



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Youth Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Focus Committee held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Rebecca Lyon, Chair
Nyah Courchesne
Chloe Goodison
Victoria Lim
Palak Sharma
Elia Sheikh-Bahaie
David Shin
Kristen Volberg

Absent

Hooshang Moghaddam, Vice-Chair (Regrets)
Daniel Dian (Regrets)
Pedram Moshirfatemi (Regrets)
Nathan Piasecki (Regrets)

In Attendance

Vinh Chung – Engineering Technologist
Stephen Judd – Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services
Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation
Corina Lefebvre – Recreation Programmer
Councillor Steve Milani – Council Representative
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations

Also In Attendance

Tasha Evans (re item 5.1)

1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Acknowledgement of Unceded Territories

1.2 The Committee acknowledged the traditional territories of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1 YFC19/013

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the agenda of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 be adopted.

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3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 YFC19/014

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 be adopted.

4. Unfinished Business

5. New Business

Reconciliation Project

5.1 Tasha Evans

The Recreation Programmer introduced Tasha Evans who expressed gratitude to the Committee for acknowledging the indigenous territories and provided an overview of her role in reconciliation through education at schools in Port Moody.

Ms. Evans provided an overview of the Stakw: Water is Life Project at Noons Creek Hatchery and invited Committee members to the upcoming Community Paddle and Feast on June 21, 2019, which includes a canoe journey into Burrard Inlet and a Water Blessing Ceremony. Ms. Evans also invited Committee members to the Weaving Cedar Workshop on June 9, 2019 and noted that the registration fee would be waived for Committee members.

Ms. Evans noted that raising awareness about the Coast Salish history to youth has been challenging and a partnership with the Youth Focus Committee would be helpful in implementing reconciliation programs at schools in Port Moody.

Committee members provided an overview of current Indigenous programs and events at their schools, and expressed interest in participating in other Indigenous events. Ms. Evans offered her support for organizing future events at their respective schools.

The Recreation Programmer noted that the City is currently in the planning stages of developing the Blanket Exercise Program, including application for grant funding.

Ms. Evans left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**Transportation Safety
Discussion and
Questions**

- 5.2 The General Manager of Engineering and Operations introduced Stephen Judd, Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services, and Vinh Chung, Engineering Technologist, and provided an overview of their roles in the division.

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations noted that he is writing a report back to Council, in response to the Youth Focus Committee's Report to Council on Transportation Safety, and sought clarity on the Committee's main concerns. In response, the Committee requested that the following concerns be addressed in staff's report to Council:

- bus capacity – community busses that currently service school routes do not meet the student ridership needs;
- bus stop waiting areas – areas are too small, creating unsafe conditions where students are spilling into the streets;
- service at peak times – consider adding more busses at class dismissal time;
- stop times – consider adjusting arrival times to ten minutes after classes are dismissed; and
- wait times – current wait time between bus arrivals is 30 minutes.

Action: The Youth Focus Transportation Safety Subcommittee to provide the General Manager of Engineering and Operations with details on the main concerns noted above as well as school start and end times, common conflicts, bus numbers, and arrival times.

The General Manager of Engineering and Operations, the Manager of Infrastructure Engineering Services, and the Engineering Technologist left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**Climate Action Plan
Open House
Volunteers**

- 5.3 Corina Lefebvre, Recreation Programmer

The Recreation Programmer provided an overview of the Climate Action Open House scheduled to be held on May 25, 2019 and asked Committee members interested in volunteering to send their information, or information on others who may be interested in volunteering, to the Recreation Programmer.

**Youth Mental Health
Week 2020**

- 5.4 The following were noted as ideas for Youth Mental Health Week 2020:
- integrate Youth Mental Health Week with Mental Health Week;
 - an event with therapy dogs;
 - a scavenger hunt/amazing race event;
 - an event similar to Pints & Puppies where proceeds from dog adoption go to Youth Mental Health Week; and
 - an event similar to Ruben's Ruckus utilizing Shoreline Trail.

**Plastic Straws
Update**

- 5.5 The Chair provided an update on recent communications with the Manager of Economic Development and it was noted that data collection of plastic straw use in Port Moody is underway for presentation to Council and subsequent presentation to the Committee.

**Youth Scholarship
Award Recipient**

- 5.6 YFC19/015
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT, pursuant to section 90 of the *Community Charter*, this portion of the Regular Meeting of the Youth Focus Committee be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:
- **90(1)(b) – personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.**

Westhill Youth Centre

- 5.7 YFC19/016
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT, pursuant to section 90 of the *Community Charter*, this portion of the Regular Meeting of the Youth Focus Committee be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:
- **90(1)(k) – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.**

6. Information

- 6.1 The Committee Coordinator noted that confirmation of attendance at Committee meetings is required for quorum tracking purposes and requested replies to the agenda distribution emails as soon as possible.

Councillor Milani invited Committee members to participate in the Queens Street Plaza Placemaking Project on Saturday, May 26, 2019 that includes a furniture assembly and painting party.

7. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm.