



5.1 Delegation to Council Request Form

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Name of group wishing to appear before Council: North Shore Young Civic Forum (North Shore)

Title of Presentation: North Shore Young Civic Forum Cohort 5.0 Presentation to Council

Name of person(s) to make presentation: TBD (will be confirmed and submitted no later than)

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Contact person (if different than above): Divija Madhani

Daytime telephone number: -

Email address: divija.madhani@nscr.ca

Will you be providing supporting documentation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes: ☐ Handout ☐ Digital Format ☒ PowerPoint Presentation

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Delegation to Council Request Form

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Divija Madhani

January 22, 2026

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Date

Signature

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Appearance date: _____

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North Shore Young Civic Forum 5.0

Integrated Mental Health in Housing

PREPARED FOR
District of
North
Vancouver

DATE
May
25,
2026

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AT A GLANCE

Problem Statement

There is a disconnect between supportive housing and mental health service delivery, making resident well-being challenging.

Solution

On-Site Mental Health Access Model

Embed low-barrier, drop-in mental health services within supportive housing, (e.g., regular on-site clinician, no referral, relational support) for early intervention and prevent crisis escalation

Impact

- 1 Increased access to mental health support within housing
- 2 Reducing reliance on emergency and crisis-based systems
- 3 Increasing housing stability and reducing displacement

Our Ask

Support the implementation of a pilot on-site mental health access model within one supportive housing site, such as the East Keith Road development, by using its role as a planner, facilitator, and partner.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Issue Identification

- Lack of mental health support in community housing
- Disconnected care systems
- Supportive housing residents

Relevance

- Housing demand is urgent
- Builds on DNV partnerships



PROPOSED SOLUTION

- **PROPOSAL:** On-site mental health access
- **PROCESS** Research, engage, design model
- **FINDINGS:** Housing alone is insufficient
- **POTENTIAL:** Builds on existing partnerships



IMPACT

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OUR ASK



Recommendation #1

This model would operate directly inside an existing supportive building. It would use a space that is already available such as an office, a common room or a service room



Recommendation #2

On a day to day level, a clinician would be present on site on a regular schedule which would allow for residents to drop in and speak and access support that is needed without needing a referral.



North Shore Youth Civic Forum

DNV Youth Engagement

Bryan Gallagher, Hana Watanabe,
Jazz Emma Day, Jasper Chio

Problem

- We strongly feel that traditional engagement methods are not accessible to youth as they tend to favour older voices, emphasize positional power and non-reciprocal relations
- This has been identified throughout the Forum across all three North Shore municipalities

Opportunity

- Addressing these gaps are essential to support inclusive, well -rounded decision -making and align with DNV's goals of equity and community engagement.



Youth Influencer

The youth influencer in residence is a part-time paid position intended to create accessible and engaging online civic content for youth.



- Clear interest in urbanism and municipal content in current Vancouver digital spheres.



- Using youth-friendly platforms such as Discord that allow for two way engagement.



- Funded by Canada Summer Jobs. Another option could be an unpaid partnership.

Case Studies



3rd party ad content

Uytaa Lee

Uytaa Lee produces videos that educate people on the urban planning challenges cities face today. He is the creator of the CBC series "Stories About Here," where he explores often overlooked issues in our own backyards. In addition to producing videos for CBC, he hosts a YouTube channel called "About Here." You can reach Lee at abouttherevideos@gmail.com.

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Youth Drop-ins

Drop -ins in -person informal and incentivized sessions for youth aged 15 –25. For youth to learn about DNV issues and provide input directly to staff or members of Council.



- Using existing youth-friendly spaces (e.g. rec centres, libraries, parks)
- Incentivized with food and drinks, volunteer hours



- Flexible topics and formats based on youth interests and feedback
- DNV 101, Planning 101, parks planning
- Synergies with digital content created by the youth influencer



- Low-cost and easy to organize
- Similar to the Meet your Mayor events
- Highly effective model as shown by CityHive



Mentorship

- A voluntary program that pairs one or more youth with members of Council and key staff members.
- Youth would join already existing meetings and events.
- Relational way to build youth civic literacy, skills and confidence and for DNV Council members and staff to connect and learn from a select group of youth on an ongoing basis.
- Synergistic with Youth Influencer and Drop -Ins.

Impact

- 1.Improve accessibility of DNV information.
- 1.Build youth civic literacy.
- 1.Ensure additional youth voices in DNV decision -making.
- 1.Strengthen youth -DNV relationships through increasing familiarity and trust.
- 1.Support continuous learning about youth engagement through iteration and experimentation.

Final Thoughts

Key Insights

- Youth engagement improves when activities are targeted, relevant, accessible and have varying options of formality.

Challenges

- Sustaining participation for youth and Council members for in person activities.
- Ensuring diverse and inclusive representation.

Call to Action

- Is one or more of our ideas possible for staff to explore further?

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CELEBRATING
50
YEARS

We greatly thank you for your time and support!





FOOD FOREST PROJECT

BY HEERA, JUSTIN, NOR & LAYNE

FOR DNV COUNCIL & THE NSYCF 5.0



OUR FOOD FOREST - NSYCF

MEET OUR TEAM



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OUR VISION

We envision a North Shore where fresh, publicly available fruit being grown in the community is a regular, exciting, and supported event. A food forest, or at the very least some fruit-bearing trees, planted by the DNV Parks department would foster a healthier, happier, and more connected place to live.



