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TO: Standing Committee on Planning and Environment

FROM: Acting Director of Social Planning

SUBJECT: Annual Report Back on the Work of the Youth Outreach Team and the Civic Youth Strategy

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive for information the annual report back on the Youth Outreach Team and Civic Youth Strategy for 2005/06.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Community Services recommends approval of the foregoing

COUNCIL POLICY

Vancouver Civic Youth Strategy, 1995

On March 28, 1995, Council approved the Vancouver Civic Youth Strategy (CYS). It is a statement that fulfills the requirements of the City's Children's Policy, 1992, following Canada's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The CYS is a commitment to work in partnership with youth and the larger community to:

- ensure youth have a PLACE in the City;
- ensure strong youth VOICE in decision-making;
- promote youth as a RESOURCE to the City;
- strengthen the SUPPORT BASE for youth.

It also commits the City to involve youth and youth-driven organizations as active partners in the development, assessment and delivery of civic services having direct impact on youth; and including youth in broad spectrum consultations.

In 2003, Council approved a new model of youth engagement for the Civic Youth Strategy that requires an annual progress report and work plan.

PURPOSE & SUMMARY

This report includes a progress report (from June 2005 to September 2006) on the work of the Youth Outreach Team (YOT), including information and overview on the priority work areas and updates on youth-related work being undertaken by City staff in various departments across the City.

BACKGROUND

City Profile: Over a Decade Worth of Youth Engagement at the City

According to the 2001 City of Vancouver Social Indicators Report, young people between the age of 15 and 24 represent around 13% of the population, depending on the neighbourhood. Vancouver is extremely multicultural, immigrants representing 45.9% of the total population and Aboriginals - almost 2%. Close to half of the young people are first or second generation immigrants and have English as a second-language (Social Planning, 2003).

In a commitment to serve the needs of this diverse youth population, the City of Vancouver has laid a solid foundation with the establishment of the Civic Youth Strategy. Over a decade old, the Strategy reflects the City's commitment to its younger citizens.

Snapshot of What Exists in the City for Youth

Although the Social Planning department provides leadership for the implementation of the Civic Youth Strategy, all City departments and civic boards (Park, Police, Library and School) are to take an active role in ensuring the values and principles of the Strategy guide their work and how youth are engaged in it.

Child & Youth Social Planner, Social Planning Department

The Child and Youth Social Planner provides overall coordination and planning for youth, in collaboration with other levels of government, the youth community, service providers, and internally with other City departments and the Youth Outreach Team. This work is large in scope and often involves broad-based systemic planning for youth (i.e. youth homelessness and housing, development and support of youth services delivery hubs); working with multiple stakeholders (i.e. government funders, community groups); and can also involve funding recommendations (i.e. City's Community Services Grants and federal homelessness funding). Developing and advocating for youth engagement strategies throughout these processes is an additional element that leads to leadership and mentorship for youth participation.

Youth Outreach Team

The Youth Outreach Team (YOT) is an innovative and internationally recognized model of youth engagement. YOT is a group of youth hired as City staff (one full-time position and the rest part-time - equivalent to 1.5 Full-Time Employees), whose primary goal is to build and strengthen meaningful youth engagement in all aspects of civic business (i.e. consultations, planning processes and other City initiatives), and to work together with City staff and community to achieve the goals of the Civic Youth Strategy.

Other City Departments

Many other City departments and civic bodies provide direct programs and services to youth in the City. The Civic Youth Strategy's Department Representatives Committee reconvened in 2005 and is comprised of a representative from each relevant City department to share youth-related information with one another and to learn new techniques and examples of how to meaningfully engage youth in the work that they do.

DISCUSSION

The City is involved in a significant amount of work engaging youth in many aspects of civic business. The following is a summary of the main initiatives and activities and full listings can be found in Appendix A.

A. Work of the Child and Youth Social Planner and Youth Outreach Team

On May 26, 2005, Council received a report for information whereby staff identified three work priority areas for the upcoming year, including: i) supporting City staff (e.g. partner with Elections Office to coordinate municipal elections youth outreach); ii) supporting community partners (e.g. work in partnership with the World Urban Forum and Youth Committee to create opportunities for youth to get involved); and iii) supporting youth and youth groups (e.g. plan for the 2nd annual Youth Awards).

Over the course of the past year, the priority work areas have been further detailed in order to fully capture the extensiveness of the Child and Youth Social Planner and Youth Outreach Team workplan. Subsequently, six priority areas for the work have now been identified and include:

1. Planning for youth;
2. Youth involvement in civic program and policy development;
3. Capacity building of the City to meaningfully engage youth;
4. Youth celebration events;
5. Communications & Outreach;
6. Research and best practices of youth engagement.

Listed below is a description of each theme and an outline of the projects and activities within each of these. See APPENDIX A for more information on activity outcomes.

1. Planning for Youth

The Child and Youth Social Planner provides coordination and planning for youth issues with major stakeholders such as other levels of government, City departments, youth and youth service providers. Examples include:

- Co-chair Youth Working Group for GVRD Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH), which includes development and implementation of a youth engagement approach and support for youth participation throughout the RSCH and all its activities, including making decisions with National Homelessness Initiative funding.
- Co-chair Youth Funders Committee: an inter-governmental body working to improve coordination and planning for programs and services for youth at risk in Vancouver, including the ongoing sustainability planning for the three integrated youth services “hubs”, and development of a Youth Housing Options Paper.
- participate with Vancouver Coastal Health and others on youth drug and alcohol misuse prevention initiatives (i.e. Vancouver Methamphetamine Response Committee and “School-Aged Child and Youth Drug Prevention Project”).

2. Youth Involvement in Civic Program & Policy Development

Young people are not only the recipients of City programs and services; they frequently help to shape them. Providing these opportunities for youth participation in the development of youth related programs and broad based civic consultations is important work of the City’s Youth Outreach Team (YOT). Many of the youth who have participated in one City project often continue to be engaged in other civic or community initiatives as a participant, volunteer or paid staff. Youth also report feeling a greater sense of ownership and find the program or policy more relevant and applicable to their lives, because they, or their peers, assisted in creating it from the beginning. Youth have taken an active role in shaping the following civic initiatives:

- YouthPolitik: This initiative is supported by an inter-departmental (School, Park and Library Board and Mayor’s Office) staff steering committee and development of the program is currently underway. It will provide an opportunity for 100 young Vancouver citizens (ages 15- 19) to learn about municipal government and how it works.
- Get Out! - Olympic Youth Legacy Program: an inter-departmental pilot initiative to get youth more active in sports, arts and culture. The program’s goal is to improve the long-term health and well-being of youth. The program included: i) grants to youth and community partners working with youth; ii) new recreation programs; and iii) education, research and evaluation. Program evaluation and outcomes and future program plans will be reported to Council later this Fall.

- **City's Drug Policy:** Working in partnership with the City's Drug Policy Program staff, YOT have been working to develop a youth engagement component for the City's Drug Prevention Strategy, including training youth to facilitate community dialogues, producing a "youth-friendly" version of the City's Prevention Strategy, facilitating youth participation in the development of future prevention activities, including a Prevention Summit this fall.
- **Partners at Work:** In 2005, the Youth Outreach Team began taking a leadership role for the coordination of the annual Partners at Work (PAW) program; a joint initiative of the City of Vancouver and Vancouver School Board providing work experience in City worksites for 70 to 100 grade 11 and grade 12 Career Preparation students.
- **Elections:** The Youth Outreach Team worked in partnership with the City's Elections Office to develop and implement a youth engagement strategy for the November, 2005, municipal election.
- **Civic Committees:** The Youth Outreach Team worked in partnership with the City's Public Involvement Coordinator to present a youth-friendly orientation session for youth interested in joining a civic committee. Presentations were also offered to members of the Family Court Youth Justice and Bike Advisory Committees on how to meaningfully involve youth.

