



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Youth Focus Committee

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

Present

Eleanor Wang, Chair (left at 5:37pm)
Arun Ghag, Vice-Chair
Clara Beckwith-Jamieson
Esme Harris
Nicole Leng
Amber Leung
Leah Song
Ryan Zhou

Absent

Alaire Chen
Geet Nair
Daniel Seo
Troy Tija (Regrets)
Mayor Rob Vagramov – Alternate Council Representative
Chris Zhao

In Attendance

Esin Gozukara – Committee Coordinator
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Corina Lefebvre – Recreation Coordinator
Councillor Steve Milani – Council Representative

1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

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 YFC22/005
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held Wednesday, February 9, 2022 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Pink Shirt Day Artwork/Mural Update

4.1 Pink Shirt Day Event Working Group

The Pink Shirt Day Event Working Group noted the following:

- an email and a poster that include the details about the art competition were prepared to be distributed to art organizations and schools in Port Moody;
- youth living in or attending a school in the city can participate in the competition;
- submissions will be reviewed by the Working Group, and the art collage will be created from selected submissions; and
- the collage will be on display at the Recreation Complex.

Gender Equality Month Event Update

4.2 Gender Equality Month Event Working Group

The Gender Equality Month Event Working Group noted that the members were not able to get together to plan the event and advised that this event could be organized by the Committee next term.

Political Issues Brainstorming

4.3 The Committee noted the following:

- some members have received pre-registration for voting notices for the Local Elections in 2022, and participating in local elections in the future is important;
- having access to more resources about diversity and inclusion and anti-racism for youth to educate themselves is desirable;
- bullying and intervention prevention, and diversity, equity, and inclusion courses are available through Red Cross and are taught by students, and advocating for these courses could be valuable for the entire community;
- organizing a forum to talk about political issues and other problems affecting youth could be beneficial; and
- the Committee could review the early survey results for the City's Youth Strategy and make recommendations for next term.

The Chair left the meeting at this point and did not return. The Vice-Chair assumed the role of presiding member at this point.

YFC22/006

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the following topics be included in the 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Annual Report Suggested Focus Areas for Next Term:

- importance of pre-registration for voting;
- equity and diversity roundtable organized by the Committee;
- an initiative to make Red Cross courses mandatory in schools;
- an annual conference with youth living or studying in Port Moody; and
- themes that will emerge from the Youth Strategy Survey.

5. Information

Staff Updates

- 5.1 The Recreation Coordinator noted that the Earth Day event preparations are underway, and the members are encouraged to make additions to the list of sustainable businesses in Port Moody.

6. Adjournment

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm.