



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: September 12, 2023
Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division
Subject: Tree Protection Bylaw Public Engagement Phase Two Summary

Purpose

To update Council regarding Tree Protection Bylaw Public Engagement Phase Two activities.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the report dated September 12, 2023, from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Tree Protection Bylaw Public Engagement Phase Two Summary be received for information.

Background

This project is to update the current Tree Protection Bylaw and includes a review of existing best management practices for urban forest management and tree bylaws; engaging the public regarding potential changes; and preparing an updated bylaw for consideration based on the results of the preceding actions.

Some key objectives for the project include:

- To confirm community values, goals and concerns related to the management of trees in the private realm;
- To engage staff in a discussion of challenges and opportunities with the current bylaw and to review key directions;
- To recommend bylaw updates reflecting Council direction, best management practices, municipal tools available and staff and community engagement;
- To identify any legal implications of the proposed update to the Tree Protection Bylaw.

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:

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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.

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 Tree Protection Bylaw Public Engagement Strategy has now been completed, and Diamond Head has provided the Tree Protection Bylaw – Phase 2 Survey 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 meetings
- Feedback and input from Committee meetings

The information boards at the Urban Forest Management Strategy open house event at Inlet Theatre and Galleria also included some specific detail on the Tree Protection Bylaw. A presentation was also given by members of the Diamond Head team to attendees at the Inlet Theatre as part of the open house, where points relating to the Tree Protection Bylaw were noted. Input collected from the Tree Protection Bylaw online survey and any feedback specific to Tree Protection Bylaw noted at the open house have informed the development of the draft Tree Protection Bylaw to date.

The phase two public engagement activities detailed in the approved Public Engagement Strategy have now been completed and have been summarized in the attached report. Staff will work with the consultant team from Diamond Head to prepare materials for phase three of public engagement in fall 2023. All feedback, input and comments from these engagement activities will be used to inform the draft bylaw update, anticipated in late 2023. Staff will continue to update Council on results of future public engagement.

Other Option(s)

This report is provided 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 approved 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. Phase three public engagement for the Tree Protection Bylaw is anticipated to continue with further engagement activities in fall 2023. Staff will continue to update all reporting and project webpage content.

Council Strategic Plan Goals

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

- Strategic Goal 1.3 – Lead with Good Governance.
- 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 3.1 – Create complete and connected communities through balanced growth.
- Strategic Goal 3.3 – Enhance community wellbeing.

Attachment(s)

1. Tree Protection Bylaw – Phase 2 Survey Summary.

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Tree Protection Bylaw Public Engagement Phase Two Summary.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - Tree Protection Bylaw - Phase 2 Survey Summary.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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