3. Capacity Building of City Staff to Meaningfully Engage Youth

After the Youth Outreach Team's pilot year of operation, it became clear that their capacity to respond to the growing number of requests to directly deliver youth engagement activities for other departments was difficult to sustain. In efforts to utilize the YOT staffing resources more effectively, efforts were redirected to training and supporting staff to become more skilled and comfortable in doing the work themselves. The Youth Outreach Team developed a number of tools and resources to educate and support City staff to increase the meaningful engagement of youth in their work. Over the past year, YOT has experienced a significant increase in requests from individual departments and work groups to assist in the creation of youth involvement strategies. YOT is no longer being asked "why" we should involve youth, rather, YOT is now being asked "how" to involve youth. Highlights of recent work include:

- **Developed and implemented a new CityLearn course "Involving Youth in Public Processes"**. The Youth Outreach Team delivered a pilot course in April, 2006, and included youth in the workshop as presenters and resource people. The objective of the course is to provide practical strategies, tools and techniques to City staff involving youth in public processes. YOT has delivered several of these workshops for adult "allies" since then and have two more CityLearn courses scheduled for the coming year.
- **Worked in partnership with the youth community to plan and implement the "Youth Worker Jam" event (September, 2006)** to identify needs and develop on-going support mechanisms for front line youth workers from a variety of settings across the city
- **Youth Engagement Tools:** YOT developed a "youth engagement checklist" that has been included in the City's Public Process Guide and website.

- Youth in Planning: YOT also responded to requests by City staff to provide support, guidance and advice on how to involve youth in public processes from many departments. Examples include: Public Benefits consultation with street youth in the downtown south; CityPlans West Point Grey Visioning; and Canada Line community consultations.

4. Youth Celebration Events

Every year the City of Vancouver finds innovative ways to recognize, appreciate and thank the youth and the adults who support them, for making a difference in their community. Special events, awards ceremonies, and a week-long celebration to acknowledge the importance of youth in Vancouver are some of the events that take place in our city. Examples include:

- C.o.V Youth Awards: On May 5, 2006, the Youth Outreach Team hosted the second annual C.o.V. Youth Awards. Over 400 people attended the event which was planned by youth for youth. Held at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre, the event was held to recognize the positive contributions made by individuals, programs and organizations to the Vancouver youth community. YOT recognized over 70 nominees and gave out 12 awards in six different categories for their work in youth engagement.
- Vancouver Youth Week: The 11th Annual Vancouver Youth Week included over 35 youth-run activities and events across the city during the first week of May. It is currently supported by the Vancouver Park Board, the City's Youth Outreach Team, and various community partners.

5. Communications & Outreach

Communications and outreach are central to the work of the Youth Outreach Team. YOT has developed a wide range of youth-friendly communications tools, including rack cards, posters and displays to inform the youth community about how to get involved in City initiatives. Other examples of major communication initiatives include:

- Website: The City of Vancouver's youth portal website (<http://vancouveryouth.ca/>) is managed and administered by the Youth Outreach Team. This website receives over 22,000 hits/month and is accessible and youth friendly.
- E-Newsletter: Bi-monthly e-newsletters called "Youth in the Hall" are sent out to the youth community, City staff and others to offer announcements and updates.
- Brochure: A double-sided colour brochure has been created for outreach purposes. The brochure highlights some of the City's projects where youth can get involved.

6. Research and Best Practices of Youth Engagement

The Youth Outreach Team initiative is receiving national recognition as a best practice model of youth engagement. There is growing recognition by other municipalities that Vancouver's model addresses many of the challenges (i.e. diverse youth representation, adult ally support, and resources for participation) found in more traditional models of engagement. Some of the successful strategies include hiring a diverse range of youth for the City's YOT and

training other youth to facilitate activities within their own diverse communities. YOT subscribes to the values and principles as defined by the Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement. These principles include ensuring a peer-based approach, resources for youth participation, the creation of opportunities for adults to work in partnership with youth, promotion of youth leadership, assist youth to develop skills, and support for adults in the organization to work with youth in a meaningful way.

The City is now being requested to provide information on youth engagement to assist others in creating their own youth engagement strategies. Examples include:

- **Presentations & Conferences:** The Youth Outreach team has been often invited to showcase the City's model of youth engagement and to present to youth groups, schools, resource fairs, and at national and international conferences. Examples of some of the presentations offered in the past year include: National Youth Retreat 4 Health 4 Wellness (Banff); UBC Living the Global City (WUF); 17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm; 2006 CIP-PIBC World Planners Congress; Growing Up In Cities Canada (Gatineau); Union of BC Municipalities; and World Urban Youth Forum: World Urban Café, Youth Roundtable and Networking Session presentation.
- **Municipal Sharing:** the Child & Youth Social Planner has been requested to share information on Vancouver's model with other municipalities and groups around the world. Examples include: City of Toronto Youth Cabinet; North Vancouver District; Burnaby (Partners at Work); Calgary; Ottawa; South Africa; Japan; Australia and Germany. Other groups include: SFU geography class; Taking IT Global Youth Mapping across Canada; and the Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement.
- **Research & Documentation Booklet:** YOT worked as an advisor to the International Institute for Child Rights and Development, based at the University of Victoria, to create a 30-page colour booklet on the civic engagement of young people in Vancouver. YOT is highlighted in this booklet as a new approach to working with young people at the municipal level that is working to create healthier communities.
- **Documentation and Evaluation:** current work includes the development of a partnership with the Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement to work with them to document and evaluate the impact of the Youth Outreach Team and related projects.

B. Civic Youth Strategy Department Representatives Committee and Inventory

The Civic Youth Strategy Department Representatives is an inter-departmental committee led by staff in Social Planning, and includes EEO; City Clerk's; Planning; OCA; Housing; Drug Unit; Licenses & Inspections; Engineering Services; Library; Parks & Recreation; School; and Sustainability Office. The role of the Committee is to:

- Further the goals of the Civic Youth Strategy;
- Share information on programs, services and other activities that their departments are working on for/with youth;
- Explore opportunities to further engage young people within the City programs, services and consultations in development of policies that impact youth;

- Act as “champions” within their departments to further the goals of the Civic Youth Strategy;
- Track and monitor their department’s work with youth and report back annually.

In the past year, the Committee was responsible for collecting project details and stories from their respective departments to contribute to the CYS Inventory (See APPENDIX B for the full Inventory). Re-introduced in 2005/06, the CYS Inventory will be conducted annually to document how and where the City of Vancouver works with and/or for youth. The purpose of the Inventory is to offer a snapshot of existing programs and services for youth across the City; identify where resources are distributed; and have a better understanding of what is working well and where gaps may exist.

C. Highlights of Youth Work for 2006-2007

Below is a sample of the activities and projects that the Youth Outreach Team will be working on over the next year (until Summer 2007).

Planning for youth

- Continue to participate on the Youth Working Group of the GVRD Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness;
- Continue to co-chair the Youth Funders Committee. Complete Youth Housing Options Paper. Participate in strategic planning session for the Committee.

Youth involvement in civic program and policy development

- Complete YouthPolitik: program development and implement program. YouthPolitik will be a series of eight training and skills-building workshops culminating in a two-day Council event at the end of November, 2006;
- Complete Get Out! reporting phase and develop and implement on-going Get Out! Program;
- Plan the first Youth Engagement Drug Prevention Summit in November, 2006;
- Restructure Partners at Work and begin session for 2007.

Capacity building of the City to meaningfully engage youth

- Deliver two CityLearn “Involving Youth in Public Processes” courses (November 06 & March, 2007);
- Outreach to specific City departments to run CityLearn course with department staff. CityLearn course will be tailored specifically for the needs of each department (e.g. VPL in fall 2006).
- Continue to work with Planning staff on specific projects where youth involvement is appropriate (i.e. community consultations, open houses, implementation of community plans, etc.).

Youth celebration events

- Host the 3rd annual CoV Youth Awards, May, 2007;
- Coordinate Vancouver's annual Youth Week (May, 2007)

Communications & Outreach

- Create an E-newsletter template and publish quarterly e-newsletters;
- Improve the "community spotlight" and "tools & resources" section on the youth website;
- Create reusable display poster boards for Youth Outreach Team presentations.

Research and best practices of youth engagement

- Confirm partnership with the Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement and begin working on joint projects.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The City of Vancouver has emerged as an international leader in municipal youth engagement and the Youth Outreach Team has increasingly gained recognition as a model of best practice. The work also reflects a growing trend towards recognizing meaningful youth engagement as a vital part of a healthy city.

