



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: April 10, 2023

Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division

Subject: Urban Forest Management Strategy – Draft Report Update

Purpose

To update Council regarding Urban Forest Management Strategy draft report status, receive Council's feedback on the draft Urban Forest Management Strategy, and to inform on upcoming work on public engagement.

Recommended Resolution

THAT the report dated April 10, 2023, from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Urban Forest Management Strategy – Draft Report Update be received for information.

Background

The purpose of the Urban Forest Management Strategy (UFMS) is to provide the City with 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 scope of the strategy includes street trees, specimen trees, and native forests in parks and greenbelts throughout all areas of the city.

At the Regular Council meeting held on November 22, 2022, Council considered a 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 and passed the following resolutions:

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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;

AND THAT Strata Corporations be invited to participate in order for the City to understand their concerns and informational needs for tree protection and urban forestry management.

Discussion

In early 2023, Diamond Head prepared the UFMS Public Engagement Phase One Summary and updates were shared with staff. Diamond Head also attended the Youth Focus Committee session in March 2023 to gain input from committee members to help inform the next draft report.

The project team has also begun engagement and consultation activities with First Nations. In early 2023, updated project information was provided to the local First Nations groups with a request for review and input and to start meaningful dialogue about the project. To follow the provision of that information, staff have had the opportunity to meet directly with one of the local Nations to discuss the Strategy in more detail. It is anticipated that these conversations will continue as the project proceeds with the opportunity for more input and discussion.

The presentation (**Attachment 1**) on the Urban Forest Management Plan Draft Report reviews the work on canopy cover targets, priority issues, goals, strategies and action and implementation targets. This draft report (**Attachment 2**) was informed by the feedback received in UFMS Public Engagement Phase One and through facilitated staff workshops in February and March 2023 with a focus on topics related to planning and development.

The upcoming project schedule includes the next steps in public engagement activities in 2023. Scheduled activities in UFMS Public Engagement Phase Two include:

- Public online survey
- Updates to mapping tools
- Public Open House event
- Public pop-up events

Input collected from the survey and at the Open House event will inform both the Urban Forest Management Strategy and will be forwarded to the review of the Tree Protection Bylaw.

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 in Phase Two will be presented to Council, and input collected from the public through the review of the draft report will continue to be used to inform the development of the Urban Forest Management Strategy.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

This project aligns with Council's Strategic Plan Priority Areas of Sustainable Core Services, Healthy Community Development, Resilient Natural Environment and Vibrant and Prosperous Community including strategic goals:

Sustainable Core Services

- Prioritize core services
- Ensure financial sustainability
- Lead with good governance

Healthy Community Development

- Create completed and connected communities through balanced growth
- Enhance community wellbeing

Resilient Natural Environment

- Protect, integrate and enhance our natural assets
- Advance climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Enhance and expand parkland and open spaces

Vibrant and Prosperous Community

- Leverage public spaces

Attachment(s)

1. Presentation on Urban Forest Management Strategy
2. Urban Forest Management Strategy Draft Report

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Urban Forest Management Strategy – Draft Report Update.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - Presentation on Urban Forest Management Strategy.pdf - Attachment 2 - Urban Forest Management Strategy Draft Report.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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