



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: September 12, 2023  
Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division  
Subject: Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Phase Two Summary

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### Purpose

To update Council regarding Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Phase Two activities.

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### Recommended Resolution(s)

**THAT the report dated September 12, 2023, from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Phase Two 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 Strategic Priorities Committee meeting held on April 18, 2023, Council considered a report dated April 10, 2023, from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Urban Forest Management Strategy – Draft Report Update and passed the following resolutions:

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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;

AND THAT staff report back on policies to protect "mother trees" or exceptional trees, permeable landscaping within new construction, and tree canopy cover targets, or minimums for all zoning types, as a way to increase Port Moody's green infrastructure

and improve the resiliency of Port Moody's neighbourhoods and enhance community wellbeing;

AND THAT a more ambitious target than 16% for mixed-use zoning, with considerations for other types of greening and ecosystem connectivity, be included in the next iteration of the Urban Forest Management Strategy.

## Discussion

Staff worked with the consultant team from Diamond Head to implement the second round of engagement activities noted in the approved Public Engagement Strategy. Phase two of the Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Strategy has now been completed, and Diamond Head has provided the Urban Forest Management Strategy – Phase 2 Engagement Summary report dated August 2023 for Council review (**Attachment 1**).

Engagement activities completed in spring and summer 2023 included:

- Public survey
- Public open house event at Inlet Theatre and Galleria
- Targeted stakeholder workshop
- Feedback and input from Committee meetings

The information boards at the open house event at Inlet Theatre and Galleria included new information as well as follow up detail on topics discussed in previous public engagement activities. A presentation was also given by members of the Diamond Head team to attendees at the Inlet Theatre as part of the open house. Input collected from the survey and at the open house has informed the development of the Urban Forest Management Strategy and direction of the final draft report. To follow previous Council direction, staff invited members of strata corporations in Port Moody to participate in engagement events to provide comments and input. Also to follow previous Council direction, staff engaged directly with representatives from Fraser Health to understand health and wellbeing elements of tree canopy, and to highlight these in the Strategy.

The public engagement activities detailed in the approved Public Engagement Strategy have now been completed and have been summarized in the attached report and all feedback, input and comments have been included in strategy updates and recommendations included in the final Urban Forest Management Strategy Draft Report. Staff will bring this report under separate cover for Council approval and adoption.

## Other Option(s)

This report is for information only; therefore, no other options are being provided.

## 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

Participants who engaged on this project through Engage Port Moody will receive an email letting them know that the public engagement summary has been shared with Council and is available for viewing online. The final Urban Forest Management Strategy draft report will be presented to Council, and staff will continue to work with the project consultant to update all reporting and webpage content relating to the Urban Forest Management Strategy.

## Council Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations in this report align with the following Council Strategic Plan Goal(s):

- Strategic Goal 2.1 – Protect, integrate, and enhance our natural assets;
- Strategic Goal 2.2 – Advance climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- Strategic Goal 2.3 – Enhance and expand parkland and open spaces;
- Strategic Goal 3.3 – Enhance community wellbeing; and
- Strategic Goal 4.3 – Leverage public spaces.

## Attachment(s)

1. Urban Forest Management Strategy – Phase 2 Engagement Summary.

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## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Urban Forest Management Strategy Public Engagement Phase Two Summary.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - Urban Forest Management Strategy - Phase 2 Engagement Summary.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Wayne Maskall, Manager of Parks, for Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, Director of Environment and Parks - Aug 30, 2023 - 8:17 AM

Devin Jain, Manager of Cultural Services, for Anna Mathewson, General Manager of Community Services - Aug 30, 2023 - 10:59 AM

Tracey Takahashi, Deputy Corporate Officer, for Stephanie Lam, City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services - Aug 30, 2023 - 1:22 PM

Lindsay Todd, Manager of Communications and Engagement - Aug 30, 2023 - 2:26 PM

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