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PROJECT	OBJECTIVES	• OUTCOMES
<p>Partners at Work</p>	<p>Coordinate the 2005 – 2006 Partners at Work, work experience program</p> <p>Facilitate City staff outreach and placements</p> <p>Expand on Vancouver School Board & staff coordination</p> <p>Research and develop new program options for 2007</p> <p>Begin dialogue for new partnership with the City’s HR and EEO departments in delivering the 2007 PAW program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured City staff department representatives • Generated 75 City work placements • Matched and placed 85 youth from 6 secondary schools to City placements • Initiated the involvement of 2 new schools to the 2006 program • Delivered presentations to 6 secondary schools regarding the program • Supported and coordinated the Partners at Work Student Project Team. The Team was responsible for creating: a) 1 program handbook for youth participants; b) 2 PowerPoint documentaries of the 2006 program; c) 2 wrap up events in council chambers for youth participants, including elected official representation • Completed City staff evaluation and survey of program June 06 • Completed youth survey of program July – Aug 06 • Partnership development with HR and EEO Departments is currently underway
<p>Drug Prevention</p>	<p>Support role in youth consultations for the public review of the Prevention Strategy June – Dec 05</p> <p>Support the development of a Drug Prevention Youth Engagement Strategy Jan – Aug 06</p> <p>Coordinate Youth Engagement in Prevention Summit Aug – Nov 06</p>	<p>Coordinated and facilitated youth feedback session on “Preventing Harm from Psychoactive Substance Use” report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated the development of Youth Engagement Strategy for the Prevention Pillar in Vancouver • Designed consultation strategy for the youth community: a) Created youth-friendly version of Preventing Harm from Psychoactive Substance Use Report - Short and Sweet Version; b) held 2 youth consultations with 60 youth; c) analyzed written feedback on the report made on behalf of 2 youth organizations; d) drafted a summary of common themes from consultations; e) revised and updated “short and sweet version” of Prevention Strategy • Developed outline for Phase III of Youth Engagement Strategy with the City’s Drug Policy Team: a) defined role of youth coordinator; b) hired youth coordinator; and c) identify engagement opportunities in revised Prevention Strategy • Provided support in recruiting, training and implementing youth

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		<p>sessions with the Drug Policy Youth Prevention Team (15 diverse youth hired to be part of the team)</p> <p>Provided input and connected with broader initiatives addressing problematic drug use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in National Roundtable on Youth Engagement and Canada's renewed Drug Strategy in Toronto in February 2005 • Attended Mayor's Forum October 2005 and presented themes that came out of the youth consultations • Attended 4 Pillar Coalition meetings (June and September 05) • Participated and provided input in the development of the School Aged Children and Youth Strategy (SACY), Substance Use Prevention Working Group • Presented at the 17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm, 2006 Moving Forward Treatment and Prevention conference (Saskatchewan, 2006) • Presented to a visiting group of doctors from Denmark on the Vancouver Agreement • Established partnership with Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement to document the youth engagement process of the project. Evaluation process with youth and City staff included: journal entries; one on interviews; focus groups; and pre-post surveys • Led youth working group to organize and host (in Nov. 2006) the Drug Prevention Summit
<p>Youth Workers Jam</p>	<p>Convene community youth agencies to organize event to help front line youth workers identify and respond to issues and needs.</p> <p>Host networking event for youth workers</p> <p>Assess results of networking event and identify further community needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnered with Kinex Youth Initiative to facilitate a working group including 4 agencies whose goal was to identify and design an approach to bring individuals who work with/for youth together to learn from one another • Organized a networking event September 2006. The event brought together approximately 50 people who work with youth from a variety of agencies

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Youth Week	<p>Facilitate coordination of Vancouver Youth Week events in partnership with Park Board staff and the youth community</p> <p>Participate as City of Vancouver representative on the Regional Youth Week Committee</p> <p>Evaluate and begin process of restructuring Vancouver Youth Week operations in partnership with Park Board staff</p> <p>Partner role in restructuring of Regional Youth Week Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired youth week coordinator and offered orientation with Park Board staff • Supported Park Board Youth Workers to implement a new approach to coordinating Youth Week events • 13 community centers hosted numerous events, along with 2 neighborhood houses, and 10 community agencies. • Hosted 3 medium scale events in Vancouver East, Vancouver West and Downtown • Currently drafting new proposal for coordination and support of Regional Youth Week Committee
Public Presentations and Workshops	<p>Participate as presenters/facilitators at select conferences and workshops:</p> <p>CIP World Planners Congress, Vancouver</p> <p>Growing Up in Cities Canada, Gatineau</p> <p>Union of BC Municipalities, Vancouver</p> <p>Public Health Agency of Canada, Banff</p> <p>Pan Canadian Youth Conference, Toronto</p>	<p>Canadian Institute of Planners World Planners Congress (June '06)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied for and secured a presenters spot at the World Planners Congress • Supported West Point Grey youth and Environmental Youth Alliance Youth Mappers to present at the Canadian Institute of Planners World Congress <p>Growing Up in Cities Canada (Feb '06)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented on the City of Vancouver youth engagement model as a best practice (Youth Outreach Team) <p>Union of BC Municipalities (Sept '05)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented in partnership with Environmental Youth Alliance on the topic of youth engagement within cities. Workshop format was a World Urban Café model <p>Public Health Agency of Canada (April '06)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented at the National Youth Retreat 4 Health 4 Wellness Workshop on youth engagement in Preventing Harm from

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		<p>Psychoactive Substance Use</p> <p>Pan Canadian Youth Conference (June '06)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended national conference on youth engagement in Toronto. Goal of the conference was to initiate dialogue amongst municipal youth bodies across Canada, to form a national youth agency through which youth can influence local, provincial and national governments on matters of importance to youth • Showcased Vancouver model of youth engagement with other cities, shared tools & resources • Invited and enabled Toronto Youth Cabinet participation at the World Urban Forum • Continued involvement in prompting dialogue around the creation of a national body. Toronto youth Cabinet has applied for funding for a staff person to help formulate ideas; YOT has put forward a proposal for structure and is prompting agencies to further clarify roles and objectives of a national body
<p>Workshops & Presentations for City Staff – strengthening the implementation of the Civic Youth Strategy in individual City departments</p>	<p>Develop and facilitate workshops</p> <p>Present to City staff on the work and role of the Youth Outreach Team</p>	<p>CityLearn Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed CityLearn manual, PowerPoint presentation and corresponding activities for the course • Delivered pilot workshop (March '06) to 23 City staff; recruited and supported 6 youth to participate in delivering training to city staff in partnership with the Youth Outreach Team • Established 2 future dates to deliver staff workshops through CityLearn (Nov '06 and March '07) <p>Vancouver Public Library Staff: presentation, workshop and focus group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided presentation to the Library management Team on the work of the Youth Outreach Team • Provided youth engagement advice for assessment of services at VPL • Provided support in recruiting, training and implementing VPL youth focus groups

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered CityLearn course to 12 Vancouver Public Library staff Planning Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to 15 Central Area Planning staff and 21 CityPlans staff on the City's youth engagement model for involving youth in public processes. Discussed successes and challenges and opportunities for future project partnership with the Youth Outreach Team and planning staff
YouthPolitik	Research, develop and implement Youth Politik program (in partnership with the Mayor's office, School Board, Park Board and Library)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researched similar models of civic youth education/ involvement programs • Drafted program proposal and budget • Participated in 4 steering committee meetings • Drafted and presented 2 Council reports • Hired 2 p/t youth coordinators • Created new program name, logo, posters, applications and participant criteria • Drafted program proposal (2nd stage) • Submitted call-out for Youth Working Group and hosted 1st meeting
Civic Youth Strategy Department Representatives	Role of the Committee is to the further the goals of the Civic Youth Strategy within all City departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led by staff in Social Planning • Organized 4 meetings in 05/06 where a representative from each City department (16 committee members) were in attendance • Created the Civic Youth Strategy Inventory where 68 youth-related projects were documented from 16 different City departments
World Urban Forum 2006	Participate in youth-related activities in preparation for and throughout the World Urban Forum: World Urban Youth Café World Youth Forum	World Urban Youth Café <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized a dialogue session on youth participating in local politics in partnership with the Environmental Youth Alliance at the Roundhouse Community Centre • 40 youth from diverse backgrounds attended the event • 4 Local youth groups performed at event

