



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: November 7, 2022  
Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division  
Subject: Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Phase One Summary

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### Purpose

To update Council regarding Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement progress to date and inform on upcoming work on engagement.

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### Recommended Resolution(s)

**THAT the report dated November 7, 2022 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Phase One Summary be received for information.**

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### 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.

At the Regular Council meeting held on February 8, 2022, Council considered a report dated January 20, 2022 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Strategy and passed the following resolutions:

#### RC22/057

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;

AND THAT the Tree Protection Bylaw Update be included in the Urban Forest Management Strategy, including engagement.

AND THAT staff be directed to work with Fraser Health to highlight health and wellbeing elements of tree canopy in communication materials.

## Discussion

Staff worked with the consultant team from Diamond Head to implement the first round of engagement activities noted in the approved Public Engagement Strategy. Phase one of the Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Strategy has now been completed, and Diamond Head has provided the Urban Forest Management Strategy – Phase 1 Engagement Summary report dated October 2022 for Council review (**Attachment 1**).

Engagement activities completed in spring 2022 included:

- Public survey
- Mapping tool to share location value
- Online forum to share personal story
- Two public pop-up events
- In-person stakeholder workshop

The information boards at the pop-up events in Rocky Point and Bert Flinn Parks included information about the Tree Protection Bylaw, and the community survey included general questions related to tree removal and tree protection requirements. Input collected from the survey and at the pop-ups will inform both the development of the Urban Forest Management Strategy and the review of the Tree Protection Bylaw.

The next phase of public engagement is scheduled for early 2023 and will continue to gather feedback on the Strategy and including for long-term vision and implementation. A Council workshop is planned for early 2023.

## Other Option(s)

No other options identified at this time.

## Financial Implications

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

## Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Staff will continue to work with the project consultant to implement the approved public engagement strategy. A public engagement summary for remaining activities will be presented to Council, and input collected from the public will continue to 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.
- Expand and make the most of our parks and green spaces and design them to create positive and diverse experiences throughout the community.
- Provide leadership in climate change by thinking globally and acting locally.

### Healthy City

- Provide local services and access to amenities for residents of all ages and abilities.

### Community Evolution

- Ensure future community growth is carefully considered and strategically managed consistent with the targets approved in our Official Community Plan.
- Bring people together by activating public spaces.

### Attachment(s)

1. Urban Forest Management Strategy – Phase 1 Engagement Summary

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## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Phase One Summary.docx
Attachments:	- Urban Forest Management Strategy - Phase 1 Engagement Summary.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, Director of Environment and Parks - Nov 10, 2022 - 3:33 PM

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Stephanie Lam, City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services - Nov 14, 2022 - 8:42 AM

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