



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Youth Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Focus Committee held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

Eleanor Wang, Chair
Arun Ghag, Vice-Chair
Clara Beckwith-Jamieson
Nicole Leng (arrived at 5:28pm)
Amber Leung
Geet Nair
Daniel Seo
Leah Song
Troy Tjia

Absent

Esme Harris (Regrets)
Toby Pham
Emily Qin (Regrets)
Chris Zhao

In Attendance

Esin Gozukara – Committee Coordinator
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Corina Lefebvre – Recreation Coordinator
Councillor Steve Milani – Council Representative
Mayor Rob Vagramov – Alternate Council Representative
(arrived at 5:31pm)

1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

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 YFC21/020

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held Wednesday, October 13, 2021 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

2021-2022 Work Plan

4.1 Attachment: Youth Focus Committee Draft 2021-2022 Work Plan Calendar

The Recreation Coordinator provided an overview of the Draft 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan.

YFC21/021

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan be approved.

Request to Library Board – Extension of Hours of Operation

4.2 The Committee noted that a request to the Library Board for longer hours of operation was to be undertaken in November.

YFC21/022

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Library Board consider extending the Library hours of operation.

Pink Shirt Day Event

4.3 The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- a photo collage that included a photo of Committee members wearing pink shirts was posted on the City’s social media accounts for Pink Shirt Day 2020;
- an art mural competition, with kindness as an overarching theme, will be organized by the Committee and include participation from School District No. 43 (SD43) students;
- the art mural competition will be a project for Youth Week 2022 and is scheduled to be announced in January 2022;
- the art mural competition outreach efforts could include contacting SD43 schools, art clubs, and art teachers, the Port Moody Arts Centre, and art studios in Port Moody;
- the City social media channels could be used for promotion of the art mural competition;
- a Pink Shirt Day information package could be created and included in the art mural competition information package; and
- a Pink Shirt Day Event Working Group could be formed to undertake further organization of the event.

YFC21/023

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

That the following Youth Focus Committee members be appointed to the Pink Shirt Day Event Working Group:

- **Arun Ghag – Chair;**
- **Clara Beckwith-Jamieson;**
- **Nicole Leng; and**
- **Leah Song.**

Black History Month

4.4 The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- due to time constraints and COVID-19 limitations, organizing a large-scale event would be challenging, and weather conditions in February are not favourable for a sport event;
- fundraising opportunities could be explored, and the money collected could be donated to organizations that the Committee supports;
- in coordination with the Port Moody Library, a read-a-thon could be organized, and bookmarks featuring Black Canadian authors could be distributed to the participants; and
- further organization of this event could be undertaken by a Black History Month Working Group.

YFC21/024

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the following Youth Focus Committee members be appointed to the Black History Month Working Group:

- **Amber Leung; and**
- **Leah Song.**

5. Information

Staff Updates

5.1 The Council Representative, Councillor Steve Milani proposed the following motion:

THAT the Youth Focus Committee requests a return to City Hall for in-person meetings starting January of 2022.

Note from staff: as a non-voting member of the Committee, Councillor Milani cannot make or second motions, and the Committee cannot discuss an item that is not on the agenda without first adding it to the agenda with a unanimous vote. Should the Youth Focus Committee wish to discuss the above item, it must be added to a future agenda for committee consideration.

The Manager of Recreation advised that the report for the Youth Sports Award Nomination Period was referred to staff for action, and that staff are preparing their recommendations to Council.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:09pm.