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	<p>World Urban Forum</p> <p>UBC Living the Global City</p> <p>Youth Hub Launch event</p>	<p>World Youth Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated on the WYF steering committee • Facilitated a workshop for 50 international youth delegates on “Youth Leadership & Governance” • Presented on the City’s model of youth engagement • Provided a tour of City Hall for 75+ youth delegates: tour involved community representatives and explored municipal governments role in supporting youth involvement <p>World Urban Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated as a panelist to over 450 international delegates at the Roundtable “Youth, Leaders of Today and Tomorrow” • Presented to over 200 international delegates, including leaders in the field of youth engagement such as Roger Hart, Louise Chawla and David Driskell at the Youth Networking Session “Child & Youth Friendly Cities” <p>UBC Living the Global City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented in partnership with David Driskell (author of Growing Up in Cities, UNESCO) on municipal youth engagement <p>Youth Hub Launch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced City Council member as part of a presentation
<p>Communications</p>	<p>Create and implement youth-friendly outreach material to update youth on what is happening in the City and ways for youth to get involved:</p> <p>Website: to reach out to the Vancouver youth community by providing a youth friendly option for youth to get involved in City</p>	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website address promoted on YOT rack cards, posters and at every presentation to drive youth and others to the website for information on civic youth engagement and on how youth can get involved • City of Vancouver Youth Outreach Team website gets on average of 20,000 visits/month with the Events Calendar section of the website reaching the highest number of visits

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	<p>activities</p> <p>Newsletter: to distribute widely in the youth community in order to provide information and opportunities for youth participation in City initiatives. Also details the outcomes of projects and plans for future projects</p> <p>Brochure: to design and create a youth friendly brochure highlighting the work of the Youth Outreach Team and providing information to get youth involved in City activities</p> <p>Listserve: to create an email database of interested youth and service providers. YOT sends email updates and announcements to get youth more involved in the City and their community</p> <p>General Inquiries</p>	<p>Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-monthly e-newsletter sent out to a large distribution network. E-newsletter sent to Citywire Spotlight, Schools, Community centres, Libraries, youth organizations and individual youth <p>Brochure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in partnership with the City's Graphics department to create a 2-sided colour brochure. Brochure will be used as an outreach tool to be distributed to the youth community <p>Listserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently working with the City's IT department to create a program on the youth website to improve distribution services to the youth community <p>General Inquiries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responded to over 50 general inquires from the public regarding: the work of YOT at the City; best practices of youth engagement; models of youth engagement at a municipal level; international connections around youths involvement; youth employment opportunities; requests to connect with local agencies and requests to connect with youth populations; requests to connect with City projects; youth demographic information; volunteer requests; media interviews / profiling; and new comer orientations
<p>COV Youth Awards</p>	<p>Design 2006 C.o.V. Awards framework</p> <p>Coordinate event logistics</p> <p>Facilitate community participation in recognition strategy</p> <p>Coordinate the design and development of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted proposal to TELUS for sponsorship • Created a Special Award category on Anti-Violence and Crime Prevention work • Presented to the CYS Department Reps Committee on the Awards program • 500 nomination forms distributed and 50 posters to High schools, Neighborhood Houses, Community policing stations, Community centers through Vancouver Youth Week, Youth Organization

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	outreach materials Coordinate general and targeted outreach Coordinate program development and selection process Design media strategy Recognize and celebrate youth involvement Collect, analyze, summarize, evaluate 2006 C.o.V.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruited and supported 10 youth for Working Group • Created media advisory and press release in partnership with Corporate Communications • Created media package and distributed to 7 media groups that secured 4 interviews • Secured coverage of the event by GVTV (created video), ICTV and The Beat Street Squad • Designed nomination forms and posters in partnership with the Youth Working Group Arts Committee and City's Graphics department • 24 nominations 13 -18, 12 nominations 19-24, 12 nominations adult ally, 8 nominations youth program, 9 nominations youth group, 3 nominations youth organization, 6 nominations anti-violence and crime prevention • 4 City Councilors presented awards • 500 people attended Awards ceremony • 50 youth involved in Art exhibition • 10 performances: 3 bands, 3 singers, 3 dance groups • Final report, Binder documenting process, Debrief meetings
Elections	Coordinate general and targeted youth outreach strategy Hire, support and train Youth Election Troupe Manage team schedule and scope of activities Strategize effective ways for team to reach individual youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in partnership with the Elections Office Outreach worker to design a youth engagement strategy for the 2005 municipal elections • Provided feedback on outreach material such (pin, rack cards shirts) • 7 youth hired as part of Youth Elections Theatre Troupe • Created training sessions for the Youth Elections Theatre Troupe on: Theatre Improve (hired professional Sports Theatre group for offer the training); civic education/voting 101; and strategies to outreach • Worked in partnership with the Child and Youth Advocate Office to design and facilitate 6 workshops out of a series of workshops called "Confused, Frustrated & Connected" • Assisted in the delivery of school presentations throughout Vancouver (6 schools, 10 presentations) • Collaborated in multicultural outreach initiatives: 3 in total • Conducted outreach with youth community groups, events or

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		<p>organizations: 6 presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled attendance at PNE elections booth, community events, schools, and presentations. Over 50 presentation were offered to approximately 300 young people • Submitted 5 Invoices for YET members and training session/Summary of human resources (time and staff) • Media involvement in 3 interviews: Westender, CBC morning show, and CKNW radio interview at the PNE • Produced final report
<p>Youth in Planning</p>	<p>Canada Line: design and facilitate youth only consultations for suggestions and feedback on the Canada Line station design</p> <p>West Point Grey: support youth involvement in mapping process</p> <p>Mount Pleasant: work on scoping youth involvement opportunities with planning staff</p>	<p>Canada Line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in partnership with the Environmental Youth Alliance Youth Mappers and the City's Canada Line Planners to facilitate youth-only consultation sessions: 2 sessions / total of 30 youth attended • Provided feedback on final youth report • Documented youth engagement method in a one-pager as an example for others. Posted on youth website as a resource for City staff <p>West Point Grey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with CityPlans staff to outreach to and support 15 – 20 youth in the City's 18 month Visions process • Provided community mapping training with partner agency (Youth Community Asset Mappers), resulting in an interactive foam core display for the Visions Fair • Incorporated 6 youth as facilitators in YOT CityLearn staff course • Arranged for youth to present at the Canadian Institute of Planners World Congress <p>Mount Pleasant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with planning staff to scope out youth involvement possibilities • Provided Planning staff with contact information for 30 community

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		<p>agencies for Mount Pleasant planning process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated discussions with Youth Community Asset Mappers around the possibility of partnering with the City to design a youth engagement initiative using the objectives and parameters of the Mount Pleasant planning process • Scoping is ongoing and dependant on approval of planning process <p>Public Benefits consultation in the Downtown South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided staff with contacts, resources and methodology for consultation with street youth to gather input for report to Council • 15 youth attended focus group
<p>Youth Hubs</p>	<p>Support the long term sustainability of the 3 Integrated Youth Services “Hubs” in the City including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directions (Burrard St.) Youth Centre • Native Youth Centre- Urban Native Youth Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in quarterly Community Advisory Committee meetings for the Centre • Monitor Directions obligations to the City as part of Development Permit conditions • City purchased site for Centre • Meet regularly with other levels of government to help agency staff develop business plan and funding submissions to Provincial and Federal governments
<p>Get Out! An inter- departmental initiative with OCA and Park Board</p>	<p>Concluded pilot phase II and transition phase for the Get Out! program including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completion of 2nd grants program • development and implementation of new recreation programs • completion of research/evaluation <p>Developing long term program and funding strategies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewed contract for program coordinator/researcher • Facilitated 3 community workshops for grants program • Funded 13 grants to youth/community agencies totaling \$78,000 • Completed 12 new recreation programs • Supported 10 Youth Action Teams • Updated program website with research and program information • Held “Big Bash” event showcasing programs initiated from Get Out! • Met quarterly with program Community Advisory Committee • Completed program research and evaluation • Presented program at conferences and workshops

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Homelessness	Co-chair GVRD Regional Steering Committee (RSCH) on Homelessness Youth Working Group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chair monthly meetings with 4-8 youth • Support development of poster project for National Homelessness conference • Support youth who have experience with homelessness to participate on committee, make funding decisions with other RSCH members, present at RSCH meetings, identify issues and solutions to youth homelessness
Youth Funders	Co-chair intergovernmental funders committee to plan and monitor funding for programs and services for at-risk youth in Vancouver.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in monthly meetings • Completed development of funding database • Data entry complete for COV funding for youth programs and services • Coordinate and plan for long term sustainability of Integrated Youth Centre "Hubs" • Identified need for development of Youth Housing Options Paper including research around best practices, needs assessment and developing a continuum of youth housing options (consultants hired- expected completion- Dec '06)

The City of Vancouver Civic Youth Strategy Inventory is a document of how and where the City of Vancouver works with and/or for youth. The CYS Inventory is conducted on an annual basis and presented to Council. The purpose of the Inventory is to offer a snapshot of existing programs and services for youth across the City; identify where resources are distributed; and have a better understanding of what is working well and where the gaps exist.

