



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Youth Focus Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Focus Committee held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 in Council Chambers.

#### Present

Rebecca Lyon, Chair  
Chloe Goodison  
Pedram Moshirfatemi  
Nathan Piasecki  
Palak Sharma  
David Shin  
Kristen A Volberg

#### Absent

Alaire Chen (Regrets)  
Nyah Courchesne (Regrets)  
Daniel Dian (Regrets)  
Victoria Lim (Regrets)  
Hooshang Moghaddam, Vice-Chair  
Elia Sheikh-Bahaie (Regrets)

#### In Attendance

Jim LaCroix – Manager of Recreation  
Daniel Josok – Recreation Leader and Volunteer Coordinator  
Corina Lefebvre – Youth Programmer  
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator

#### 1. Call to Order

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1.1 The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

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#### 2.1 YFC19/001

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the agenda of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 be adopted.**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

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#### Minutes

#### 3.1 YFC19/002

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the minutes of the Youth Focus Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 be adopted.**

#### 4. Unfinished Business

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#### 5. New Business

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##### **Acknowledging the Unceded Territory**

- 5.1 The Committee proposed that future Youth Focus Committee meetings begin with an acknowledgement that the meetings are taking place upon unceded Coast Salish territories.

Committee members expressed support for the idea.

YFC19/003

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT Youth Focus Committee meetings begin with an acknowledgement that the meetings are taking place upon unceded Coast Salish territories.**

##### **Volunteer Opportunities for Youth in Port Moody**

- 5.2 Staff Recreation Leader and Volunteer Coordinator, Daniel Josok, provided information to the Committee regarding youth volunteer opportunities with the City, noting that the City offers a more developmental approach to youth volunteers, and provides opportunities to develop leadership skillsets. Mr. Josok noted that volunteer schedules can be flexible around individual availability.

Committee members noted that volunteering experiences are beneficial on a résumé.

The Committee thanked Mr. Josok for his presentation.

The staff Recreation Leader and Volunteer Coordinator left the meeting at this point and did not return.

##### **Finalize 2019 Work Plan**

- 5.3 The Committee reviewed the list of potential work items for the 2019 Work Plan as contained in the October 10, 2018 Youth Committee meeting minutes.

Committee members noted the following in discussion:

- the TransLink bus service item should require more focus as it could take the longest to complete;
- with regards to the proposal to ban, restrict, or to make it more difficult to access plastic straws in the city, the Committee noted that some local businesses are already moving towards this idea. Additional options could include reusable, compostable straws, and an educational component;

- the City already has a policy to replace burned-out street lights with LEDs, so the proposed work item may be redundant;
- a scavenger hunt-type event could be hosted to support Youth Mental Health Week, but the event does not necessarily have to take place in the same week;
- the robotic garbage disposal concept can be a fun and educational tool for younger kids;
- regarding the painting of the metal storage bin located at Rocky Point Park (behind the Carpentry Shop), the Committee suggested seeking out partnerships with Port Moody Secondary School, the Port Moody Arts Centre, or the Moody Middle School; and
- more arts initiatives should be introduced to involve more local artists.

Staff noted that, due to the shortened 2019 committee timeline, the Committee should map out what can be realistically completed each month over the next four months (March to June), especially items that must be done this year.

The Committee agreed upon the following draft 2019 Work Plan for Council’s approval:

<b>March 2019</b>	Propose the introduction of additional bus services by TransLink during hours with peak student ridership.  Explore affordable and robotic ways to dispose of all types of garbage in a single bin.
<b>April 2019</b>	Advocate the banning/restricting of plastic straws or introduce a plastic straw-free week as part of Earth Day initiatives.
<b>May 2019</b>	Seniors Pancake Breakfast.
<b>June 2019</b>	Nominate recipients for the Youth Scholarship award.  Begin planning for Mental Health Week events in 2020.

YFC19/004

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Youth Focus Committee draft 2019 Work Plan be approved.**

**Social Media Account Update**

5.4 Staff reported that they had met with the Manager of Communications and Engagement to discuss the possibility of the Youth Focus Committee managing its own Instagram account. Staff noted that monitoring the dedicated account on a consistent basis could be a concern, and that the Committee can instead provide pre-approved photos to the Communications department for posting on the City’s official Instagram account. Staff advised that photo release forms will need to be completed for each Committee member.

Staff noted that the Committee can use this method to advertise events and meetings, and to promote the Committee as well as the youth in the community.

Committee members noted the following in discussion:

- an “Instagram takeover” for a day by the Committee can be an idea, with the City of Coquitlam as an example;
- content dedicated to youth should be appealing and relatable to youth; and
- if the City can administer a separate youth account, it can be marketed specifically in schools, and the City can provide incentives to follow the account.

**Actions:** Staff to undertake the following actions:

- provide photo release forms to Committee members for completion; and
- investigate the possibility of a City-administered youth Instagram account and report back to the Committee.

YFC19/005

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the following work item be added to the 2019 draft Work Plan for March 2019: Social media and Communications plan.**

6. Information

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7. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.