



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Youth Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Focus Committee held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 via Zoom.

#### **Present**

Nathan Piasecki, Chair  
Nyah Courchesne, Vice-Chair  
Roxanna Ferdowsi  
Esme Harris  
Nicole Leng (arrived at 5:14pm)  
Raag Nair  
Palak Sharma  
Sarah Wong  
Jennifer Zhang  
Chris Zhao (arrived at 5:16pm)

#### **Absent**

Daniel Dian (Regrets)  
Arun Ghag (Regrets)  
Chloe Goodison (Regrets)  
Pedram Moshirfatemi (Regrets)

#### **In Attendance**

Councillor Steve Milani – Council Representative  
Corina Lefebvre – Recreation Programmer  
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator  
Mayor Rob Vagramov – Alternate Council Representative

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

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#### **Call to Order**

1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

#### **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 YFC21/007**

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 be adopted.**

### 3. Unfinished Business

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### 4. New Business

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#### **Youth Scholarship Selection Process**

#### 4.1 The Recreation Programmer noted the following:

- the Youth Scholarship application deadline was April 6, 2021; many applications were received during the last three days;
- 35 applications were received in total, and could take some time to read through;
- the next step is to create a Subcommittee responsible for the selection process, including creating a scoring rubric;
- Subcommittee members will score anonymous applications, with the applicant with the highest score being the successful candidate;
- the pandemic creates a challenge for subcommittee members to meet; last year the selection process was managed by staff members; and
- the selection process should begin next week.

The Committee suggested that it an in-person evaluation would be easier and more efficient, and suggested that the selection process could take place at an outdoor location to maintain social distancing, such as a place with outdoor tables.

The Recreation Programmer suggested that a large room in the Recreation complex, such as the gymnasium or the wellness room, with tables distanced appropriately apart, could also serve this purpose.

The Committee recommended Friday, April 23, 2021 at 11:00am as the meeting date and time for the Subcommittee.

#### YFC21/008

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Youth Scholarship Selection Subcommittee be formed with the following members:**

- **Nyah Courchesne**
- **Roxanna Ferdowski**
- **Nicole Lang**
- **Raag Nair**
- **Palak Sharma**
- **Sarah Wong**
- **Chris Zhao**

**Planning – Orange  
Shirt Day  
(September 30, 2021)**

4.2 The Committee noted the following:

- Orange Shirt Day has been recognized by the City on social media and billboards in previous years, encouraging residents to wear orange for the day;
- the Committee can invite Indigenous speakers to communicate the significance of the day on the City's website or social media, with an invitation to also present to the Committee; and
- planning work should be done between April and June to be ready for September, as the Committee does not meet in July and August.

The Recreation Programmer noted the following:

- the Pink Shirt day Subcommittee had good ideas that can also be incorporated into Orange Shirt Day planning;
- use social media, and engage the local news, school art departments, and businesses to recruit local artists to submit small drawings ("Kindness cards") that can be sold to raise funds for Orange Shirt Day causes;
- create messaging and imaging around the meaning of Orange Shirt Day; and
- consider doing a larger scale event, which will take more time to plan.

The Committee suggested creating an Orange Shirt Day photo, recruiting local Indigenous artists to create art cards, reviewing what the Library put together for Black History Month as an example, recruiting local Indigenous speakers, and planning live stories on the City's social media accounts.

YFC21/009

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Orange Shirt Day Subcommittee be formed with the following members:**

- **Roxana Ferdowski**
- **Chloe Goodison**
- **Nathan Piasecki**
- **Palak Sharma**
- **Sarah Wong**
- **Chris Zhao**

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5. Information

**Staff Updates**

5.1 There were no staff updates.

Cllr. Milani noted that the virtual premiere of Gleneagle Secondary's Talk to Me Conference on mental health, with the theme of "Initiating empowerment, giving power to all", will take

place on April 25, 2021, at 7:00pm.

## 6. Adjournment

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6.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:49pm.