

Memorandum

Date: January 6, 2020
Submitted by: Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division
Subject: Rivershed Society of BC Living Leadership Program Support 2020

At the October 8, 2019 Regular Council meeting, there was letter dated September 9, 2019 from the City of Port Coquitlam regarding Sustainable Living Leadership Program included in Council Correspondence. The letter requested that the City of Port Moody sponsor a young community member for the Sustainable Living Leadership Program.

On November 12, 2019, the following resolution was passed by Council after the item was pulled for consideration:

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THAT this item be deferred until staff can report back with more details about the program.

The Sustainable Living Leadership Program will take place July 16-August 11, 2020. The program is led by the Rivershed Society of BC. The program is a 1,400km trek down the Fraser River by canoe, raft, shuttle van, and on foot. The evenings are spent camping along the banks of the river, while the days are spent learning about Watershed CPR and designing their own watershed solutions project to implement in their community. It is an opportunity for those who are 19 years of age or older, to travel through ten of BC's 14 Biogeoclimatic zones and learn about watershed threats and solutions, salmon, land and resource management, and how to conserve, protect, and restore watersheds. It is also an opportunity for those registered to engage with peers, facilitators, and Rivershed Society BC's extensive network of community leaders. Registrants learn about team building, conflict resolution, communication, and critical thinking. Since 2002, the Sustainable Living Leadership Program has run 15 times producing 110 graduates.

The cost for someone to register for the Sustainable Living Leadership program is \$1,500 plus GST (\$75), and covers the full cost of the 27-day trip down the Fraser River, including food.

Registration is open until April 30, 2020. More information about the program and how to apply can be found online at <https://rivershed.com/get-involved/sustainable-living-leadership-program/about-the-sllp/>.

The recommended resolution is:

THAT the memo dated January 6, 2020 from the Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division regarding Rivershed Society of BC Living Leadership Program Support 2020 be received for information.

Other Options:

1. THAT the Rivershed Society of BC be invited to apply for a Community Grant for the Sustainable Living Leadership Program.
2. THAT Council support an individual to attend the Rivershed Society of BC's Sustainable Living Leadership Program;
AND THAT staff be directed to work with the Rivershed Society of BC to arrange for sponsorship of an individual;
AND THAT funding of up to \$1,575 be allocated from Council Contingency to support an individual to attend the Rivershed Society of BC's Sustainable Living Leadership Program.

Attachment:

1. Letter dated September 9, 2019 from City of Port Coquitlam regarding Rivershed Society of BC's Sustainable Living Leadership Program.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Rivershed Society BC Living Leadership Program Support 2020.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - Letter dated September 9, 2019 from City of Port Coquitlam regarding Rivershed Society of BC's Sustainable Living Leadership Program.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Tracey Takahashi for Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer - Jan 9, 2020 - 11:53 AM

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