

City of Port Moody Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: January 20, 2022

Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division

Subject: Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Strategy

Purpose

This report seeks Council endorsement of the Public Engagement Strategy being proposed by staff for the Urban Forest Management Strategy.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Strategy be endorsed as recommended in the report dated January 20, 2022 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Strategy.

Background

The purpose of the Urban Forest Management Strategy is to provide the City with clear direction in future decisions and management of the urban forest through the development of a vision, values, benefits, principles, goals, objectives, and recommendations. The implementation of the Urban Forest Management Strategy will plan and provide for the long-term protection and sustainable management of trees within the City. The management of urban forests in Port Moody will create a resilient urban forest on both public and private land. The scope of the strategy includes street trees, specimen trees, and native forests in parks and greenbelts throughout all parts of the City.

Discussion

The project started in November 2021 and is currently in the phase one – Background Research and Review. To facilitate public and stakeholder engagement and consultation for this project, staff have prepared the Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Strategy (**Attachment 1**) dated January 20, 2022 for Council review and endorsement.

Other Option(s)

THAT staff be directed to report back on alternative approaches to public consultation.

*It should be noted that reporting back on alternative approaches to consultation could result in delays to the overall project.

Financial Implications

The anticipated costs of the proposed public engagement activities are already accounted for within the approved project budget and, as such, there are no additional financial implications.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

If Council approves the engagement plan, staff will work with the project consultant to implement the attached strategy. A public engagement summary will be presented to Council, and input collected from the public will be used to inform the development of the Urban Forest Management Strategy.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

This project aligns with the following Strategic Plan Objectives:

Environmental Leadership

- Maintain and enhance Port Moody's natural and built assets while reducing the impact on our planet.
- Expand and enhance policies to guide environmental goals and sustainability programs.
- Provide leadership in climate change by thinking globally and acting locally.

Attachment(s)

1. Urban Forest Management Strategy – Public Engagement Strategy.

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Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - Urban Forest Management Strategy - Public Engagement Strategy.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Kim Law, Manager of Project Delivery Services - Jan 20, 2022 - 5:03 PM

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