



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: July 9, 2024  
 Submitted by: Youth Focus Committee  
 Subject: 2023-2024 Annual Report – Youth Focus Committee

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### Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2023-2024 Youth Focus Committee.

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### Recommended Resolution

**THAT the report dated July 9, 2024, from the Youth Focus Committee regarding 2023-2024 Annual Report – Youth Focus Committee be received for information;**

**AND THAT the 2024-2025 Youth Focus Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in Fall 2024.**

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### Committee Mandate

The purpose of the Youth Focus Committee is to provide recommendations and advice on youth issues, strategies, and initiatives in the following areas:

- short-, medium-, and long-term goals to deal with youth issues;
- opportunities for strengthening the City's existing programs and services;
- current and future trends that may influence the delivery of youth services;
- opportunities for corporate alliances;
- youth issues, strategies, and initiatives;
- any other matters referred by Council; and
- other areas identified by the Committee for approval by Council.

### Meeting and Attendance

The Youth Focus Committee met monthly between September 2023 and June 2024, with the exception of December, due to winter break.

The following members, representing a diverse range of knowledge and experience relevant to the Youth Focus Committee were appointed:

- David Chen (to October 2023);
- Valentina Doostdar;
- Jaehyeok Hwang;
- Andrew Kim;
- Kobe Li;
- Haiyue Luo;
- Elva Ly (to February 2024);
- Jonas McConville;
- Mila Morshedian (to October 2023)
- Nate Mossey;
- Daniel Seo;
- Lance Wong;
- Sharon Zhao; and
- Vincent Zhao.

Corina Lefebvre, Recreation Coordinator, served as the primary staff liaison to the Committee. Arsh Dhillon and Adam Shroff served as the Legislative Services Coordinators.

## Key Activities and Work Plan

The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2023-2024 by the Youth Focus Committee (a complete list of motions from 2023-2024, along with the status of each, is included in **Attachment 1**).

### The National Day for Truth and Recreation/Orange Shirt Day

The Youth Focus Committee convened a Working Group and partnered with Noons Creek Hatchery for their annual event in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Working Group created orange paper t-shirt cut outs, to be written on and displayed on a large board at this event. Members of the community wrote on these t-shirts a personal message that resonated with them about what Orange Shirt Day meant to them. It was very well received with lots of thoughtful messages from the community being shared. These orange t-shirts were then gathered, professionally framed and are now permanently and proudly displayed in the Recreation Complex.

### Youth Scholarship

We had another great response and participation in this year's Port Moody Youth Scholarship program, with 21 applications being received. A staff selection committee was formed, and with the assistance of our scoring rubric, applications were carefully reviewed, and the 3 applications receiving the highest scores were selected. These top 3 applications were then brought forward to the Youth Focus Committee for review and to then select the top application/candidate. Following approval from Council, we are scheduled to do a cheque presentation at the Regular Council meeting in July.

### Pink Shirt Day

The Pink Shirt Day Working Group was formed, and a decision was made to create a “kindness board” with the goal of helping to raise awareness and continue being a voice for kindness and anti-bullying. A large board was put on display in the lobby of the Recreation Complex, and included pink cutout t-shirts with a phrase asking people, “What does Kindness Look Like?”, where members of the community had an opportunity to share their thoughts on Pink Shirt Day. This initiative was well received by the community and patrons of the Recreation Complex.

### Black History Month

The Youth Focus Committee came up with the idea of creating a short video to feature and spotlight a local Black-owned business in Port Moody, in recognition of Black History Month. The Black History Month Working Group was formed, and a decision made to work with a local Black business, “Delali” on this initiative. The Working Group captured 15 minutes of video footage, which was shared on the youth Instagram account in February.

### Youth Week

The Youth Week Working Group was formed to plan and implement a 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament in celebration of Youth Week. This event was held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Complex during the youth drop-in gym time. It featured two different age groups - youth in grades 6-8 and youth in grades 9-12. They partnered with the PMPD and PMFD who both entered two teams in this tournament to play against the youth. This event was a huge success with over 20 teams participating. There was a BBQ for all participants and spectators.

## Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

Subject to Council’s direction, the following focus areas should be included in the Committee’s Work Plan for 2024-2025:

- Youth Scholarship.

## Council Strategic Plan Goals

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

- Strategic Goal 3.3 – Enhance community wellbeing.

## Attachment

1. 2023-2024 Youth Focus Committee Resolutions.

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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:

Jennifer Mills, Legislative Services Advisor - Jun 21, 2024

Stephanie Lam, City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services - Jun 25, 2024

Angie Parnell, General Manager of Corporate Services - Jun 28, 2024

Natasha Vander Wal, Communications Specialist, for Lindsay Todd, Manager of Communications and Engagement - Jun 28, 2024

Paul Rockwood, General Manager of Finance and Technology - Jun 28, 2024

Anna Mathewson, City Manager - Jul 2, 2024

### Attachment 1 – 2023-2024 Youth Focus Committee Resolutions

The following table contains a summary of all resolutions made at the 2023-2024 Youth Focus Committee meetings, with the exception of resolutions regarding the approval of the agenda, adoption of minutes, resolutions to extend the meeting beyond two hours, and resolutions to grant leaves of absence.

Month	Resolution	Status
September	<p><u>YFC23/012</u>  <i>THAT the following Youth Focus Committee appointments be approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Chair – Vincent Zhao</i></li> <li>• <i>Vice-Chair – Kobe Li; and</i></li> <li>• <i>Parks and Environment Committee Representative – Elva Ly.</i></li> </ul>	Chair, Vice-Chair and Parks and Environment Committee Representative were approved.
September	<p><u>YFC23/013</u>  <i>THAT an Orange Shirt Day Working Group be formed with the following members:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Kobe Li;</i></li> <li>• <i>Elva Ly;</i></li> <li>• <i>Jonas McConville; and</i></li> <li>• <i>Nate Mossey.</i></li> </ul>	Orange Shirt Day Working Group was formed; Partnered with Noons Creek Hatchery for event on September 30, 2023.
March	<p><u>YFC24/007</u>  <i>THAT Jonas McConville be appointed as the Youth Focus Committee Representative to the 2024 Parks and Environment Committee.</i></p>	New Youth Focus Committee Representative for the 2024 Parks and Environment Committee was approved.
June	<p><u>YFC23/015</u>  <i>THAT the 2023-2024 Youth Focus Committee Annual Report be endorsed.</i></p>	Committee endorsed the Annual Report and will be presented to Council July 2024.