



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: January 28, 2025  
Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division  
Subject: Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study Public Engagement Summary

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### Purpose

To update Council on the progress of the Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study and provide the Public Engagement Summary Report.

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### Recommended Resolution(s)

**THAT the report dated January 28, 2025, from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study Public Engagement Summary be received for information.**

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### Background

The purpose of the Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study is to conduct an assessment of the current state of recreation-community facilities in Port Moody, regional and community-specific needs and trends, and recommendations for repurposing and/or existing facilities and options for future recreation-community facilities. This feasibility study will feed into the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, support the City Lands Strategy and Parkland Strategy, and help evaluate recreation-related opportunities from new developments.

At the Regular Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council considered a report from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Public Engagement Approach for New Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study and passed the following resolution:

#### RC24/166

THAT the public engagement approach for New Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study be endorsed as recommended in the report dated July 23, 2024, from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Public Engagement Approach for New Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study.

## Discussion

Staff worked with consultant RC Strategies to implement the engagement activities in the approved public engagement approach, which included:

- Online survey;
- In-person sounding boards;
- Online user groups discussions and survey;
- Youth engagement through in-person Mayor's Youth Summit;
- Referrals with local First Nations; and
- Online meetings with City committees.

The public engagement approach has now been completed, and RC Strategies has provided the Recreation Facilities Study "What We Heard" Engagement Summary Report dated December 2024 for Council review (**Attachment 1**). Some of the key findings include:

- how respondents are using the existing recreation facilities, both indoor and outdoor;
- what respondents think of the existing facilities (quantity and quality) and programming offered; and
- priorities to be considered in expansion of existing facilities or new facilities.

As stated in section 1.1 of the "What We Heard" Engagement Summary Report, the public engagement findings, along with the consultant's research and analysis of non-engagement findings (such as benchmarking with other municipalities and participation and activity trends), provide valuable inputs into the feasibility study. The feasibility study is scheduled to be presented to Council for consideration in spring 2025.

Four First Nations, namely Kwikwetlem, Tsleil-Waututh, Musqueam, and Squamish, received referral letters.

## 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

The public engagement summary will be shared with the public via the project page on the City's digital public engagement platform, Engage Port Moody. Per the best practices that inform the City's Public Engagement Policy, responses to open-ended questions have been analyzed and the common themes are included in the public engagement summary to provide key insights. Complete verbatim responses have been anonymized and shared directly with Council to provide decision makers with the full range of input collected. There are no further public engagement initiatives scheduled for this study.

## Council Strategic Plan Goals

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

- 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. Recreation Facilities Study “What We Heard” Engagement Summary Report.

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## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study Public Engagement Summary.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - Recreation Facilities Study "What We Heard" Engagement Summary Report.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Jody Fitzpatrick, Assistant Manager of Recreation - Jan 16, 2025

Nathan Taylor, Manager of Recreation - Jan 16, 2025

Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, General Manager of Community Services - Jan 16, 2025

Stephanie Lam, City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services - Jan 20, 2025

Lindsay Todd, Manager of Communications and Engagement - Jan 20, 2025

Paul Rockwood, General Manager of Finance and Technology - Jan 20, 2025

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