



City of
Courtenay

Youth Climate Corp BC

Infrastructure and Environmental Engineering
City of Courtenay
January 15, 2025 Council Meeting



Background

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At the February 28, 2024 meeting, council passed the resolution:

WHEREAS youth are particularly impacted by the climate crisis and Youth Climate Corps BC is an organization that has worked successfully with local governments in BC to empower youth, providing paid work and training to young people in climate action projects that foster hope by helping to reduce emissions, build resiliency and adapt communities to the changing climate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to explore and report back on the possibility of the City working with the Youth Climate Corps, including potential funding sources and projects related to climate action, to engage the public in promoting climate change mitigation and resilience.

Youth Climate Corp BC

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- Paid work for young people aged 18-30 to complete climate action projects
- Climate action projects reduce GHG emissions, and help the community adapt to a changing climate.
- Crews of 4-8 young people work together to develop skills, and gain experience that may inspire future career choices.



YCCBC 2024 Projects Overview

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City of Vancouver

- Climate Friendly Homes
- HUB Cycling
- Ducks Unlimited
- Eon Electric

City of Kamloops

- Climate Friendly Homes
- Bike Valet
- Bulter Urban Farm

District of Squamish

- Climate Plan Update
- Energy Efficiency
- Environmental Education
- Zero Waste Events

North Vancouver Island - Kwakwaka'wakw Revitalization Project

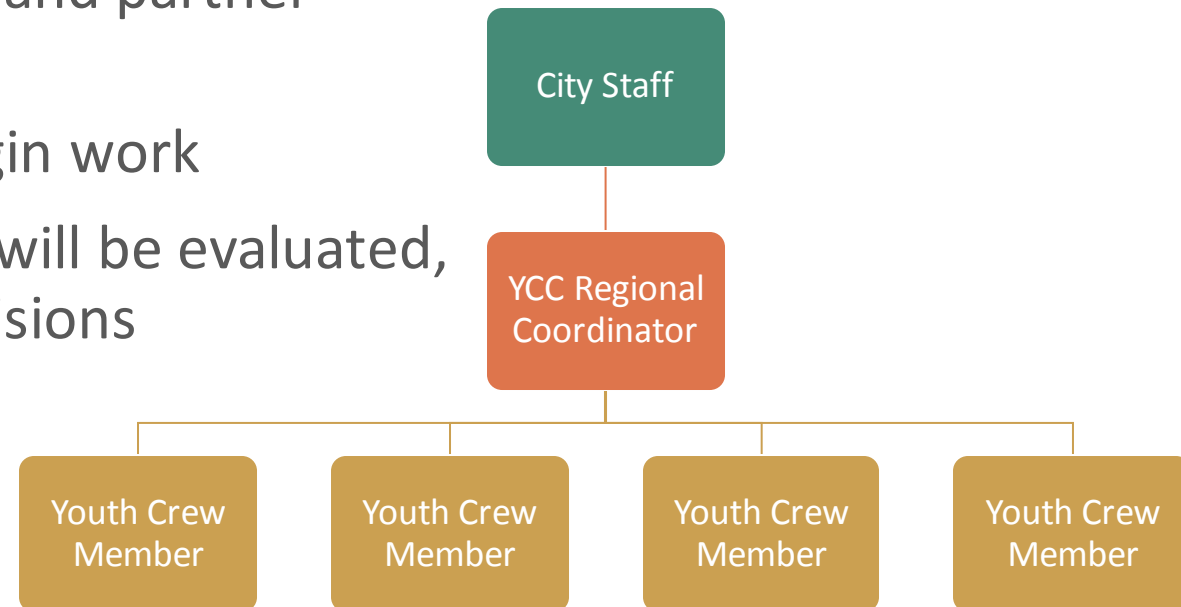
- Building Cultural Structures
- Food Security
- Campground Clean-up



Program Administration

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- 2025 Proposed Pilot Program = 4 youth for 4 months
- YCC to hire a Regional Coordinator to lead the pilot program
- Regional Coordinator works with City staff and partner organizations to define projects
- YCC youth crew are hired, trained, and begin work
- After the pilot, the impact of the program will be evaluated, and lessons learned will inform future decisions



Proposed Local Projects

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- Align with OCP and Provincial guidelines
- Projects to be identified by the Regional Coordinator, in collaboration with City staff, and community organizations
- Combination of City led projects & community led projects
 - Potential City led projects: climate friendly homes program, public outreach, ecological restoration & community gardens, Firesmart wildfire mitigation
 - A process will be established to identify community projects that are interested in support from the YCC, and are aligned with the objectives of the program

Financial Implications

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Total Estimated Cost = \$136,500

- \$65,000 – provided by the City, from provincial LGCAP funding
- \$71,500 – provided by YCC, from provincial funding & Canada Summer jobs wage Subsidy

Options

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1. THAT Council direct staff to collaborate with Youth Climate Corps BC to establish a pilot program in 2025 to support climate action in the community and empower local youth.
2. THAT Council Provide alternative direction to staff.

Questions?

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