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Proposed Youth Policy



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Background

The Bay Scene



Hub @ Park Royal



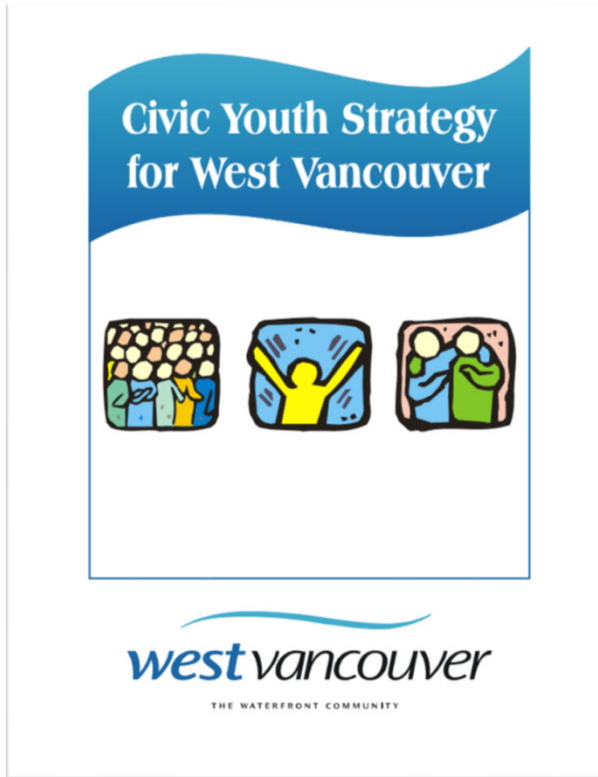
Ambleside Youth Centre



Youth Lounge



Civic Youth Strategy (Strategy)



Main Goals of the Strategy

- Create a broader vision for youth recreation
- Give youth a stronger voice in local government
- Improve the image of youth in the community
- Use civic resources for youth development
- Bring a youth perspective to civic policy development and planning



Youth Services

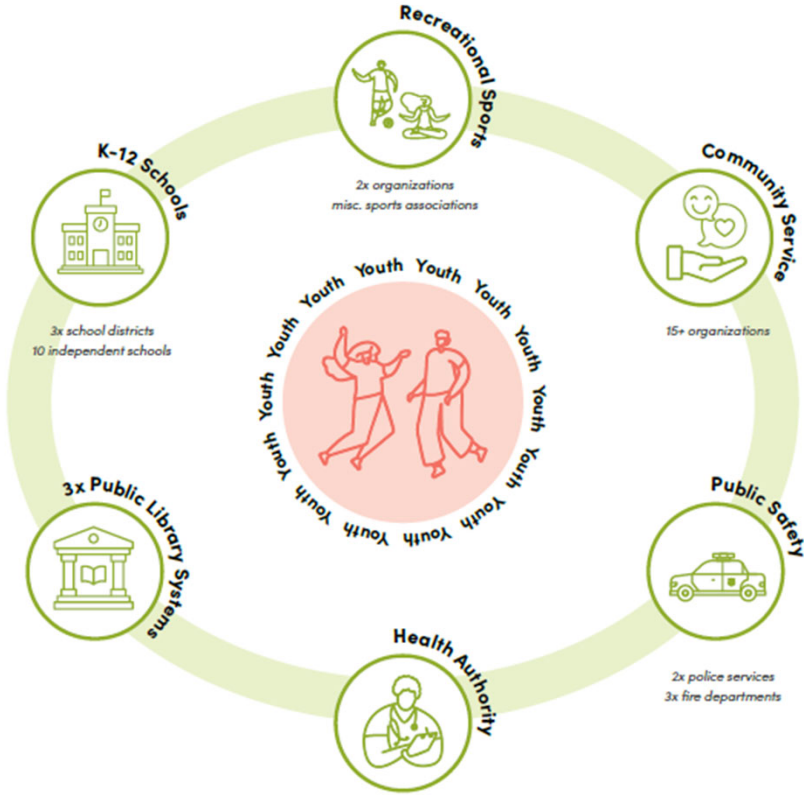


Planning for the Future of Youth Services

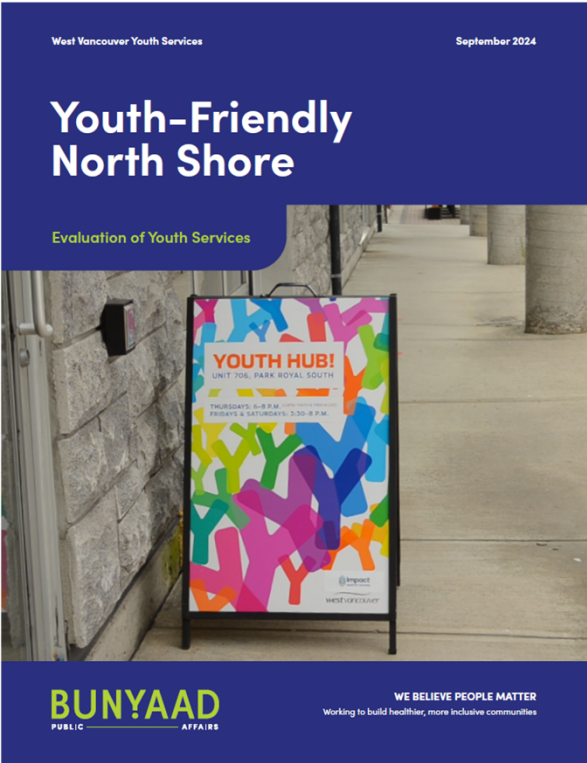
- **2010** – Future of Youth Services
- **2016** – Youth Services Review Implementation Group
- **2019** – Ambleside Youth Centre permanently closed
- **2020** – Temporary Youth Hub at Park Royal South opened
- **2021** – West Vancouver Youth Hub Visioning Report
- **2022** – Extension of the lease for the Youth Hub at Park Royal South
- **2023** – Youth-Friendly North Shore Initiative begins
- **2026** – Announcement of Permanent Youth Hub in Ambleside Park



Youth-Friendly North Shore



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PROPOSED YOUTH POLICY
MAY 11, 2026 | REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Proposed Youth Policy

- aims to support the continuance of preventative youth services and positive youth development through active youth participation, engagement, and support
- applies to all District programs, services, projects, and initiatives related to youth
- anchors and sustains the progress achieved to date by formalizing Council's long-term commitment to Youth Services, outreach, and meaningful youth participation
- alignment with the neighboring municipalities



Strategy

- Provides the framework, implementation outline, and prioritized actions for youth engagement and support
- Youth experiences and needs have shifted significantly
- Update to reflect:
 - current community context
 - best practices in youth engagement
 - positive youth development
 - recommendations from Youth-Friendly North Shore Initiative where possible



Recommendation

THAT

1. proposed “Youth Policy 0282” be approved;
2. staff update the Youth Civic Strategy to align with the proposed “Youth Policy 0282” and current youth services best practices; and
3. staff return to Council by spring 2027 with the updated Youth Civic Strategy and implementation plan for consideration.



Thank you

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