

**Youth Focus Committee Meeting
June 8, 2022**

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City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: June 8, 2022

Submitted by: Youth Focus Committee

Subject: 2021-2022 Annual Report – Youth Focus Committee

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee.

Recommended Resolution

THAT the report dated June 8, 2022 from the Youth Focus Committee regarding 2021-2022 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 2021 and June 2022, with the exception of December due to winter break.

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

- Clara Beckwith-Jamieson;
- Alaire Chen (to May 2022);
- Roxanna Ferdowski (to November 2021);
- Arun Ghag;
- Ruby Goodison (to November 2021);

- Esme Harris;
- Nathanael Ip (from June 2022)
- Joseph Kim (to February 2022);
- Nicole Leng;
- Amber Leung;
- Geet Nair (to April 2022);
- Toby Pham (to December 2021);
- Emily Qin (to December 2021);
- Daniel Seo;
- Leah Song;
- Troy Tija;
- Eleanor Wang;
- Sarah Wong (to September 2021);
- Chris Zhao (to May 2022); and
- Ryan Zhou.

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

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on January 11, 2022. The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2021-2022 by the Youth Focus Committee (a complete list of motions from 2021-2022, along with the status of each, is included in **Attachment 1**).

Pink Shirt Day

The Committee planned their annual Pink Shirt Day Instagram collage post, on both the City and youth Instagram accounts, with members wearing their pink shirts, as well as providing some resources and educational links in the caption. The Committee also organized a kindness-themed art mural exhibition during Youth Week in May 2022, displaying artwork from youth in Port Moody.

Black History Month

In recognition of Black History Month, the Committee created a book display at the Port Moody Library, with a carefully curated selection of books chosen by the Youth Focus Committee. The Committee also designed a pamphlet of resources, which was posted on the Library's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Youth Scholarship

A Subcommittee was formed, and the selection process took place in April 2022 to identify a successful candidate based on the scoring rubric provided. The Committee is scheduled to review the successful candidate at the June meeting and forward the nomination to Council for their approval. The Youth Scholarship Award is scheduled to be presented to recipient in the summer.

Orange Shirt Day

Pictures of Committee members wearing orange shirts were posted on the youth and City Instagram accounts, as well as educational resources about Orange Shirt Day.

Earth Day

The Committee created and organized an impactful Instagram post on Earth Day, April 22, 2022, which included some tips on how to be more sustainable and eco-friendlier.

Extension of Library Hours

The Director of Library Services attended the February 2022 Committee meeting to discuss the possibility of extending the Library's hours. Some feedback from the Committee was around the Library not opening on Sundays until 1pm, as this creates challenges for students wanting to use the Library for studying. The Committee's feedback and suggestions will be shared with the Library Board.

Gender Equality Month

The Gender Equality Month Event Working Group was not able to meet to plan the event and advised that this event could be organized by the Committee next term.

Meeting in Council Chambers

The Committee was not able to hold a meeting in Council Chambers this year as Inlet Theatre was closed due to COVID-19.

Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

Subject to Council's direction, the following focus areas should be included in the Committee's Work Plan for 2022-2023:

- importance of pre-registration for voting;
- equity and diversity roundtable organized by the Committee;
- an initiative to make Red Cross courses mandatory in schools;
- an annual conference with youth living or studying in Port Moody; and
- themes that will emerge from the Youth Strategy Survey.

Attachment

1. 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Resolutions.

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Attachment 1 – 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Resolutions

The following table contains a summary of all resolutions made at the 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee meetings, with the exception of resolutions regarding the adoption of minutes, resolutions to extend the meeting beyond two hours, and resolutions to grant leaves of absence.

Month	Resolution	Status
September	<p><u>YFC21/015</u></p> <p>THAT, pursuant to section 90 of the <i>Community Charter</i>, 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	The Committee nominated the recipient for the 2021 Youth Sports Award in the Closed meeting.
September	<p><u>YFC21/016</u></p> <p>THAT the 2020-2021 Youth Focus Committee Annual Report be approved.</p>	The 2020-2021 Youth Focus Committee Annual Report was approved.
October	<p><u>YFC21/018</u></p> <p>THAT the following Youth Focus Committee appointments be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Eleanor Wang; • Vice-Chair – Arun Ghag; and • Parks and Recreation Commission Representative – Leah Song. 	Ms. Wang and Mr. Ghag performed Chair and Vice-Chair duties for the term. Ms. Song represented the Youth Focus Committee on the Parks and Recreation Commission for her term.
October	<p><u>YFC21/019</u></p> <p>THAT the Youth Sports Award nomination period be reviewed for opportunities to move the nomination period away from the summer.</p>	Approval was received for the nomination period to be moved to April, to allow more time for applications to be received before school gets out for summer holidays.
November	<p><u>YFC21/021</u></p> <p>THAT the 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Work Plan be approved.</p>	The Work Plan was approved by Council on January 11, 2022.
November	<p><u>YFC21/022</u></p> <p>THAT the Library Board consider extending the Library hours of operation.</p>	Feedback will be forwarded to the Library Board for review and consideration.

Month	Resolution	Status
November	<p><u>YFC21/023</u></p> <p>THAT the following Youth Focus Committee members be appointed to the Pink Shirt Day Event Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arun Ghag – Chair; • Clara Beckwith-Jamieson; • Nicole Leng; and • Leah Song. 	<p>The Working Group created a social media post and hosted an art mural exhibition during Youth Week, in recognition of Pink Shirt Day.</p>
November	<p><u>YFC21/024</u></p> <p>THAT the following Youth Focus Committee members be appointed to the Black History Month Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber Leung; and • Leah Song. 	<p>The Working Group created a pamphlet and partnered with the Library on a book display in recognition of Black History Month.</p>
January	<p><u>YFC22/002</u></p> <p>THAT the following Youth Focus Committee members be appointed to the Gender Equality Month Event Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clara Beckwith-Jamieson; • Leah Song; and • Eleanor Wang 	<p>The Working Group was unable to meet to plan this event, and advised that this event could be organized by the Committee next term.</p>
February	<p><u>YFC22/004</u></p> <p>THAT Amber Leung and Arun Ghag be appointed to the Earth Day Event Working Group.</p>	<p>The Working Group created a social media post including educational information on how to be more sustainable and eco-friendly.</p>
March	<p><u>YFC22/006</u></p> <p>THAT the following topics be included in the 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Annual Report Suggested Focus Areas for Next Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • importance of pre-registration for voting; • equity and diversity roundtable organized by the Committee; • an initiative to make Red Cross courses mandatory in schools; • an annual conference with youth living or studying in Port Moody; and • themes that will emerge from the Youth Strategy Survey. 	<p>The Suggested Focus Areas for Next Term are included in 2021-2022 Youth Focus Committee Annual Report.</p>
April	<p><u>YFC22/008</u></p> <p>THAT the Youth Scholarship Selection Subcommittee be formed with the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah Song – Chair; • Clara Beckwith-Jamieson – Vice-Chair; and • Ryan Zhou. 	<p>The Subcommittee nominated a candidate for the 2022 Port Moody Youth Scholarship award recipient.</p>