



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Youth Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Focus Committee held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

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

Absent

Nyah Courchesne, Vice-Chair
Daniel Dian (Regrets)
Roxanna Ferdowsi (Regrets)
Raag Nair (Regrets)
Palak Sharma (Regrets)

In Attendance

Jess Daniels – Policy Planner
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Councillor Steve Milani – Council Representative
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator
Mayor Rob Vagramov – Alternate Council Representative

1. Call to Order

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- 1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:16pm.

Acknowledgement of Unceded Territories

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

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

- 2.1 YFC21/010
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Official Community Plan Update

4.1 Presentation: Jess Daniels, Policy Planner

The Policy Planner gave a presentation regarding the Official Community Plan (OCP) update, noting the following:

- the OCP review started in Fall 2019; the last comprehensive update of the OCP was undertaken in 2014;
- the OCP guides the City's decisions regarding transportation, housing, environment, land use;
- residents can share ideas regarding the Port Moody 2050 OCP update on the Engage Port Moody platform;
- suggested topics for new OCP vision statements, based on community survey #1, include: clarifying the scale and type of developments desired, focusing on innovation and growth, and committing to protecting the environment, parks, and greenspace;
- community survey #2 is currently open until June 28, 2021;
- key topics identified by Council and community in the initial phases of public engagement include: population growth, community and recreation amenities, parks and green space, development and neighbourhood planning, Moody Centre revitalization, and economic development and employment;
- youth are invited to participate in the OCP update; however, the online survey is currently available for residents age 19 and up only;
- paper surveys can be made available at convenient locations, and a virtual workshop/forum can also be conducted; and
- the paper survey would take around 10-15 minutes to complete.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- consider partnering with schools and principals to provide paper and online forms;
- supplement the survey with curriculum that teaches about the OCP;
- reach out to teachers who teach in subjects relevant to the OCP's sustainability goals;
- reach out to the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) program as some students are looking for volunteering experiences;

- career resource teachers can also broadcast volunteering opportunities;
- the restricted online survey is a barrier, as youth may not go out of their way to access and complete the survey; having paper surveys available in schools or online can encourage them to participate;
- a deposit box can be provided with the physical forms, and staff can pick up the boxes with completed surveys at regular intervals;
- include middle schools and the Recreation complex for physical form distribution;
- including a virtual workshop/forum on the OCP in the school curriculum could result in a higher turnout;
- a video contest could be a good idea, but may not see significant participation;
- consider using “ambassadors” with mobile technology that can solicit and record verbal feedback from users at the skate park or at Rocky Point Park;
- partnering with local business to provide incentives and prizes for participating, such as through a raffle draw, could increase response rate;
- partnering with local businesses to provide grants to high school students as potential prizes could also increase participation;
- contact youth-affiliated organizations so they can broadcast the survey, including the City’s volunteer pool; Recreation staff, the Library, Eagle Ridge Hospital; SHARE food bank, Rocky Point Ice Cream, and the School District 43 student leadership council;
- simplify the physical form so that it takes less time to complete, or have a separate form to cater to the youth audience, or have different forms that target different demographics with more focused questions;
- when conditions permit, set up a tent with paper forms, and offer candy, prizes, and other incentives; a longer form would take a greater incentive; and
- a subcommittee can help to advertise the engagement opportunity.

Staff noted that a Subcommittee can provide assistance into Fall 2021, and that Communications staff can provide input on how a subcommittee can help.

YFC21/011

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the OCP Engagement Subcommittee be formed with the following members:

- **Arun Ghag**
- **Nicole Leng**
- **Pedram Moshirfatemi**
- **Chris Zhao**

**Youth Scholarship
Selection Update**

4.2 The Youth Scholarship Subcommittee noted the following:

- the Subcommittee met for three hours, reviewed all applications, shortlisted three top candidates and identified one top candidate;
- all applicants are very accomplished and all very deserving of scholarships; and
- a closed meeting will be held at the next Committee meeting to review the recommended top candidate, with a request for the Committee to nominate the individual for the Youth Scholarship for Council's consideration.

Staff thanked the Subcommittee members for their work in reviewing the large volume of applications.

**Orange Shirt Day
Subcommittee
Update and Planning**

4.3 The Orange Shirt Day Subcommittee noted the following:

- the Subcommittee narrowed potential events to three options: an orange shirt photo similar to last year's collage; a library social media takeover, similar to Black History Month; and an information booth with a live speaker for an in-person event, which can be broadcast as a live event on social media;
- the next steps include consulting with a Port Moody-based Indigenous voice, and seeking an Indigenous speaker at the event;
- the Subcommittee can contact Ms. Tasha Faye Evans for a recommendation for a youth Indigenous voice; and
- the Subcommittee can also reach out to the Tri-Cities Aboriginal Youth Council for assistance.

5. Information

Staff Updates

5.1 The Committee Coordinator advised that advertising will begin shortly for recruitment of the next Committee term.

6. Adjournment

6.1 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:02pm.