



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Youth Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Focus Committee held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 via Zoom.

#### **Present**

Nathan Piasecki, Chair  
Arun Ghag  
Chloe Goodison  
Esme Harris  
Nicole Leng  
Pedram Moshirfatemi  
Palak Sharma  
Jennifer Zhang  
Chris Zhao

#### **Absent**

Nyah Courchesne, Vice-Chair  
Daniel Dian  
Roxanna Ferdowsi  
Kaia Goddard (Regrets)  
Raag Nair  
Sarah Wong  
Mayor Rob Vagramov – Alternate Council Representative

#### **In Attendance**

Councillor Steve Milani – Council Representative  
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation  
Corina Lefebvre – Recreation Programmer  
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator

#### **1. Call to Order**

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#### **Call to Order**

1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

#### **Acknowledgement of Unceded Territories**

1.2 The Committee acknowledged the traditional territories of the Coast Salish First Nations.

#### **2. Adoption of Minutes**

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#### **Minutes**

##### **2.1 YFC21/005**

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 be adopted.**

### 3. Unfinished Business

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### 4. New Business

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#### **Black History Month**

#### 4.1 Black History Month Subcommittee

The Black History Month Subcommittee noted that the youth librarian at Port Moody Public Library has provided information on Black Canadian arts and authors who could be profiled and featured, and that the Subcommittee is currently awaiting approval from the City's Communications staff.

Staff noted the following:

- the City's Communications staff recommend partnering with the Library, which is also planning a similar feature;
- the Library's content can be re-posted on the City's Instagram and Facebook accounts with a specific reference to the Committee's recognition of Black History Month, with a link to information gathered by the Committee; and
- staff will work with the Library and the Subcommittee on the language of the social media content by email.

#### **Pink Shirt Day**

#### 4.2 Pink Shirt Day Subcommittee

The Pink Shirt Day Subcommittee noted the following:

- this year's focus will be on a social media campaign, similar to Orange Shirt Day;
- it will involve a photo collage of students holding up letters to spell "Stop Bullying", and posted on the City's Instagram account;
- letters will be assigned to those who are interested in participating; if less than 12 people sign up, then some participants can do more than one letter;
- the Subcommittee is targeting the posting date of Monday February 22, 2021; the Subcommittee will create the collage and a write-up, and send it to staff the week prior;
- participants can hold up the letter without showing their face if they wish;
- the Subcommittee will also encourage people to wear pink shirts on February 24, 2021; and
- the Subcommittee Chair will send an email to recruit participants.

## **Port Moody Youth Scholarship**

### **4.3 Staff noted the following:**

- the Scholarship application process has begun, and closes on April 2, 2021, which allows sufficient time for a Selection Subcommittee to be created and to go through the selection process;
- scholarship information has been sent to both secondary schools in Port Moody;
- the target is to award the scholarship before Summer;
- an award recommendation will be forwarded for Council approval; and
- the recipient will be invited to a Council meeting in June;
- four applications have been received so far, and the program has received good feedback.

The Committee recommended forwarding scholarship information to Charles Best Secondary School and Gleneagle Secondary School as well.

## **5. Information**

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## **Staff Updates**

- 5.1 The Committee Coordinator noted that the Committee's 2020/2021 Work Plan has been approved by Council.

## **6. Adjournment**

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- 6.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:21pm.