



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Youth Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Focus Committee held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

Eleanor Wang, Chair
Arun Ghag, Vice-Chair
Clara Beckwith-Jamieson
Esme Harris
Nicole Leng (arrived at 5:33pm)
Amber Leung
Emily Qin
Daniel Seo
Leah Song
Troy Tjia
Chris Zhao

Absent

Roxanna Ferdowsi
Ruby Goodison
Councillor Steve Milani – Council Representative
Geet Nair
Toby Pham

In Attendance

Esin Gozukara – Committee Coordinator
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Corina Lefebvre – Recreation Coordinator
Jennifer Mills – 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 5:09pm.

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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- 2.1 YFC21/017
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held Wednesday, September 8, 2021 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Elections

- 4.1 The Recreation Coordinator provided an overview of the duties of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Parks and Recreation Commission Representative, and requested that interested Committee members provide an overview of their backgrounds and what they hope to accomplish if elected.

Eleanor Wang and Arun Ghag were acclaimed as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Committee members elected the Parks and Recreation Commission Representative through a secret ballot. Staff verified voting results and noted that Leah Song had been elected Parks and Recreation Commission Representative.

YFC21/018

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the following Youth Focus Committee appointments be approved:

- **Chair – Eleanor Wang;**
- **Vice-Chair – Arun Ghag; and**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission Representative – Leah Song.**

Orange Shirt Day

- 4.2 Eleanor Wang assumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

Arun Ghag provided an update on Orange Shirt Day, and the following was noted:

- pictures of Committee members wearing orange shirts were posted on @pomoyouth and @cityofpomo;
- educational resources about Orange Shirt Day were compiled and shared with the social media posts; and
- there was great participation and interaction.

2021-2022 Work Plan

4.3 Attachments:

- a) 2020-2021 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan
- b) 2020-2021 Youth Focus Committee Annual Report

The Recreation Coordinator provided an overview of the draft 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan, noting that the Work Plan requires development and approval by Council. The Recreation Coordinator requested feedback from the Committee regarding the Work Plan, and the following was noted:

- a brainstorming session about political issues could be scheduled in March;
- an Earth Day event could be scheduled in April, including the formation of a subcommittee for planning in February, and a mural contest;
- a gender awareness and education event could be scheduled in March to align with Gender Equality Month;
- partnership with School District 43 and their Student Leadership Council should be considered; and
- a request to Library Board for longer hours of operation could be undertaken in November.

YFC21/019

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Youth Sports Award nomination period be reviewed for opportunities to move the nomination period away from the summer.

Emily Qin left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Action: The Recreation Coordinator to incorporate the Committee's feedback and include the updated draft 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan in November's agenda package.

5. Information

Staff Updates

5.1 There were no staff updates at this time.

British Columbia Youth Parliament Information

5.2 Attachments:

- a) British Columbia Youth Parliament Application Package and Background Information
- b) British Columbia Youth Parliament Brochure
- c) British Columbia Youth Parliament Poster

The Recreation Coordinator provided an overview of the British Columbia Youth Parliament information and encouraged

Committee members to review the included material and submit their applications for British Columbia Youth Parliament.

Troy Tija left the meeting at this point and did not return.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:16pm.