



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: January 6, 2020
Submitted by: Youth Focus Committee
Subject: 2018-2019 Annual Report – Youth Focus Committee

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2018-2019 Youth Focus Committee.

Recommended Resolution

THAT the report dated January 6, 2020 from the Youth Focus Committee regarding 2018-2019 Annual Report – Youth Focus Committee be received for information.

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 2018 and July 2019, with the exception of January and June 2019 due to a lack of quorum.

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

- Alaire Chen (September 2018-April 2019);
- Nyah Courchesne;
- Daniel Dian;
- Chloe Goodison;
- Victoria Lim;

- Rebecca Lyon;
- Hooshang Moghaddam (September 2018-May 2019);
- Pedram Moshirfatemi;
- Nathan Piasecki;
- Palak Sharma;
- Elia Sheikh-Bahaie;
- David Shin; and
- Kristen Volberg (January 2019-August 2019).

Corina Lefebvre, Recreation Programmer, and Jim LaCroix, Manager of Recreation, served as the primary staff liaisons to the Committee.

Philip Lo and Jennifer Mills served as the Committee Coordinators.

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2018/19 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on June 25, 2019.

The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2018/19 by the Youth Focus Committee (a complete list of motions from 2018-19, along with the status of each, is included in **Attachment 1**):

TransLink Proposal/Additional Bus Services by TransLink During Peak Ridership Hours

The Youth Focus Committee proposed that Council support improvements to TransLink to increase bus capacity during school times, to coordinate bus schedules to better match school bell schedules in Port Moody and to increase waiting capacity at bus stops fronting Port Moody schools. The City's Engineering team attended a Youth Focus Committee meeting in the fall to gather information and provide feedback and insight on these issues. The Youth Focus Committee has created a sub-committee to continue working on this item.

Social Media Takeover

The Youth Focus Committee scheduled a "social media takeover" on Instagram during Youth Week (May 1-7, 2019), which highlighted a photo of a local youth and a colourful description of the incredible impacts they have made on our community. This was an important initiative for the Committee to attract more of a youth audience to help promote opportunities for youth in our community such as volunteering, recreation activities, special events and scholarships.

Restriction/Banning of Plastic Straws

The Chair of our Committee brought forward an initiative to legislate the banning of plastic straws in the City, and suggested beeswax and seaweed as acceptable alternative materials. She also brought forward that the Refillery is a local business which specializes in environmentally-friendly reusable items. Next steps for the Youth Focus Committee is to connect with the City's Economic Development team regarding the status of the Single-Use Items Survey.

ECOB/Climate Action Open House

A unique and creative idea on how we can change or replace the modern-day waste/recycling bin, sparked this initiative from one of our Committee Members. ECOB, which stands for “ecological bin,” was brought to light as a solution to waste bins being boring, dirty and too far apart. ECOB was created using electric motors, sensors and circuit boards, to make the bin more efficient, smart and attractive, and sensors to trigger different functions for different types of waste. The Youth Focus Committee, as a whole, expressed support for using the ECOB in elementary and middle schools, for educational purposes. In the spring of 2019, the ECOB was presented to the public, as part of youth engagement, at the City’s Climate Action Open House.



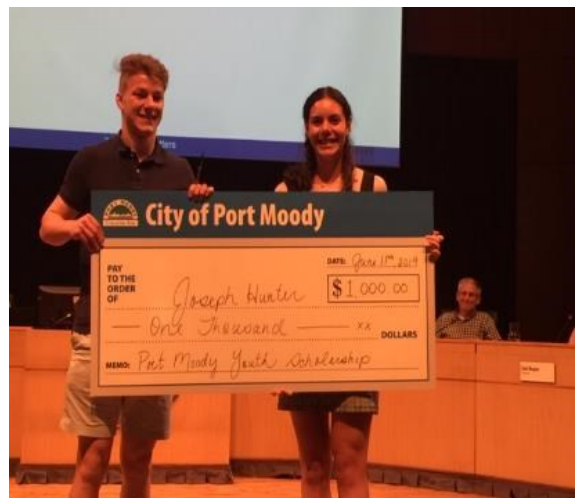
Seniors Pancake Breakfast

This is definitely one of the highlights of the year for our Committee! Hosting our annual Seniors Pancake Breakfast at Kyle Centre and having the opportunity to interact and socialize with some of the seniors in our community. The entire Committee worked as a team to prepare a delicious breakfast complete with pancakes, hash browns, eggs, sausage, and fruit.



Youth Scholarship Award

Applications were received for the 2019 Port Moody Youth Scholarship. A sub-committee was created to anonymously evaluate the applications using our scoring rubric. In June of 2019, at a regular Council meeting, Rebecca, the Chair of our Youth Focus Committee, presented the scholarship to Joseph Hunter, from Heritage Woods Secondary School. Joseph is currently attending the University of Toronto studying Commerce.



Attachment

1. 2018-19 Youth Focus Committee Resolutions.

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