

Community Well-Being Guidelines

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Project Origin:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Motion #CW21/118 and RC22/036 as amended by RC22/037 <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Initiated <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Priority Area:	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional Service <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthy City <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Evolution
Strategic Alignment	Objective & Action 3.2 – Ensure plans and programs take into account the diverse needs of residents and factors related to age and other demographics such as income, languages, housing types and abilities.
Proposed Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority Level 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priority Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Priority Level 3

Project Description

To develop Community Well-Being Guidelines for multi-family buildings in Port Moody with the assistance of a consultant. The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that all new development projects are designed to support the physical, mental, and social health of residents, and to advance equity and connectedness in the Port Moody community.

Relevant Background

At the October 5, 2021, Special Council (Committee of the Whole) meeting, the following resolutions were passed:

CW21/118

WHEREAS Council has prioritized “healthy city” considerations for the evolution of Port Moody, and has often cited and shared ideas aimed at supporting social cohesion and mental wellbeing in our community;

AND WHEREAS developers welcome and benefit from getting clarity up front about goals and expectations in this regard before proposals go to Council;

AND WHEREAS Port Moody has established an advisory panel of design experts well suited to help us in proposing and assessing healthy-city guidelines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Advisory Design Panel to strike a working group that, working in collaboration with staff, shall draft for Council consideration a set of proposed guidelines to enhance social cohesion and support general resident wellbeing and mental health in the design of new multi-family buildings, including

townhouse developments, smaller multi-family unit buildings, and high-rises, as recommended in the report dated May 15, 2021 from Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Developing Social and Mental Health Wellbeing Guidelines for Buildings in Port Moody."

At the January 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, the following resolutions were passed:

RC22/036 as amended by RC22/037

THAT a working group comprised of City staff and community volunteers, including members of the Advisory Design Panel, be established to determine scope and deliverables;

AND THAT the Project be returned to Council with an estimated budget following the working group meeting;

AND THAT the Project be added to the Strategic Plan for prioritization;

AND THAT a consultant be retained to undertake the work;

AND THAT feedback and support for the consultant on the Social and Mental Health Wellbeing Guidelines work plan be provided by the Advisory Design Panel.

On August 9, 2022, the City of Port Moody was awarded a Healthy Public Policy Grant from PlanH Healthy Communities Fund - BC Health Communities Society (BCHC) to undertake the Community Well-Being Guidelines project with support from a consultant.

Project Objectives

- Develop Community Well-Being Guidelines, which will encourage health, well-being and community connectedness for all residents across Port Moody, and helps to ensure the sustainable and affordable growth of our community.
- Support the building of connected communities with design features that promote physical, mental and social well-being to remove barriers and support community participation for all residents.
- Engage diverse partner voices and perspectives in the multi-sector committee and key stakeholder interviews.
- Advance equity and support equity-seeking groups in the development of the Community Well-Being Guidelines (e.g., detail aspects of the built environment that can support these groups, including access to local services and green space, active transportation, and accessibility).
- Identify opportunities to integrate Community Well-Being Guidelines into existing and new regulatory tools to guide new developments and community growth.

Scope	
In Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background research on key aspects of the built environment identified in the current academic and grey literature, and best practices in other jurisdictions related to the development of the Community Well-Being guidelines. - Background research on equity frameworks and examples to identify key equity considerations for the built environment to be incorporated into the Community Well-Being Guidelines. - Establish, coordinate, and facilitate a collaborative multi-sector committee with members of the Port Moody Citizens Advisory Group, the Port Moody Advisory Design Panel, Fraser Health, City staff from Development and Policy Planning, and BC Healthy Communities. - Workshop with the multi-sector committee to co-create a policy framework for the Community Well-Being Guidelines. - Stakeholder interviews with Development and Planning staff, professionals participating on the Advisory Design Panel, and representatives from the development community. - Develop the draft Community Well-Being Guidelines and evaluate them against recent development applications in the City. - Present the findings and draft Community Well-Being Guidelines to the multi-sector committee and incorporate revisions as necessary. - Make recommendations on potential integration with other regulatory tools (e.g. Official Community Plan, zoning bylaw, Sustainability Report Card, etc.). - Present Community Well-Being Guidelines at the Tri-Cities Healthier Community Partnership to encourage regional learnings with other local governments
Out of Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community-wide engagement - Related amendments to the OCP, zoning bylaw, Sustainability Report Card

Work Plan Overview	
Project start date: September 2022	Project end date: September 2023
<i>Deliverable/Milestone:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
Conduct background research	September 2022
Establish multi-sector committee	October 2022
Facilitate Workshop & quarterly Committee meetings	November 2022
Conduct stakeholder interviews	February 2023
Draft guidelines	May 2023

Summarize learnings to develop draft guidelines; share guidelines with multisector committee	May 2023
Evaluate/pilot guidelines and revise as necessary	July 2023
Report to Council for endorsement of guidelines	September 2023

Budget	
Budget Source: Plan H Healthy Communities Fund (BC Health Communities Society)	
Background research, project management, facilitated workshop and multi-sector committee meetings, development of guidelines	\$15,000 (consultant)
Policy Planning staff time	\$5,000 (in-kind)

Decision Notes (Corporate Planning Advisor use only)		
Date	Meeting	Decision