



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: October 26, 2021  
Submitted by: Environmental Protection Committee  
Subject: Input on the Culvert Report

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### Purpose

To provide Council with information regarding a resolution passed by the Environmental Protection Committee regarding a review of the Culvert Report.

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### Recommended Resolution

**THAT the report dated October 26, 2021 from the Environmental Protection Committee regarding Input on the Culvert Report be received for information.**

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### Background

At the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2021, a report from Councillor Milani on the use of culverts in residential redevelopment was referred to the Environmental Protection Committee for review and comment. At the September 20, 2021 Environmental Protection Committee meeting, the Committee received presentations related to watercourses and regulatory requirements for instream works and culverting from the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (**Attachment 1**), the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (**Attachment 2**), and staff (**Attachment 3**). At the October 18, 2021 Environmental Protection Committee meeting, the Committee undertook a roundtable discussion on issues related to culverting and passed the following resolution:

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THAT an update about information on ditches, culverts, and jurisdiction be provided to Council;

AND THAT the presentation on the progress on the recommendations on the Moody Centre Stormwater Management Servicing Plan be forwarded to Council for information;

AND THAT education about the benefits of different watercourse and ditch options be provided to the public;

AND THAT provincial support for homeowners in order to implement green infrastructure projects for compensation in the City of Port Moody be explored.

## Discussion

The Environmental Protection Committee suggested that Council receive the information that was presented to the Committee and noted that adding further discussion on the culverting report to the Committee's work plan would negatively impact progress on other work plan items. As identified in the [Moody Centre Stormwater Management Servicing Plan](#), the Committee advised that the information about the classification of ditches in City documentation is inconsistent, including the Chines Integrated Stormwater Management Plan, the Official Community Plan, and Zoning Bylaw. The Committee highlighted the increasing importance of ditches and watercourses to manage watersheds and stormwater, flooding, and to support biodiversity due to climate change. The Committee noted that these features can be very challenging to manage during the redevelopment process and that costs associated with enclosures of some watercourses are high.

## Other Options

1. THAT the report dated October 26, 2021 from the Environmental Protection Committee regarding Input on the Culvert Report be referred to staff for information.
2. THAT the report dated October 26, 2021 from the Environmental Protection Committee regarding Input on the Culvert Report 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

Input on the Culvert Report aligns with the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan Objectives:

- expand and enhance policies to guide environmental goals and sustainability programs;
- provide leadership in climate change by thinking globally and acting locally; and
- provide the public with transparent and open government, and opportunities to provide input in City issues.

## Attachments

1. Presentation, Water Sustainability Act and Local Government, dated September 20, 2021.
2. Presentation, Amended Fisheries Act, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Provisions.
3. Presentation, Culverting Policy, dated September 20, 2021.
4. Report, Environmental Services Department, dated December 1, 1997.

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## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Input on the Culvert Report.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Attachment 1 - Presentation, Water Sustainability Act and Local Government, dated September 20, 2021.pdf</li><li>- Attachment 2 - Presentation, Amended Fisheries Act, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Provisions.pdf</li><li>- Attachment 3 - Presentation, Culverting Policy, dated September 20, 2021.pdf</li><li>- Attachment 4 - Report, Environmental Services Department, dated December 1, 1997.pdf</li></ul>
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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