



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: February 11, 2025
Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division
Subject: Trail Network Plan Phase Two Public Engagement Summary

Purpose

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

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the report dated February 11, 2025, from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Trail Network Plan Phase Two 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 Update, 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:

RC23/193

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.

There were two phases of public engagement for this project. Phase 1 was completed in October 2023 and focused on public input regarding how and how often people were using the trail network, what they liked or what they found needing improvement with the existing network, and what they envisioned for the trail network in 2050. At the Regular Council meeting held on

January 9, 2024, Council considered a report from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding Trail Network Plan Phase One Public Engagement Summary and passed the following resolution:

RC24/003

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.

Discussion

Staff worked with consultant Diamond Head Consulting to develop a draft Trail Network Plan based on background review, research and analysis of the existing trail network, staff input, maintenance data, site visits of targeted locations, and careful consideration of the phase one public engagement data. This draft Trail Network Plan was then shared in the phase two engagement activities in the approved public engagement approach, which included:

- Online survey; and
- Online open house.

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

- More than half of the respondents agreed with the vision statement as described in the draft Trail Network Plan.
- More than half of the respondents were satisfied with the proposed trail network extension.
- The top three most desirable trail improvements in terms of features and amenities are on-trail maps and wayfinding signage, shade, and waste bins
- More than half of the respondents think the core actions stated in the draft plan will help achieve the plan's vision, with no additional actions being necessary.

Eight First Nations received referral letters in Phase 1. Of these, səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation expressed interest in meeting with the City and the consultant. Staff and the consultant met with səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation April 2023. Concerns raised by the Nation highlight the need to avoid and protect archeological sites and sensitive areas, which have been considered in the development of the draft Trail Network Plan. In Phase 2, the same eight First Nations received referral letters. Of these, səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation expressed interest in meeting with the City and the consultant. Concerns from Phase 1 were reviewed and the Nation expressed interest in highlighting cultural significance and protecting natural areas. They noted they would be reviewing the proposed trails and connections map in more detail and providing comments to the City. The City will continue to consult with the Nation prior to implementing individual projects identified in the Plan.

Meetings with stakeholder groups such as School District 43, Fraser Health, and Metro Vancouver covered various topics, including not having trails through school property, ensuring trail connections do not interfere with dropoff zones, the importance of including

connections in underserved areas, and the need for proper drainage and environmental assessments.

The final Trail Network Plan is expected to be presented to Council for consideration in Spring of 2025.

Other Option(s)

This report is for information only; therefore, no other options are being provided.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

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 project.

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; and
- Strategic Goal 3.3 – Enhance community wellbeing.

Attachment(s)

1. Trail Network Plan – Phase Two 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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Stephanie Lam, City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services - Feb 5, 2025

Lindsay Todd, Manager of Communications and Engagement - Feb 5, 2025

Paul Rockwood, General Manager of Finance and Technology - Feb 5, 2025

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