The Civic Youth Strategy Department Representatives is a Committee comprised of a representative from each relevant department throughout the City in order to share youth-related information with one another and to learn about new opportunities. Led by staff in Social Planning, the departments involved include: EEO; City Clerks; Planning; OCA; Housing; Drug Unit; Licenses & Inspections; Engineering Services; Library; Parks & Recreation; School; and Sustainability Office. The role of the Committee is to:

- Further the goals of the Civic Youth Strategy
- Share information on programs, services and other activities that their departments are working on for/with youth
- Explore opportunities to further engage young people within the City programs, services and consultations in development of policies that impact youth.
- Act as “champions” within their departments to further the goals of the Civic Youth Strategy
- Track and monitor their departments work with youth and report back annually

Working in collaboration with the Social Planning Department, the CYS Department Representatives Committee was responsible for collecting project details and stories from their respective departments in order to contribute to the CYS Inventory.

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***Note:** The scope of the CYS Inventory is a snapshot of youth-related work in the City from approximately May 2005 – May 2006. Therefore, the Inventory may not capture information on the variety of youth projects and programs in all City departments, plus information on the Vancouver School Board, Provincial and Federal youth partnerships and community youth organizations have also been excluded.

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2005 General Local Election Outreach	Youth Outreach Program employed youth to develop and deliver communications to encourage youth participation in civic activities and voting.	City Clerk's Department - Elections, Marg Coulson, Deputy City Clerk 604.871.6586	February - November, 2005
Youth Justice Exhibition	The Youth Sub-Committee of the Vancouver Family Court-Youth Justice Committee is putting together a Youth Justice Exhibition. The exhibition will consist of writings and artwork from youth around the City on the theme of youth justice and will be displayed in the hallway on the 3 rd Floor of City Hall on the week of December 4 th to the 8 th , 2006. The exhibition will be followed by an awards ceremony on the December 12 th , 2006 session of Council where the mayor will present gifts to exemplary exhibition entrants.	City Clerk's Department, Public Access & Council Support. Nelson Teixeira, Public Involvement Coordinator 604.873.7104	May-December, 2006
Tours of City Hall	City Clerks offers tours of City Hall to all interested parties including youth groups and secondary and elementary school children. Tours involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • highlighting what City Hall does (Main Floor) • an explanation of the different employment opportunities available at the City (HR-2nd Floor) • a presentation of architectural models of the City • viewing the showcased gifts and various artwork presented to the City (Main and 3rd Floor) • viewing an 8 minute video on the history of Vancouver in the Council Chamber 	City Clerk's Department – Public Access & Council Support. Do Nguyen, Administrative Supervisor 604.873.7151	Ongoing
Collections Access Project	Clean, flatten and repair architectural plans and drawings, funded by Young Canada Works grant.	City Clerk's Department – Archives. Sue Bigelow, Conservator 604.736.8561	May – August, 2005

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Applicant Orientation Session for Youth	Held an applicant orientation session geared towards youth during recruitment to the Family Court/Youth Justice Committee and Vancouver Public Library Board. Subsequently, Council appointed four youth members to the Family Court Committee and one to the Library Board.	City Clerk's Department, Public Access & Council Support. Nancy Largent, Public Involvement Coordinator. 604.873.7104	November 2005
Youth Subcommittee	Vancouver Family Court-Youth Justice Committee recruited a Youth Subcommittee and youth members for 2006. At the Committee's request, by Council resolution, four youth spaces were reserved on the Committee.	City Clerk's Department, Public Access & Council Support, Family Court-Youth Justice Committee. Janine Stockford, Chair, FC-YJC Youth Sub-Committee	September-December, 2005
"Youth Panel on Anti-discrimination/Racism Issues"	Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues - Panel Discussion. Agenda item was "Youth Panel on Anti-discrimination/Racism Issues", see Appendix A,; http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20051103/documents/pe1.pdf	City Clerk's Department – Public Access & Council Support, Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues. Diane Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator 604.871.6371	May 5, 2005
Submission re: Family Reunification	Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues - Submission to House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration	City Clerk's Office, Public Access & Council Support - Diane Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator 604.871.6371 Social Planning, Baldwin Wong, Multicultural Social Planner 604 871 6637	May 15, 2005
Report to Council on Civic Youth Programs and Diversity Issues	Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues - Report to Council on Civic Youth Programs and Diversity Issues. Appendix to 2005 Annual Report submitted at P&E November 3, 2005. Memo relating to same sent to new Council on January 26, 2006	City Clerk's Department – Public Access & Council Support, Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues. Diane Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator 604.871.6371	November 3, 2005

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<i>Ideas Competition</i> ("21 places for 2010")	Vancouver City Planning Commission project public realm ideas competition held in 2005. Competition was open to the public, including school children. http://www.alternativefutures.bc.ca/pages/21places-overview.asp	City Clerk's Department – Public Access & Council Support. Robert Buller, Commission Manager, 604 873 7477 Vancouver City Planning Commission	February - April 2005
Youth Engagement in the Prevention of Problematic Substance Use	The Drug Policy Program has been working collaboratively with the Youth Outreach Team since May 2004. During 2004-05, dialogues with the youth community to seek input towards a policy document "Preventing Harm from Psychoactive Substance Use" were held. A youth friendly version of this document was jointly produced in 2005. As recommended in this document, the collaboration is currently embarking on the implementation of a youth engagement project for the prevention of problematic substance use among Vancouver youth.	Drug Policy Program Zarina Mulla 604.871.6481	Ongoing
Homeless Action Plan	Adopted by Council in 2005, the HAP identifies what actions the City, other levels of government, community and business can take to address homelessness. The Plan contains 87 recommended actions to eradicate or eliminate homelessness by focusing on three strategic priorities in the area of income, housing and support services. Visit the following for a copy of the Plan: http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/housing/pdf/hap05jun.pdf A number of youth housing and service providers were consulted in the development of the Plan (e.g., Covenant House, DEYAS).	Housing Centre Celine Mauboules, Planner 604.871.6848	November 24-June 2005 (final Plan adopted by Council)

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Housing/Youth Service Partnership: 1134 Burrard St.	<p>On February 24, 2004, Council approved the purchase of 1134 Burrard St. for the development of housing to replace SRO hotels and rooming houses in accordance with the City's commitment to maintain the stock of low-income housing in Downtown South.</p> <p>The site is leased to Family Services of Greater Vancouver to accommodate an integrated youth services centre (IYSC) provides counseling and support, health services, life skills training, and other services to street-involved youth. Should funding become available, the long term intent of the partnership is to redevelop the site for low-income housing (it is anticipated that roughly 20% of the units would be dedicated to youth housing).</p>	Housing Centre Cameron Gray, Director 604.873.7207	Council approved 5 year lease in 2004 (FSGV) operating integrated youth service centre at location now.
Downtown Eastside Housing Plan	In September 2005, Council adopted a revised Housing Plan for the Downtown Eastside. The Plan included an extensive community consultation process. Key youth service providers (e.g., Covenant House) reviewed and provided feedback on various aspects of the Plan such as the chapter on social housing.	Housing Centre Ben Johnson, Planner 604.873.7542	May – September 2005
Shelter Strategy	The Housing Centre has been actively involved in the Shelter Planning project that aims to provide direction to the region's decision makers regarding the number and type of shelter spaces required to meet the needs of homeless persons for the next ten years (project is being funded by Shelter Net BC). The strategy was developed through extensive consultation with stakeholders, including youth service providers.	Housing Centre Jill Davidson, Senior Planner 604.873.7670	Strategy is being finalized (April 2006).
Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness	The Housing Centre participates on the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness. The Committee is composed of service providers, community organizations and all levels of government and is responsible for creating a regional strategy to address homelessness. The Committee also determines	Housing Centre Jill Davidson, Senior Planner 604.873.7670	Ongoing

