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**CIVIC YOUTH STRATEGY**  
**CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**  
**AND**  
**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL**  
**YOUTH POLICY: Youth Services**

**MUNICIPAL YOUTH SERVICES POLICY VISION STATEMENT**

“To create relationships and opportunities that enable the development of youth to become meaningfully involved in the life of the municipality and to be healthy, engaged and valued members of the community.”

**POLICY**

1. The City and District of North Vancouver endorse the concept of inter-agency co-ordination of services for youth.
2. The City and District of North Vancouver hold that youth should have the right to full and due consideration and should be provided with opportunities to develop emotionally, mentally, morally, spiritually, physically and socially, and in conditions of responsibility. Towards this end, the Municipalities are committed to ensuring, as a paramount consideration, that the provision of opportunities and services meets the best interests of youth.

3. To continue to provide assistance with coordination and planning in municipally based youth services in partnership with service providers, community agencies, residents and other levels of government.

## **REASON FOR POLICY**

The increasing involvement with community-based youth services has produced a need for the North Vancouver municipal governments to set policy which clarifies the role of local government. Such policy should aim to support the continuance of preventative youth services through identifying and endorsing specific elements of the youth services delivery system. Given the importance of such services preventing the escalation of youth problems, a municipal policy on youth should be supportive of the philosophy and objectives of existing community-based youth services. Furthermore, a municipal policy on youth is needed to ensure and enhance the effective use of finite resources by providing a focus for the future development of youth services and local government participation.

## **AUTHORITY TO ACT**

Retained by Council

## **PROCEDURE**

### **1. GOALS**

- 1.1. To develop a system that facilitates the provision of community-based youth services focussing on youth engagement and involvement.
  - 1.2. To encourage youth participation and advocacy;
  - 1.3. To develop a comprehensive directory of youth services
2. In order to achieve the Goals and Objectives of the Municipal Youth Policy, the City and District of Vancouver will undertake the following:
    - 2.1. Provide for core funding to designated non profit organizations to plan and facilitate community-based youth services as per their Service Agreements (and related Annual Civic Youth Services Work Plan);

2.2. To assign staff oversight of the youth services program to a Social Planning designate.

2.3. Any other actions deemed appropriate.

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