

Community Engagement Committee

2022 Annual Report

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Membership (2022)

Citizen members

- Judith Berg, Lisa Carver, Elaine McHarg (Acting Chair), Graham Nicholls, Jennifer Roote, Jatinder Sidhu, and Jaime Webbe

Council members

- Councillors Cameron (Chair), Thompson, and Gambioli

Staff

- Ania Mafi, Kristina Andrzejczuk, Donna Powers

New Committee Members in 2023

Citizen Members

- Carol Fraser
- Anne Labelle

Council Member

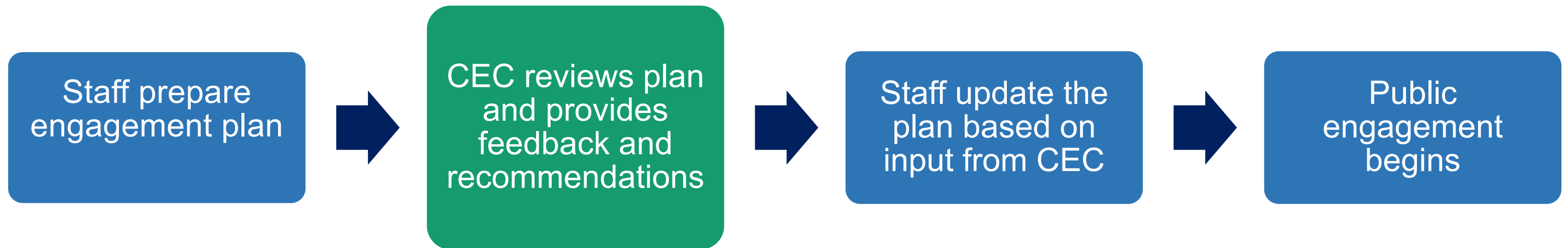
- Peter Lambur

Chair

- Sharon Thompson

Review process

Before a project proceeds to public consultation, the engagement plan is brought to the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) for feedback, advice, brainstorming, and testing.



Guiding Principles

- Level of engagement = significance, size, and impact of project
- For some decisions, community plays a role in developing options for consideration (Official Community Plan, Local Area Plans)
- For some projects, the District will provide clear information but the community will not necessarily have a role in the decision-making process
- Stakeholders will know how their input will be used to make a decision
- Engagement will be inclusive and every effort will be made to invite all those impacted by a decision into the process

Engagement Plans Reviewed

- February: Klee Wyck Future Use engagement, Heritage Assets Survey
- March: Planning the Upper Lands engagement, Community Services Post-pandemic Recovery Strategy, Poverty Reduction Strategy
- April: Urban Forest Management Plan engagement, Klee Wyck Future Use engagement
- May: Ambleside Local Area Planning process, Arts & Culture engagement
- June: Hugo Ray Pickleball Courts engagement
- July: Arts & Culture engagement
- September: Community Engagement Policy review
- November: Seniors' Activity Centre Needs Assessment engagement, Budget 2023 engagement

Committee Initiatives

Moving beyond the pandemic

- Reintroducing in-person engagement
- Maintaining virtual engagement and online materials
- First committee to post online agenda packages

Accessible information

- Accessible simplified language
- Increased video use
- Providing facts and links to additional easily accessible information

Identifying gaps

- Advising staff when projects are not ready for public engagement
- Identifying challenges and anticipating related questions

Policy review

- Ensuring supporting policies are relevant

Working Groups

- Committee mandate includes creation of Working Groups
- No Working Groups have been created since the pandemic
- CEC awaits Council direction on the future of the Working Group model

2023 Work Plan

Aligned with Council direction and staff work plans:

- Ambleside Local Area Plan
- St. Francis-in-the-Wood Church parking
- Capilano Pacific Trail
- Budget 2023 & 2024
- Terms of Reference Review
- Community Engagement Policy Update
- New projects as they come forward

Thank You!
Questions?