



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: December 21, 2020
Submitted by: Climate Action Committee
Subject: Green Teams of Canada Partnership with the City of Port Moody

Purpose

To provide Council with information regarding a resolution passed by the Climate Action Committee endorsing the Green Teams of Canada's proposal to formalize its partnership with the City of Port Moody.

Recommended Resolution

THAT the report dated December 21, 2020 from the Climate Action Committee regarding Green Teams of Canada Partnership with the City of Port Moody be received for information.

Background

At the November 30, 2020 Climate Action Committee meeting, the Committee received a presentation from the Lower Mainland Chapter of the Green Teams of Canada (GTC). In addition to highlighting its activities in Port Moody, the Green Teams of Canada proposed a fee-for-service partnership with the City for six community engagement activities per year, for two years. After discussion, the Committee expressed support in principle for the City to pursue a more formal partnership with the Green Teams of Canada. The Committee passed the following resolution:

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THAT the Green Teams of Canada request to formalize its partnership with the City of Port Moody as presented to the Climate Action Committee on November 30, 2020 be supported;

AND THAT climate action related GTC projects such as tree planting and soil management be prioritized.

Discussion

The Green Teams of Canada program was founded to build social connections, empower youth, connect people to nature, and mobilize people to act. The program is unique in that it attracts young community members who do not typically volunteer. Program activities include ecological restoration, such as invasive species removal, tree planting, and shoreline cleanup.

In Port Moody, the program has worked closely with Parks staff, and has engaged 540 community members, including 285 youth. The program has made ecological impacts on City parks and the Noons Creek Hatchery, including the removal of 200m³ of invasive species. The program has been adapted to run safely and socially distanced during the pandemic.

The Climate Action Committee noted that the program provides valuable services to the City, including invasive species removal and youth engagement, and suggested that Green Teams of Canada can help the City to achieve its Climate Action goals, such as ecosystem and riparian habitat restoration. While the Committee expressed support in principle for a more formal partnership, the Committee also noted that the number of engagement activities annually could depend on the implementation status of the Climate Action Plan.

Other Options

1. THAT the report dated December 21, 2020 from the Climate Action Committee regarding Green Teams of Canada Partnership with the City of Port Moody be referred to staff for information.
2. THAT the report dated December 21, 2020 from the Climate Action Committee regarding Green Teams of Canada Partnership with the City of Port Moody be referred to staff for action.

Financial Implications

Further information on financial implications would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Further information on communication and civic engagement requirements would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

Directing the Youth Focus Committee to provide input on the Climate Action Engagement strategy aligns with the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan Objectives:

- expand and enhance policies to guide environmental goals and sustainability programs; and
- provide leadership in climate change by thinking globally and acting locally.

Attachments

1. Green Teams of Canada Presentation to the Climate Action Committee.

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Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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