



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Youth Focus Committee

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
5:03pm
Electronic Webinar via Zoom

Present: Kobe Li, Vice-Chair
Valentina Doostdar
Jaehyeok Hwang
Andrew Kim
Haiyue Luo
Elva Ly (departed at 5:34pm)
Jonas McConville
Nate Mossey
Daniel Seo
Sharon Zhao

Absent: Vincent Zhao, Chair (Regrets)
Councillor Kyla Knowles – Alternate Council Representative
Lance Wong

In Attendance: Councillor Samantha Agtarap – Council Representative
Corina Lefebvre – Recreation Coordinator
Jennifer Mills – Legislative Services Advisor
Nathan Taylor – Recreation Manager

Also In Attendance: Deanna Kayne, Executive Director, PoMoArts (re item 6.1)

1. Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

The Vice-Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Agenda

YFC23/016

THAT the agenda of the November 8, 2023, Youth Focus Committee meeting be amended by adding Port Moody Arts Centre – True Colours as item 6.4;

AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Minutes

YFC23/017

THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held on October 11, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

The agenda order was varied at this point to address item 6.4.

6.4 Port Moody Arts Centre – True Colours

Deanna Kayne, Executive Director of Port Moody Arts Centre, provided an overview of the exhibitions and programming at Port Moody Arts Centre and advised that the Arts Centre is scheduled to host the True Colours Exhibition in 2024 .

Committee discussion ensued, and the following was noted:

- the True Colours Exhibition celebrates the LGBTQ2S community and encourages and promotes inclusivity and diversity within the local arts community;
- the exhibition is scheduled to run from late-May to early June 2024, with planning starting in January; and
- any members who are interested in volunteering for the exhibition can contact the Recreation Coordinator or Councillor Agtarap for more information.

The Executive Director, PoMoArts, left the meeting at this point and did not return.

The agenda order was resumed at this point.

6.1 Work Plan – New Item

Verbal Report: Recreation Coordinator and Manager of Recreation

The Recreation Coordinator and the Manager of Recreation noted that a new item will be added to the 2024 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan, and the following was noted:

- a one-day Youth Summit is being created by Mayor Lahti that is scheduled to take place at City Hall in Spring 2024;
- the Summit will be open to students of Port Moody schools and Port Moody residents aged 15-24 years; and
- the Summit is scheduled to include sessions about climate change, social connectedness and engagement, recreation and community programming, and mental health and wellness.

The Recreation Coordinator and the Manager of Recreation advised that this is a unique opportunity to create a youth-driven event with a direct impact to the community, and encouraged Committee members to volunteer for the planning of the Summit.

6.2 Pink Shirt Day Planning

Verbal Report: Chair

The Recreation Coordinator noted that Pink Shirt Day is in February of 2024 and provided an overview of previous Pink Shirt Day initiatives.

Committee discussion ensued and the following was noted:

- pink posters could be created and posted in the breezeway at City Hall and the Recreation Complex;
- materials could be distributed to School District No. 43 schools and requested to be shared on their social media platforms; and
- posters with sticky notes where participants are asked to write "what kindness means to you" or a kindness-related message could be created.

Elva Ly left the meeting at this point and did not return.

The following Committee members volunteered for the Pink Shirt Day Working Group:

- Valentina Doostdar;
- Jaehyeok Hwang;
- Andrew Kim;
- Kobe Li;
- Haiyue Luo;
- Nate Mossey;

- Daniel Seo; and
- Sharon Zhao.

6.3 Black History Day Planning

Verbal Report: Chair

The Recreation Coordinator noted that Black History Month is in February and provided an overview of previous Black History Month initiatives.

Committee discussed ensued and the following was noted:

- successful local Black Canadians could be contacted and asked for a short biography that could be posted in the Library or the Recreation Complex;
- local Black-owned businesses could be celebrated; and
- posters and videos could be created and shared on social media to promote Black History Month.

The following Committee members volunteered for the Black History Month Working Group:

- Valentina Doostdar;
- Jaehyeok Hwang;
- Andrew Kim;
- Kobe Li;
- Haiyue Luo;
- Nate Mossey;
- Daniel Seo; and
- Sharon Zhao.

7. Information

7.1 Staff Updates

The Legislative Services Advisor advised that recruitment for the 2024 Civic Committees is underway and requested that members share the information within their networks.

The Recreation Coordinator advised that an email regarding volunteer opportunities for Holiday Cheer at the Pier and the CP Holiday Train was distributed to the Committee, and encouraged members to volunteer for the events.

8. Adjournment

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm.