcome Edua to the table and we are excited to hear what she has to say on behalf of the youth in our community," said Mayor Larry Snively.

Youth Council Member positions are designed for the purpose of providing a youth perspective to Council matters or discussions. Youth Council Members attend Regular Meetings of Council, can speak on items throughout the meeting, and can bring forward information for Council's consideration.