



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Youth Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Focus Committee held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 via Zoom.

Present

Arun Ghag, Vice-Chair
Clara Beckwith-Jamieson
Amber Leung
Daniel Seo
Leah Song
Troy Tjia
Chris Zhao
Ryan Zhou

Absent

Eleanor Wang, Chair (Regrets)
Alaire Chen (Regrets)
Esme Harris (Regrets)
Joseph Kim (Regrets)
Nicole Leng (Regrets)
Geet Nair (Regrets)
Mayor Rob Vagramov – Alternate Council Representative

In Attendance

Esin Gozukara – Committee Coordinator
Geoffrey Keyworth – Transportation Engineer
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Corina Lefebvre – Recreation Coordinator
Councillor Steve Milani – Council Representative
Marc Saunders – Director of Library Services

1. Call to Order

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- 1.1 The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

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 YFC22/003
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held Wednesday, January 12, 2022 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Extension of Library Hours

4.1 Marc Saunders, Director of Library Services

The Director of Library Services noted the following:

- the Library Board is open to recommendations and suggestions from everyone, especially from young residents of the city;
- there is a proposal to shift hours from Friday evenings to Sunday mornings to accommodate this request in a cost neutral way;
- the proposal puts forward a 6 pm closure on Friday evenings to facilitate an earlier opening on Sundays; and
- the Committee's feedback and suggestions will be shared with the Library Board.

The Committee noted the following:

- the Library opens at 1 pm on Sundays, and this creates challenges for students using the Library for studying, therefore changing the opening time to 10 am on Sundays would be desirable; and
- borrowing and other services' hours could be adjusted to ensure that the Library is open for studying for longer hours.

Mr. Saunders left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Master Transportation Plan Update Engagement Strategy

4.2 Presentation: Geoffrey Keyworth, Transportation Engineer To be distributed on-table.

The Transportation Engineer gave a presentation on Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Update Engagement Strategy, and noted the following:

- a simplified version of the MTP can be found on the City's website;
- the City is in the process of updating the MTP, and staff is in search of ways to increase youth engagement in this process; and
- a virtual public engagement kick-off event for the MTP update is scheduled for mid-March 2022, and the staff is interested to hear the ideas of the city's youth.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- having reliable transit options is important for students, some students in Port Moody schools come from out of catchment and use buses to get around;
- buses are not the most effective way to commute as they are not frequent enough in some areas, and taking transit takes a longer time than driving when commuting to and from school;
- bus schedules should be posted on every transit pole considering a lack of access to data plans or phones;
- encouraging people to increase their bike usage would be beneficial;
- young residents of the city may not feel comfortable biking on the main roads due to the volume of traffic, and separated bike lanes may increase the sense of safety when biking;
- consideration should be given to incentivizing people to take transit more often, and lowering transit fares;
- the majority of the students taking transit are over 12 years old, therefore transit is not free for them, and they need further incentives to use transit more often;
- getting learner's and novice driver's licences is important as driving provides independence;
- purchasing a car and using it on a regular basis may be cost-prohibitive for some youth;
- some streets could benefit from better lighting as a safety measure, especially during fall and winter;
- transit options should be expanded to help convince people to use more sustainable options;
- designing a survey with incentives to complete, sharing this survey through social media platforms, and connecting with the teachers and schools in the city may help to increase youth engagement in the MTP update process; and
- contacting climate or conservation volunteering organizations and connecting with the youth volunteers there may also be useful.

The Transportation Engineer left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Black History Month 4.3 Black History Month Working Group

The Black History Month Working Group noted that Library staff have confirmed the space for displaying a book collection with popular Black authors, and the book list for this display is being finalized. The Recreation Coordinator offered assistance with scheduling the social media posts and preparing the pamphlets.

Pink Shirt Day

4.4 Pink Shirt Day Working Group

The Pink Shirt Day Working Group noted that the following:

- social media posts, including the Committee members' pictures wearing pink shirts, and accompanying educational resources about the Day are being finalized;
- the poster board competition will be announced a week after Pink Shirt Day;
- submissions for the poster board competition are required to be prepared on letter sized paper, and either a hard copy or a digital copy will be accepted; and
- these submissions will be used to create a collage board that is scheduled to be revealed during the 2022 Youth Week.

Youth Week/Tri-City REACH Awards

4.5 Corina Lefebvre, Recreation Coordinator

The Recreation Coordinator noted that the Youth Leader Team in the Recreation Department is in the early stages of planning a micro event for 2022 Youth Week, and the Committee will receive an update regarding this event as soon as possible. The Recreation Coordinator also noted that the Tri-City REACH Awards is cancelled for 2022.

Earth Day Event Planning

4.6 The Committee noted that Port Moody businesses that have sustainable practices or operate in an environmentally friendly way can be highlighted on Earth Day, and the Working Group will start planning for this day.

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Amber Leung and Arun Ghag be appointed to the Earth Day Event Working Group.

5. Information

Staff Updates

5.1 There were no staff updates at this time.

6. Adjournment

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:11pm.