



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: July 25, 2023
Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division
Subject: Trail Network Plan Public Engagement Approach

Purpose

Per Administrative Policy – A19-1490-2023-01 – Public Engagement Process, this report seeks Council endorsement of the public engagement approach being proposed by staff for the Trail Network Plan.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the Trail Network Plan public engagement approach be endorsed as recommended in the report dated July 25, 2023, from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Trail Network Plan Public Engagement Approach.

Background

The purpose of the Trail Network Plan is to take a comprehensive approach to develop the overall trail network plan for Port Moody over the next 30 years (to 2050). Aligned with other key plans and strategies such as the OCP Update, Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2015), Master Transportation Plan (2015) and Metro Vancouver's 2050 Greenways Strategy, the Trail Network Plan will provide a vision for the extensive trail network from a City-wide perspective, and a clear and coordinated direction for the planning, development and management of the City's trails and trail-related amenities.

Discussion

The Trail Network Plan is a Priority Level 2 Strategic Plan project within the Resilient Natural Environment strategic priority area.

To facilitate public engagement for the development of the Trail Network Plan, staff have worked with a consultant to prepare the public engagement approach as outlined below in the Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives section for Council review and endorsement.

Other Option(s)

THAT Council direct staff to report back on alternative approaches to public engagement.

Financial Implications

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

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

City staff and the project consultant will conduct public engagement and share information using the following approach:

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| <p>What is the scope of the public engagement?</p> | <p>Key audiences:</p> <p><u>Phase 1</u></p> <p>We will inform and educate the public on the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current and projected state of our trail network (including access to trails), and considerations such as population growth, development, and climate change; • role of a trail network plan and other policies/regulations that guide trail maintenance, management, and planning; and • challenges and opportunities for trail network management. <p>We will ask the community to provide input on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their aspirations, needs, and concerns related to the maintenance and enhancement of Port Moody’s public trail network; and • their long-term vision and priorities for trail planning and management. <p><u>Phase 2</u></p> <p>We will ask the community to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the draft Trail Network Plan and provide feedback; and • help us prioritize actions for implementation. <p>Governments and stakeholder groups:</p> <p>We will ask governments and stakeholder groups to share any information they feel Council should take into consideration when making decisions related to the draft Trail Network Plan.</p> |
| <p>With whom are we engaging?</p> | <p>Key audiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Moody residents • trail users <p>Governments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local First Nations • adjacent municipalities (Coquitlam, Anmore, Burnaby) |

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| | <p>Stakeholder groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and Environment Committee • Seniors Focus Committee • Transportation Committee • Inclusion and Diversity Equity Accessibility (IDEA) Committee • Youth Focus Committee • Metro Vancouver Regional Parks • Trans Canada Trail • Trails BC • Port Moody Rotary Club • School District 43 • community associations • business owners/operators • developers • environmental groups • recreation user groups, including but not limited to: Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association, HUB Cycling, Burke Mountain Naturalists, Mossom Creek Hatchery, Noons Creek Hatchery |
| <p>How will we engage?</p> | <p>Key audiences:</p> <p>In Phase 1, staff will gather input through in-person engagement (trailhead pop-ups) and through Engage Port Moody, the City's online public engagement hub, using tools such as a survey.</p> <p>In Phase 2, staff will gather feedback through an online open house and through Engage Port Moody, using tools such as a survey.</p> <p>Governments and stakeholder groups:</p> <p>For both phases, staff will reach out to governments and stakeholder groups directly to obtain input. There will also be an online workshop for stakeholders in Phase 1.</p> |
| <p>How will we communicate?</p> | <p>Key audiences:</p> <p>We will promote engagement opportunities for key audiences through the City's usual communication channels, which typically includes website, social media, digital billboards, newspaper ads.</p> <p>We will also use on-trail signage to promote engagement.</p> <p>Governments and stakeholder groups:</p> <p>Staff will reach out to government and stakeholder groups directly to obtain input.</p> |

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| When will we engage? | Key audiences: Phase 1 engagement with key audiences will take place in September/October 2023. We anticipate Phase 2 engagement will take place in February/March 2024. |
| | Governments and stakeholder groups: Engagement with governments and stakeholder groups will be ongoing through 2023 and early 2024. |
| How will we share what we heard? | Public engagement summaries will be shared with Council in staff reports and with the public via links to the staff reports on Engage Port Moody (Phase 1: fall 2023, Phase 2: spring 2024). Registered members of the public who participated in the engagement process via Engage Port Moody will receive an email letting them know when a summary is available for viewing online. |

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

This project aligns with the following Strategic Plan Objectives:

Healthy Community Development

- Improve accessibility and connectivity within the trail network, as well as connectivity of the trail network with the public transit system.
- Address various modes of mobility to accommodate population growth and emerging trends.
- Provide outdoor recreation for residents of all ages and abilities.

Resilient Natural Environment

- Protect ESA and other natural areas within the trail network.
- Consider future climate conditions and their potential impact on the trail network.

Attachments

1. Port Moody Trails Network Engagement Plan.

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Report Approval Details

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