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	where the money from the National Homelessness Initiative is distributed within the GVRD. Youth Affecting Homelessness (YAH) is a group of young people with past street experience who participate in the Youth Working Group (YWG) of the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness to address issues that affect homeless youth in the Greater Vancouver Regional District.		
Youth Housing Options Study	The Housing Centre is a member of the Youth Funders Table and involved in developing a Youth Housing Options Study for Vancouver. Other project funding partners include the Ministry of Children and Families, BC Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, the Vancouver Agreement and Service Canada. The purpose of the report is to provide strategic information and options regarding the appropriate continuum of youth housing services in Vancouver to 2010. The study will be youth driven and will include focus groups with youth, as well as youth service providers.	Housing Centre Celine Mauboules, Planner 604.871.6848	May 2005 – October 2005
“Vancouver Celebrates Diwali”	A multi departmental initiative partnering with community agencies (such as South Asian Family Services and South Vancouver Neighbourhood House), as well as members of community including youth. The steering committee for Diwali has attracted south Asian youth to become involved in planning and implementation of various events associated with Diwali celebrations. In addition to workshops at community centres and a City hall celebration, an event targeting youth and families called “Chai House” took place on November 6 th . Programming included short films, poetry, short story readings, and music by young aspiring artists.	Equal Employment Opportunity Program Rajpal Kohli, Advisor 604-873-7709 Social Planning Baldwin Wong, Multicultural Social Planer 604.871.6637 Parks & Recreation Susan Gordon, Arts Coordinator 604-257-8495	March 2005 to December 2005 (2006 project activities underway - Project running on an annual basis since 2004)

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Get Carded	<p>Get Carded is a one-hour multi-media presentation for Grade 9 students of the public library's electronic resources. Students will be introduced to the commercial databases available through Vancouver Public Library's website, as well as other Internet-based services. Students will also be shown search tips and given the opportunity to practice what they've learned.</p> <p>Library cards, which are needed to access the commercial databases remotely, will be issued to all students. In addition, students participating in the program will receive a Get Carded button and bookmark.</p>	<p>Children's Library Teen Librarian Thomas Long 604-331-3690</p>	Oct05-May06
Bookcamp	<p>The aim of the Canadian book Camp is to provide a fun and creative workshop environment in which youth can work with well-known authors and illustrators to develop their skills in a variety of genres. There are an exciting variety of subjects to offer our camp participants, including workshops that cover writing for film / animation and Opera Libretto writing.</p>	<p>Director, Youth Services & Community Relations Janice Douglas 604-331-4035</p>	Aug06

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TAG	<p>You <i>need</i> the input of teens to provide service to teens. A teen advisory group provides the Library with the <i>best</i> opportunity to meaningfully engage with youth in the community on how the library can meet their needs - TAG members not only give us feedback on the kinds of services they would like, but they also assist the Library in getting the desired result.</p> <p>There are currently 15 teens from across the city that makes up the Library's TAG.</p>	Children's Library Teen Librarian Thomas Long 604-331-3690	Ongoing (meets once a month)
Readalong	<p>The Read-a-long program provides children who are having problems with their reading a chance to practice with books of their choice in a non-threatening, non-institutional environment. Its mandate is to provide an atmosphere where children may experience the fun and enjoyment of reading. Student leaders are hired to co-ordinate the program</p>	Director, Youth Services & Community Relations Janice Douglas 604-331-4035	Jun-Aug06
<i>Just For Teens</i> Series	<p>Series of programs specifically for teens on issues of interest to teens. The program ideas come from the Teen Advisory Group. Recent programs on body image, health issues and careers searching attracted upwards of 200 teens.</p>	Children's Library Teen Librarian Thomas Long 604-331-3690	Ongoing
Friends	<p>Friends of the Vancouver Public Library is an association of community members who value the library and demonstrate support through membership and volunteer participation</p>	Friends of Vancouver Public Library Volunteer Coordinator 604-331-4049 friends@friendsofthevpl.ca	Ongoing
Jenny's Bookclub	<p>Jenny's Book club is lead by one of the Library's Teen Advisory Group members. Books being discussed include <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>, <i>Feed</i>, <i>A Complicated Kindness</i>, <i>Life of Pi</i>, and <i>Missing Sarah</i>. The program has been a terrific success, due in no small part to the fact that the program is lead by a teen!</p>	Children's Library Teen Librarian Thomas Long 604-331-3690	Jan06-May06

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Teen Summer Reading Club	The Province-wide Teen Summer Reading Club is an online discussion group for teens to share their reading experiences, discuss hot topics, and win prizes. Last year over over 2100 teens registered, and they contributed over 5000 book reviews.	Children's Library Teen Librarian Thomas Long 604-331-3690	Jun06-Sep06
Meet the Author	Meet The Author is a book club intended to compliment the virtual Teen Summer Reading Club. It features local teen authors such as Shelley Hrdlitschka, Carrie Mac, Diane Tullson, and Pam Withers. Participants get the opportunity to discuss books with the author and also get tips on the writing process.	Children's Library Teen Librarian Thomas Long 604-331-3690	Jul06
Vancouver's Skateboard Strategy	Purpose: develop a longer term strategy for developing Vancouver's skateboarding infrastructure. Vancouver had a single skatepark until 1999; since then, five skateparks have been added, and more skateparks will be built in the years to come. Park Board staff prepared a questionnaire regarding key elements to be included in the strategy, and solicited responses from skateboarders. 60 questionnaires completed at "Slam City Jam" skateboarding competition; 83 filled in at two popular skateparks in Vancouver. An on-line questionnaire was also available on the Park Board's website - 465 were filled in within a two week period! The Skateboard Strategy was approved by Park Board on Oct 31, 2005. Coordinated with the Vancouver Skatepark Coalition.	Planning and Operations, Park Michel Desrochers, Research Planner 604.257.8529	Spring and Summer 2005; approval Fall 2005
Oak and 37 th Park Concept Plan Development	Purpose: develop a concept plan for naturalized park site adjacent to Eric Hamber Secondary and Ecole Rose des Vents; work with BMX bike community to identify needs and work to build a suitable BMX facility elsewhere due to current environmental damage caused by BMS use; proposed integration of ultimate Frisbee sport community, playground for young families, and a jogging trail. Consultations with school staff, parents and youth reps from organized and unorganized groups; formal sessions with	Planning and Operations, Park Alan Duncan, Environmental Planner 604.257.8515	Open Houses early 2005; approval June '05; construction 2006

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	Vanc Ultimate League, Hamber Secondary and le Conseil Scolaire Francophone		
Quilchena Park: Westside Vancouver's First Skatepark	Development of Park at 4590 Magnolia Street on Vancouver's Westside; 5000 sq ft of beginner to intermediate plaza style obstacles. Ramps, rails and granite ledges, seat ledges and manual pads. Community consultation included local residents, students from Prince of Wales Secondary, and local user groups including skateboarders. Planning began in 2003 but park development process included youth in full step once the idea of incorporating skateboard use became prominent; construction completed in 2005; ongoing assessment planned to monitor use of this somewhat controversial addition to this park.	Planning and Operations, Park Michel Desrochers, Research Planner 604.257.8529 Park Planning Debra Barnes, Project Manager 604.718.5852	2004-Fall 2005
Downtown Skateboard Plaza	One of the first of its kind in North America, located on a City right-of-way, the park opened in 2004 and has been heavily used and is highly valued by skatepark enthusiasts from all over North America and beyond. Covered, 26,000 sq ft park includes all the popular urban elements which attract skaters to downtown urban environments around the world, and given its proximity to the urban core and market residential housing, requires ongoing support and contact with both skaters and community, thru Diana. Park monitoring is collaborative in partnership with Van Skatepark Coalition.	Planning and Operations, Park Mark Vulliamy, Manager of Research and Planning 604.257.8461 Roundhouse C.C. Diana Guenther, Skatepark Community Assistant 604.713.1814	Ongoing

