



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: January 9, 2024
Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division
Subject: Trail Network Plan Phase One Public Engagement Summary

Purpose

To update Council on the progress of the Trail Network Plan and provide the Phase One Public Engagement Summary Report.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the report dated January 9, 2024, from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Trail Network Plan Phase One Public Engagement Summary be received for information.

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.

At the Regular Council meeting held on July 25, 2023, Council considered a report from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Trail Network Plan Public Engagement Approach and passed the following resolution:

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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.

Discussion

Staff worked with consultant Diamond Head Consulting to implement the phase one engagement activities in the approved public engagement approach, which included:

- Online survey and mapping tool
- In-person trailhead pop-up events
- Online user groups workshops
- Consultation with First Nations
- Online meetings with adjacent municipalities (Anmore, Burnaby and Coquitlam)

Phase one of the Trail Network Plan public engagement approach has now been completed, and Diamond Head Consulting has provided the Trail Network Plan – Phase 1 Engagement Summary dated November 2023 for Council review (**Attachment 1**). Some of the key findings include:

- Current state of the trail network and how and for what purpose the trails are being used
- What people like about the trails, trail features and/or amenities and what areas of concern or improvements they see
- What people envision the trail network to be as we look towards 2050

As articulated in section 4.0 of the Phase 1 Engagement Summary, the key public engagement findings will be considered in the drafting of the Trail Network Plan. Phase two of public engagement is scheduled for spring 2024 and will be focussed on gathering feedback on the draft Trail Network Plan.

Eight First Nations received referral letters. Of these, səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation is the only host nation who expressed interest in meeting with the City and Diamond Head Consulting. Staff and the consultant met with səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation on April 19, 2023. Concerns raised by the Nation highlight the need to avoid and protect archeological sites and sensitive areas, which will be considered in the development of the draft Trail Network Plan. The City will continue to consult with the Nation should there be recommendations to expand the trail network and prior to construction of new trails or installation of signage if the recommendations are implemented.

Meetings with adjacent municipalities focused on existing trail connections and potential future adjustments and connections at the borders. Staff also requested copies of trail network maps for these municipalities.

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 Public Engagement Initiatives

Staff will continue to work with the project consultant to implement the approved public engagement approach, which for phase 2 includes an open house and a survey to gather public feedback on the draft Trail Network Plan. A public engagement summary, along with the final draft Trail Network Plan, will be shared with Council once the phase 2 engagement activities are completed.

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 2.3 – Enhance and expand parkland and open spaces
- Strategic Goal 3.1 – Create complete and connected communities through balanced growth
- Strategic Goal 3.2 – Provide safe, efficient, and accessible transportation options
- Strategic Goal 3.3 – Enhance community wellbeing

Attachment(s)

1. Trail Network Plan Phase 1 Engagement Summary.

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Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Anna Mathewson, General Manager of Community Services - Dec 20, 2023

Tracey Takahashi, Deputy Corporate Officer, for Stephanie Lam, City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services - Dec 20, 2023

Lindsay Todd, Manager of Communications and Engagement - Dec 20, 2023

Paul Rockwood, General Manager of Finance and Technology - Dec 21, 2023

Tim Savoie, City Manager - Dec 21, 2023