



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: June 25, 2021  
Submitted by: Youth Focus Committee  
Subject: 2020-2021 Annual Report – Youth Focus Committee

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### Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2020-2021 Youth Focus Committee.

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### Recommended Resolution

**THAT the report dated June 25, 2021 from the Youth Focus Committee regarding 2020-2021 Annual Report – Youth Focus Committee be received for information.**

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### Committee Mandate

The purpose of the Youth Focus Committee is to provide recommendations and advice on youth issues, strategies, and initiatives in the following areas:

- short-, medium-, and long-term goals to deal with youth issues;
- opportunities for strengthening the City's existing programs and services;
- current and future trends that may influence the delivery of youth services;
- opportunities for corporate alliances;
- youth issues, strategies, and initiatives;
- any other matters referred by Council; and
- other areas identified by the Committee for approval by Council.

### Meeting and Attendance

The Youth Focus Committee met monthly between September 2020 and June 2021, with the exception of December due to a lack of quorum.

The following members, representing a diverse range of knowledge and experience relevant the Youth Focus Committee were appointed:

- Nyah Courchesne;
- Daniel Dian;
- Roxanna Ferdowsi;
- Arun Ghag;
- Chloe Goodison;

- Esme Harris;
- Nicole Leng;
- Pedram Moshirfatemi;
- Raag Nair;
- Nathan Piasecki;
- Palak Sharma;
- Sarah Wong;
- Jennifer Zhang; and
- Chris Zhao.

Corina Lefebvre, Recreation Coordinator, and Jim LaCroix, Manager of Recreation, served as the primary staff liaisons to the Committee. Jennifer Mills and Philip Lo served as the Committee Coordinators.

## Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2020-2021 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on February 9, 2021. The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2020-2021 by the Youth Focus Committee (a complete list of motions from 2020-2021, along with the status of each, is included in **Attachment 1**).

### Pink Shirt Day

The Pink Shirt Day Subcommittee coordinated a social media campaign, involving a photo collage of Committee members holding up letters spelling “Stop Bullying”, which was posted on the City’s Instagram account. The goal was to send a message to encourage people to wear pink shirts on February 24, 2021.

### Black History Month

The Black History Month Subcommittee partnered with the Port Moody Public Library, in collecting and sharing information regarding Black Canadian authors, their works, and biographies. This information was compiled and shared on the City’s social media accounts.

### Youth Scholarship

The City received a record number of applicants in 2021 for the Port Moody Youth Scholarship. A subcommittee was formed to review all applicants, using the scoring rubric; the three top candidates were shortlisted, and one top candidate was identified. At the June Committee meeting, a motion was passed to have the selected recipient approved by Council. Cheque presentation is scheduled for the Regular Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

### Youth Outdoor Recreation

An initiative that came to the Youth Focus Committee from the Parks and Recreation Commission, with the goal being to offer more outdoor recreation and activity targeted at youth. Some recommendations that came from this discussion were expanding outdoor spaces/activities; more specifically, creating more mountain biking trails, volleyball courts, expanding spray parks, geocaching, expanding the skateboard park, more ball and roller hockey boxes, parkour, and outdoor table tennis.

### Orange Shirt Day

This year's Orange Shirt Day will be recognized on September 30, 2021. The Youth Focus Committee formed a subcommittee to start planning and preparing for this. Some of their ideas include creating a kindness e-card with artwork from a local Indigenous artist and focusing on themes such as reconciliation and connection.

### Meeting in Council Chambers

The Committee was not able to hold a meeting in Council Chambers this year as the Inlet Theatre was closed due to COVID-19.

### **Attachment**

1. 2020-2021 Youth Focus Committee Resolutions.

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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:

Tracey Takahashi, Deputy Corporate Officer - Sep 13, 2021 - 4:40 PM

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Natasha Vander Wal for Rosemary Lodge, Manager of Communications and Engagement - Sep 15, 2021 - 8:14 AM

Paul Rockwood, General Manager of Finance and Technology - Sep 17, 2021 - 10:59 AM

Tim Savoie, City Manager - Sep 20, 2021 - 2:18 PM