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Youth Space at Aberthau- West Point Grey Community Centre Youth Lounge	One of the last community centres to provide specific staffing support. (an auxiliary community youth work assistant) West Point Grey has developed a small but active youth group who have worked hard to develop a youth-friendly space in the Aberthau mansion, home to the West Point Grey Community Centre. Park Board small project (NNR) dollars helped 'raise the roof' of this basement space, in order to meet minimum public space requirements, and with the support of the joint operating partner, the West Point Grey Community Association, funds were allocated to outfit and equip the space with furniture and games equipment to create an active and safe youth lounge space.	West Point Grey C.C. Hanna Maron, Community Recreation Coordinator 604.257.8161 Sharon Genge , Child/Youth Recreation Programmer 604.257.8149	Fall 2005-Summer 2006
Stanley Park Stewardship Programs	War of the Worlds- 4 schools; gr. 6-7 students; 308 students over 9 programs in a fee for service model of stewardship education and participation. Ivy Busters – volunteer opportunity for youth over spring break to assist with ivy control in Stanley Park; involved 12 students from PWales, VanTech, Kits and University Hill thru posters, flyers and emails; small start with growth potential given more connections thru Community School Teams, etc.	Stanley Park Service Yard Eric Meagher, Maintenance Supervisor 604.257.8521 Stanley Park Ecology Society Michelle Gaudry, Stewardship Assistant 604.718.6522	Fall 2005-Spring 2006
Ensuring Youth Involvement in local recreation programs, projects and events: Local Youth Councils	Youth Councils exist in some form at most community centres, providing opportunities to participate in program design, leadership, program implementation and evaluation, and even fundraising and community consultation and development.	Vancouver East District Booth Palmer, Recreation Services Coordinator Children and Youth 604.257.8431	Ongoing and during the period 2005-2006

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Get Out! Olympic Youth Legacy Program	<p>Various youth council formats have developed over the past decade, but this information has yet to be captured; the work is pending and we expect to have it compiled for the 2007 Inventory.</p> <p>Get Out!: In collaboration with the City staff from Office of Cultural Affairs and Social Planning, Park Board staff helped to develop the Get Out! Program in 2 phases. A total of 3, 500 youth were involved, 500+ leadership positions, thru over 70 projects including grants, new programs, Youth Action Teams and participatory youth action research. Project targeted the engagement and participation of less active youth in arts, sports, cultural activity and community involvement to maximize their growth and development.</p>	Vancouver East District Booth Palmer, Recreation Services Coordinator Children and Youth 604.257.8431	Phase II Pilot Projects: July 2005-June 2006
One Day	Hire youth (high school and university aged) to do One Day outreach work (we provide the training - they go to events and represent the One Day campaign, provide information and materials to the public about energy conservation and sustainability	Sustainability Program Amy Fournier, Community Outreach Coordinator 604.871.6814	Ongoing, since June 2005
One Day	Have had a couple brainstorms with various youth on messaging and activities for One Day	Sustainability Program Amy Fournier, Community Outreach Coordinator 604.871.6814	May- June 2005
One Day	On the One Day Vancouver website, there is a youth high school section on website. We have plans to further develop this section of the site with input from youth	Sustainability Program Amy Fournier, Community Outreach Coordinator 604.871.6814	September 2005 and ongoing

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One Day	Liaising with Better Environmentally Sound Transportation on a project they are doing with high school students focusing on promoting alternative transportation in schools	Sustainability Program Amy Fournier, Community Outreach Coordinator 604.871.6814	September 2005 to June 2006
Windermere High School Beautification	Students from the Windermere High School ACTION Committee in partnership with the Environmental Youth Alliance, UBC Landscape architecture students, local residents and the City of Vancouver developed detailed plans to beautify the front of the high school. The Windermere ACTION Committee hosted a landscape design workshop in April where local residents and students worked together to develop a landscape plan for the front of the school. Phase 1 of the gardens was planted by the students in May. In addition, the Windermere students worked with local residents to secure street improvements to East 27 th Avenue. The street improvements are scheduled for Fall 2006.	Central Area Planning Kirsten Baillie, Planning Analyst 604.873.7211	Ongoing
West Point Grey Community Visions Youth Council	A Visions Youth Council has been formed in West Point Grey (Lord Byng high school) to provide a youth voice in the development of a 20 year plan for West Point Grey. The work of the Youth Council parallels and complements the City of Vancouver Community Visions Process. Among the achievements to date are: completion of a community photo mapping exercise; preparation of display boards and interactive displays for Community Visions Fair; presentation at youth workshop attended by 90 students; and development of workshops for Social Studies classes and elementary school students.	City Plans Beverley Podlecki, Planning Assistant 604.871.6326 Cameron Scott, Planning Analyst 604.873.7199	Fall 2005 - Spring 2007

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Victoria Drive BIA	The Victoria Drive BIA has been working with David Thompson Secondary School. In 2004, the BIA sponsored a student competition through the school's art classes to design the BIA logo. Also, in 2005 the BIA supplied paint and brushes for a shop-window Christmas painting project. The students solicited donations from businesses and did the window painting. As part of the ongoing partnership, the school has established a 'Junior BIA' program in the school.	Business Improvement Area (BIA) Program Peter Vaisboard, Planner 604.871.6304	
Still Creek Enhancement Project	As part of the Still Creek Enhancement project at 3003 Grandview Highway, a group of youth from Van Tech High school got involved in an environmental initiative. In partnership with Evergreen, youth visited the site and learned about the importance of native species in creating a more naturalized environment. About 20 students came out for the Community Planting Day (October 22, 2005) and contributed many hours of hard work on the site, pulling out invasive species such as the Himalayan blackberry and planting native species to help attract birds and, hopefully some day, fish will reappear in this area of Still Creek.	Central Area Planning Branca Verde, Planning Analyst 604.873.7817	October 22, 2005

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Norquay Village Neighbourhood Centre Program	<p>The Environmental Youth Alliance 'Youth Mappers' worked in partnership with City Plans and Grade 6 students from Norquay Elementary School to explore what spaces and places in the neighbourhood were important to children who live in the neighbourhood. They produced a thematic map, documenting both the children's favorite spaces, and places they were concerned about. At the end of June, EYA interns gave a presentation of their work to the Norquay Village Working Groups (made up of residents, business owners, and property owners from the Norquay area) and the Neighbourhood Centre planning team. Their valuable insights, as documented on their map, will be utilized by the planning team and the working groups as we prepare options for a streetscape plan, a housing area plan, and a 'greening and linkages' plan for the neighbourhood.</p>	<p>City Plans Neighbourhood Centres Program Abigail Riley, Planning Analyst 604.873.7461</p>	<p>April-June 2006 + ongoing to spring 2007</p>
Leeside Tunnel Project	<p>Worked with youth, city staff, and community stakeholders to develop a plan for Leeside Tunnel. A series of workshops/open houses were held with community groups (including skateboarding youth groups) to come up with a concept plan for the tunnel. Youth were hired to design/carry-out the community consultation piece (special consideration to balancing all interests in the community that use the tunnel -- from hard to reach skateboarders from different skateboarding communities, to residents and community groups in the area).</p> <p>A joint initiative between Parks, Engineering and Planning, this project is examining a joint use facility in the Leeside Tunnel (crossing below Hastings St west of Cassiar) that would provide for skateboarders, BMX users, graffiti artists and a greenways route. A public consultation process is being coordinated by a</p>	<p>Planning & Engineering Edna Cho, Planner 604.873.7271</p>	<p>Spring-Fall 2005</p>

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	<p>community youth representative hired by the City and involves a stakeholder group including youth users of the tunnel.</p> <p>Leeside skateboard tunnel is a project that involved public consultation with area youth and used some of these youth as project leaders. Engineering is one of the three stakeholders, along with Parks and Planning.</p>		
Prince Edward Public Art (PEPART) Project - community art project funded by Cultural Affairs	Involvement of elementary students from Trudeau and Henderson schools in a competition to design 11 aluminum banners to be installed on street poles along Prince Edward St. Installation and celebration completed in fall 2005.	Planning & Engineering Wesley Joe, Planning Analyst 604.873.7736	Fall 2005
Graffiti – Restorative Justice Program (RESTART)	This program is organized by the Police Department with assistance from Engineering. Most of the participants are graffiti taggers, typically youth, who have been caught by the Police. Youth leaders/mentors and community representatives are brought in to educate participants about the damage caused by graffiti and to steer them into more productive forms of self-expression. Part of the program involves a mural painted on public property by the participants.	Engineering Services Daniel Paquin, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator 604.871.6300	3-4 times/year
Graffiti Mural Program	Engineering staff solicit youth involvement in mural projects through community centres and groups like PICS(Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society) who assist at-risk youth. The annual mural competition done through the Graffiti Management Program involves a significant number of youth artists and draws a good youth audience.	Engineering Services Brian Leonard, Mural Coordinator 604.873.7793	Ongoing

