



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: November 9, 2022
Submitted by: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division
Subject: Community Dialogues Update – Port Moody 2050

Purpose

To provide an update on the upcoming Port Moody 2050 community dialogue sessions and next steps in the OCP process.

Recommended Resolutions

THAT the report dated November 9, 2022 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Community Dialogues Update – Port Moody 2050 be received for information;

AND THAT a budget of up to \$5,000.00 be approved from Council Contingency to facilitate a virtual community dialogue session in addition to the three in-person sessions as recommended in the report dated November 9, 2022 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Community Dialogues Update – Port Moody 2050;

AND THAT staff be directed to host a Seaview neighbourhood workshop at a cost of up to \$5,000 to be funded from Council Contingency.

Background

Port Moody 2050 is a process to update the City's Official Community Plan (OCP) that began in fall 2020. OCP engagement to date has included online tools on the Engage Porty Moody project website, virtual visioning workshops, and three community surveys to inform the OCP vision and goals, key themes and topic areas, and land use scenarios.

At the February 1, 2022, Special Council Meeting, Council directed staff to broaden the engagement process to include community dialogue sessions with residents on general themes identified by the community and Council, including implications of these themes on specific neighbourhoods (e.g. parks and open space, transit and traffic, community amenities, housing and housing types, employment and commercial services). The following resolutions were passed:

CW22/003

THAT the recommended approach for an interactive community engagement process as outlined in the report dated December 2, 2021, from the Community Development

Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Response to Interactive and Comprehensive Process Direction – OCP 2050 Update be endorsed;

AND THAT a budget of \$19,500 to facilitate an interactive engagement process for the OCP 2050 Update be approved and referred to the Finance Committee for identification of a funding source.

At the September 27, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, staff presented an engagement summary with OCP Survey No. 3 results and the following resolutions were passed:

RC22/296

THAT the report dated September 21, 2022 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding Official Community Plan Survey No. 3 (Land Use Scenarios) Engagement Summary be received for information;

AND THAT staff be directed to report back with an outline of how the survey results will inform next steps in the OCP Update process, including the upcoming OCP Community Dialogues.

Discussion

The community dialogues will provide an opportunity for the public to engage on topics and themes that emerged from the OCP community surveys prior to the completion of a draft OCP.

The purpose of the community dialogues is to:

- share engagement feedback to date, background information and emerging key directions;
- give participants an opportunity to discuss topics of interest and hear various perspectives; and
- bring the community together to encourage involvement in the OCP update and future opportunities.

Topics

The topics and subthemes identified for the community dialogues are included in **Attachment 1**. These topics were informed by general themes identified by the community and Council as well as the results of OCP Survey No. 3.

Format

Three community dialogues will be hosted in-person in January and February 2023 at different civic facilities, subject to availability, to encourage accessibility and broaden community participation. Each dialogue session will cover the same topics and include facilitated World Café discussions during a two-hour period. These topics include: parks and open space; transportation and mobility; city-provided community amenities; housing; economic development; and, neighbourhood character and building forms.

Each session will have themed-based dialogue tables with up to eight participants at each table. Conversations will be hosted in three rounds. In each round, participants will be invited to join a different table on a topic they are interested in and review the notes from the previous group

before building on what was discussed. Feedback will be recorded on a table worksheet with probing questions and maps available for reference.

Around the room, we will display "wallpaper" (information boards) corresponding to each topic area that will provide background information, past engagement findings and key OCP directions to elicit ideas and feedback. Before and after the rounds of discussion, participants will be encouraged to explore the wallpaper and share their comments, questions, and ideas on sticky notes.

At each venue, an area will be dedicated to receiving neighbourhood specific feedback on any topic. The sessions will conclude with an "Open House" where the project team will be available to answer questions and give participants more time to contribute feedback on the wallpaper.

Potential Virtual Session

To promote accessibility and flexibility for participants and taking into consideration the timing of the sessions over the flu season, staff recommend that the community dialogues include at least one virtual session. The cost of adding an additional virtual session is \$5,000.00. If this option is added there would be a total of four community dialogue sessions.

Alternatively, Council may wish to consider directing staff to host two in-person sessions and one virtual session within the current budget.

Potential Seaview Neighbourhood Workshop

As the OCP Survey No. 3 land use scenario results for Seaview were mixed. For this neighbourhood staff recommend hosting a neighbourhood specific workshop to dig deeper into community preferences for this area. Ideally this workshop would take place in-person at a local venue such as the Glenayre Community Centre. The format would include facilitated small group table discussions on a range of topics specific to Seaview including transportation, housing, neighbourhood character, parks, amenities and services. This workshop could take place in late February following the community dialogue sessions. The budget for a Seaview neighbourhood workshop is expected to be approximately \$5000.00.

Next Steps

The community dialogues component is the remaining engagement piece in the Port Moody 2050 process. Feedback from the community dialogues will be incorporated into the draft OCP which is expected to be prepared in Q2 2023.

Other Option

Instead of adding an additional virtual session, Council could choose to convert one of the in-person sessions to a virtual session (for a total of two in-person sessions and one virtual session) to be accommodated within the current budget.

Financial Implications

A budget of \$186,000 was approved to undertake a focussed OCP update for the four neighbourhood areas identified in the original project scope. As additional scope for the OCP update was directed, additional funding in the amount of \$42,000 for OCP Survey No. 3 and \$19,500 to facilitate an OCP interactive engagement process was approved.

To facilitate an additional virtual session as part of the community dialogues, an additional budget of \$5,000.00 is requested.

Should Council wish to proceed with a Seaview neighbourhood workshop, the cost is expected to be in the range of \$5000.00.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

The Communications and Engagement Strategy for the OCP Update was originally approved by Council on October 20, 2020 and has been expanded to incorporate additional engagement opportunities as directed by Council. The community dialogues will be open to the public and promoted via the following:

- Engage Port Moody – project website
- Port Moody e-newsletter
- Signage/Posters – at City Facilities
- Social media posts
- Invitations to stakeholder groups and civic committees
- Community events – distribution of materials, promotion

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The OCP update is consistent with the following components of the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan:

- Strategic Priority: Community Evolution;
- Objective: Ensure future community growth is carefully considered and strategically managed; and
- Action: Review the Official Community Plan regularly to ensure it aligns with the community vision.

Attachment

1. Proposed Community Dialogues Topics and Sub-themes.

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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