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COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING STUDENT MAYOR(S)

Amelia Timbers of École élémentaire La Source provided comments on her term as Student Mayor. Amelia shared how happy she was when her teacher announced that she was going to be a Student Mayor and expressed her thanks to her teacher. She advised that when studying government in school, she was most interested in municipal government. Amelia discussed how much she has learned during her term as Student Mayor and noted some of the topics from the last two meetings as well as how she has learned that members of the public have more say in matters than she previously thought.

Amelia shared that being Student Mayor has been a great experience and included privileges such as being able to go to the Councillors' Lounge before meetings and getting to know the Councillors. She also remarked that another perk, was getting to stay up way past her bedtime during the last two weeks. Amelia thanked Council and those involved in providing the Student Mayor program, as it has given her a much deeper appreciation of the dedication required by members of Council.

Kaia Pluim-Simon of Oakley Park Public School provided comments on her term as Student Mayor. Kaia shared that she has learned so much during her term as Student Mayor from the facility tours and sitting beside the Mayor during Council meetings. She highlighted two items that she found most interesting from the meetings she attended. Kaia discussed the opioid crisis and how she believed it was great to see the thought and effort being put in by Council on the issue. She also discussed how much thought goes into getting approval for a new building, how many items must be considered and how it is difficult to please everyone. Kaia noted that she didn't realize citizens could address Council during meetings and how she thinks that is fantastic to ensure all points of view can be considered.

Kaia also noted how impressed she was with how Council makes its decisions by raising their hands, only speaking when asked and working together. She shared that she didn't think kids her age would be able to do that. Kaia commented that she enjoyed her term and it made her realize she would like to be involved in politics or public policy for her career. She indicated that she is looking forward to more tours to learn about how the City operates and thanked everyone for the opportunity to be Student Mayor.