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Keep Vancouver Spectacular	The City's volunteer litter cleanup program. The City provides cleanup supplies and services to the volunteers. Last year 31 schools participated in this program.	Engineering Services Chris Underwood, Solid Waste Management Engineer 604.873.7992	Annual - approx beginning of March to mid June
School Plays	The City provides three live, slapstick comedy, musical plays to the elementary schools in Vancouver at no charge. Rethink promotes recycling and composting, Clean Up Your Act is anti-litter and anti-graffiti and the A2Z of H2O promotes waste conservation.	Solid Waste Management, Engineering Lindsay Moffit, Recycling Coordinator 604.871.6058	Annual - during school term
School worm bin workshops	The City provides worm bin demonstrations in schools and also the option of keeping the worm bin at a subsidized price.	Engineering: City Farmer 604.736.2250	Year round
Tours for school classes	Of the landfill, transfer station, recycling and compost demonstration garden.	Engineering, City Farmer 604.736.2250	Year round
Engineering Family Day	This is the Engineering Department's annual family fun day, held in May at the City's Manitoba Work's Yard. There are fun family activities, competitions, demonstrations and entertainment. Since 2004, the Family Day Steering Committee has been involved with the Vancouver School District in utilizing high school volunteers to help out with the event. We benefit from their willing and eager participation and the students gain valuable hours to put toward their career planning portfolio. This is organized through the individual highschool CAPP coordinators with a fair to good response so far. Last year we had more than 30 students showing interest and signing up for the event (with 20 actually attending).	Engineering Darcy Dragonetti 2005 Chair 604.326.4802 Dave Boyko, 2006 Chair 604.326.4689	May 6, 2006
Celebration Grants	Youth representatives on the assessment committee	Office of Cultural Affairs Cherryl Masters 604.871.6498	Ongoing

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Downtown South Public Amenity Strategy	65 students from Elsie Roy elementary accompanied by their teachers during school time attended an open house to talk to us about what they would like to see in their neighbourhood. The students were asked to give the planners designs for the proposed park in the area. This was done in cooperation with the school and ended up actually being an assignment for three classes	Central Area Planning Dave Ramsle 604 871 6195	Complete Fall 2006
South Public Benefits Package	Facilitated a consultation process with 18 street-involved youth from Covenant House on the Downtown South Public Benefits Package. Received really interesting feedback, and a lot of creative ideas.	Central Area Planning Thor Kuhlmann 604 873 7683	Complete Fall 2006
Storyscapes Chinatown	This project engages 2 Chinese and 2 Aboriginal youths to gather stories from members of the two communities that tell of the cross-cultural relationship and friendship between Chinese and Aboriginals, in the past and in the present. This project aims to increase awareness and visibility of Aboriginal and Chinese contributions to Vancouver. By involving youths this project also aims to strengthen the relationships across generations.	Central Area Planning Helen Ma 604.871.6894	July 2006
Partners at Work	Partners at Work is a joint venture between the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver School Board is entering its eleventh successful year. Every year, for two weeks, grade 11 and grade 12 Career Preparation students work at various City work sites gaining valuable work experience that will help them make more informed decisions about their future careers. In 2005, over 75 students were placed across the City: Engineering, Library, Community Centres, Fire & Rescue, Community Services, etc.	Social Planning – Lead Dept. Julianna Torjek 604.871.62122	Annual - March
Planning for Youth	Provides coordination and planning for youth issues with major stakeholders, including: other levels of government, City departments, youth and youth service providers).	Social Planning Debbie Anderson, Child & Youth Social Planner 604.871.6032	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chair Youth Working Group for GVRD Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness • Co-chair Youth Funders Committee • Participate with Vancouver Coastal Health and others on youth drug and alcohol prevention initiatives (i.e. Vancouver Methamphetamine Response Committee; participate on steering committee for “School-aged Child and Youth Drug Prevention Project”) 		
Youth Involvement in Civic Program and Policy Development	<p>Get Out! Olympic Youth Legacy Program: Member of interdepartmental core staff team responsible for the development and implementation of initiative aimed at engaging youth who are not traditionally active in arts, sports, culture and physical activity through: 1) New recreation programs; 2) Youth grants program; & 3) Youth Action Teams</p> <p>City’s Drug Policy: Assisted Drug Policy staff in developing and implementing a youth engagement component for the City’s Drug Misuse Prevention Plan which had youth involvement in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilitating community dialogues • providing input into the development of the Plan • implementing Plan recommendations <p>Civic committees: Provide assistance to committees regarding their involvement of youth (e.g. Police Chief’s Diversity Advisory Committee, the Women’s Task Force, the PNE Task Force and the Cool Vancouver Task Force, Family Court Youth Justice Committee, Bike Advisory Committee, & Library Board)</p>	<p>Social Planning Debbie Anderson, Child & Youth Social Planner 604.871.6032 Youth Outreach Team 604.871.6212</p>	<p>Pilot complete Summer 2006</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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Grants	Community Services Grants support programs and services through non-profit agencies that reach higher risk youth and address their needs. Examples include: Youth outreach workers to connect street youth to programs and services; Ethno-cultural youth workers who help to integrate newcomer youth into local programs and provide 1:1/family supports; Resource Room worker at Broadway Youth Resource Centre; Youth leadership development programs; Neighbourhood-based programs (at Neighbourhood Houses, Boys and Girls Clubs); and Mentorship programs (i.e. Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Kidstart)	Social Planning Debbie Anderson, Child & Youth Social Planner 604.871.6032	Annual
Building Capacity around Meaningful youth engagement for City staff	<p>Provides support to City staff with both a mandate and an interest to engage youth in a meaningful way in an effort to improve civic services by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and developing resources and tools to educate and support staff in youth engagement. • Developing CityLearn course: "Involving Youth in Public Processes" to be piloted in April '06 • Providing presentations on youth engagement in public processes to Central Area Planning (Downtown transportation Plan, Oakridge redevelopment, Plaza of Nations, etc), CityPlans, Canada Line/RAV, etc. • Working in partnership with other departments to implement youth engagement strategies (i.e. Elections youth outreach, Drug Prevention consultations) • CYS Department Reps Committee: organize quarterly meetings with staff from all City departments to identify opportunities to collaborate on projects that can more effectively engage youth, jointly develop resources, 	Social Planning Debbie Anderson, Child & Youth Social Planner 604.871.6032 Youth Outreach Team 604.871.6212	Ongoing

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	toolkits and training staff, and share information and program ideas		
Youth Celebration Events	<p>COV Youth Recognition Awards</p> <p>Vancouver Youth Week (provide funding for coordination of the City's annual Youth Week events now in its 11th year. Participate on Steering Committee and represent the City on the Regional Youth Week Planning Committee)</p> <p>Organized World Urban Café event as part of lead up to World Urban Forum</p>	<p>Social Planning Debbie Anderson, Child & Youth Social Planner 604.871.6032 Youth Outreach Team 604.871.6212</p>	<p>Annual</p> <p>Complete</p>
Communications	<p>Develop a wide range of communications tools to inform the youth community about how to get involved in YOT/City initiatives, events, job postings, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website development and maintenance: over 22,000 hits/month • Promotional material • Bi-monthly E-Newsletter • Brochures, posters, rack cards • Provide annual report back to Council • Attend community youth meetings on regular basis to gather and share information relevant to the youth community 	<p>Social Planning Debbie Anderson, Child & Youth Social Planner 604.871.6032 Youth Outreach Team 604.871.6212</p>	Ongoing
Research and Best Practices of Youth Engagement	<p>Work with the <i>Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement</i> to evaluate effectiveness of our youth engagement activities.</p> <p>Partner with <i>UNESCO- Growing Up in Cities Canada</i> to create a booklet of Vancouver's best practices of youth engagement.</p>	<p>Social Planning Debbie Anderson, Child & Youth Social Planner 604.871.6032 Youth Outreach Team</p>	Ongoing

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	<p>Organize citywide resource fairs to showcase best practices of youth engagement in Vancouver.</p> <p>Showcase the City’s model of youth engagement at local, national and international conferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UBCM • International Harm Reduction • Canadian Institute of Planners World Planners Congress • Growing Up In Cities Canada • Public Health Agency of Canada • Share City’s Civic Youth Strategy and unique model of youth engagement (Youth Outreach Team) with other municipalities around the world 	604.871.6212	