



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: June 10, 2020  
Submitted by: Youth Focus Committee  
Subject: 2019-2020 Annual Report – Youth Focus Committee

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### Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2019-2020 Youth Focus Committee.

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### Recommended Resolution

**THAT the report dated June 10, 2020 from the Youth Focus Committee regarding 2019-2020 Annual Report – Youth Focus Committee be received for information.**

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### 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 2019 and June 2020, with the exception of January due to weather, April due to COVID-19, and May due to a lack of quorum. The following members, representing a diverse range of knowledge and experience relevant the Youth Focus Committee were appointed:

- Nyah Courchesne;
- Daniel Dian;
- Chloe Goodison;
- Esme Harris;
- Victoria Lim;
- Rebecca Lyon;

- Pedram Moshirfatemi;
- Nathan Piasecki;
- Palak Sharma;
- Elia Sheikh-Bahaie;
- David Shin; and
- Jennifer Zhang.

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

## Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2019/20 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on April 14, 2020.

The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2019/20 by the Youth Focus Committee (a complete list of motions from 2019-20, along with the status of each, is included in **Attachment 1**):

### TransLink

In the fall, 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 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.

### Council and YFC Event

The Committee was in the planning and coordinating stages of organizing a fun social event with Council. They had chosen May 1 as the date of this event, to kick off Youth Week, and was planning to play dodgeball or beach ball volleyball. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all programs/events were cancelled.

### Social Media

The Youth Focus Committee coordinated preplanned "youth of the month" posts on the City's Instagram account, to recognize and highlight the incredible youth in our community. The Committee decided to expand this to include clubs, organizations and teams, as well as highlight events and other opportunities for youth.

### Meeting in Council Chambers

The Committee held a regular meeting in Council Chambers this winter. The highlight for all of us was having been assigned our own desk and nameplate and having the use of microphones. It was their most productive meeting of the year!

### Port Moody Police Department Strategic Plan Survey

The Youth Focus Committee was asked for their collective ideas and input in the PMPD's Strategic Plan survey. This was completed during our regular meeting in February.

### Bike Friendly

This work plan item brought a lot of buzz to the Committee. Many creative ideas came out of this discussion. Some of which included the creation of safer bike routes, enhancing connectivity and supporting active transportation; the creation of a bike lane map system providing information on distance, elevation and speed to provide users with a planning tool; and the creation of a rewards program for active transportation users. The next steps were to invite the General Manager of Engineering and Operations to a future meeting to give a presentation on the Master Transportation Plan. Unfortunately, this had to be put on hold due to COVID-19.

### Mental Health Event

A sub-committee was formed to begin the planning of a youth mental health event, targeted at youth and parents in our community. The Committee was exploring the idea of partnering with a school in SD43 who has successfully hosted a similar event. Unfortunately, this project had to be put on hold due to COVID-19.

### Tri-City REACH Awards

Planning was under way for this year's Tri-City REACH Awards Ceremony, scheduled for May 7 in Coquitlam. Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to COVID-19.

### Port Moody Youth Scholarship

A record number of applications were received for the 2020 Port Moody Youth Scholarship. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a sub-committee of City staff was created to anonymously evaluate the applications using our scoring rubric. Rebecca Lyon, from Port Moody Secondary School, was the award recipient. Rebecca is planning to study abroad this fall, attending the University of Sciences Po in Reims, France, studying political science.

### Youth Week

Cancelled due to COVID-19.

### Seniors Pancake Breakfast

Cancelled due to COVID-19.

### Orange Shirt Day

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee discussed ways in which we could virtually participate in promoting Orange Shirt Day this fall, which will be recognized on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Some ideas that were presented were through social media (our new youth Instagram account), and youth tagging themselves wearing an orange shirt, as well as the possibility of sharing some stories of indigenous people to help better educate youth in our community.

## Attachment

1. 2019-20 Youth Focus Committee Resolutions.

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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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Tim Savoie, City Manager - Sep 25, 2020 - 3:34 PM