Food forests and fruit-bearing trees installed in publicly accessible areas provide low-cost fresh produce to the community, especially those struggling with food insecurity.

Residents will have better access to healthy food, and the dignity of providing for their own.

IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY



Placing a food forest in grassy spaces with walking trails and seating arrangements is not only accessible, it provides a space for residents and visitors to eat, play, and exist; which in turn promotes outdoor recreation, social cohesion, and improved quality of life.

FOSTER NEW RELATIONSHIPS



Our project takes a “yes, and” approach to the District’s Urban Tree Canopy Festival and existing community gardens. No option is a perfect alternative to any of the others, but rather just another way to feed and rejuvenate the community.

INCREASE TREE CANOPY

#1: FOOD FOREST

DESCRIPTION	REQUIREMENTS	BENEFITS
• A food production system modelled on woodland forest ecosystems and companion planting. • A form of ancestral food growing and land stewardship used by Indigenous and Coast Salish Nations since time immemorial.	• 10 Honeycrisp, Spartan, Ambrosia, Gala, or other scab-resistant apple trees. • 10 Italian plum trees. • 10 Desert King or Lattarula fig trees. • 20 saskatoon berry bushes. • 20 salal plants. • ~7,000 sq. feet of park space. • Installation equipment and resources. • ~\$3000 in establishment costs. • Soil preparation. • Lime, biochar, and sheet mulch. • Phased planting • Stewardship and maintenance work. • 2-3 years of establishment, 7 years for maturity.	• Lower fruit yield per species, higher total. • Species diversity provides a range of flavour pallets. • Minimal irrigation post - establishment. • Low stewardship and maintenance requirements post - establishment. • Species diversity and habitat for predators fosters natural pest management. • 50 -100+ year lifespan.

#2: FOOD TREES

DESCRIPTION	REQUIREMENTS	BENEFITS
• A mono-culture, urban orchard.	• 10 Honeycrisp, Spartan, Ambrosia, Gala, or other scab - resistant apple trees. • Up to ~7,000 sq. feet of park space. • Installation equipment and resources. • ~\$1000 in establishment costs. • Soil preparation. • Lime, biochar, and sheet mulch. • Stewardship and maintenance work, including irrigation. • Chemical or organic pest management.	• High apple yield. • Low establishment cost. • 20 -40 year lifespan.

TIMELINE

A Mature Food Forest requires ~7 years to fully achieve, but will be producing harvest from the start (within the first or second season).

Different layers of the forest will have different timelines:

1. **Ground-Cover Layer:** 0-3 years
2. **Mushroom Layer:** 2 months - 7 years
3. **Root Layer:** 2 years
4. **Mature Herbaceous Layer:** 1-3 years
5. **Fruiting Shrub Layer:** 2-5 years
6. **Fruiting Understory Layer:** 2-7 years
7. **Climbing Vine Layer:** 3-9 years
8. **Canopy Layer:** 6-20 years

These numbers reflect the time required in order for each layer to be harvestable and will vary based on the types of greenery planted. Therefore, all timeline estimates are approximate.



Example of a successful food forest project, Burrard View
Park
Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation

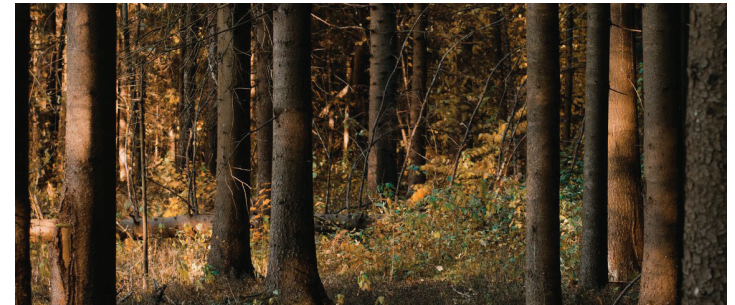
Tree Canada's Edible Tree Grant

provides:

1. up to \$10,000 in funding;
 2. free webinars that help with the details and construction of the project; and
 3. a Forestry Specialist to ensure the success of the project.
- Municipalities among other institutions may apply
 - Required that all proposals are for publicly accessible projects



FUNDING



We discourage the selling of the harvest as a funding mechanism and would encourage other methods such as paid tours, programs, and/or cooking classes in connection with the food forest.

Since Option #2 is an incorporation into a pre-existing District project, the timeline and funding would mimic what the District has already laid out. The District is still eligible to seek out Tree Canada's Edible Tree Grant for the incorporation of the fruited trees.

COMMON CONCERNS

LOCATION

The locations our food forest could inhabit vary depending on the scale of the project and how they align with the city's other plans. We have several outlined in our report in line with different options.

The trees can be spread out to reduce the use of space and need only about 6 feet of space on either side for root expansion to grow to maturity

BEAR ATTRACTANCE

Bears that venture into the inhabited parts of the DNV currently search through garbage around residences to feed themselves. Our fruit trees would reduce this behaviour by offering an alternative, more nutritious and more easily accessed food source for them, and by planting our trees within the greenbelts in the DNV, we can reduce the desire for bears to venture out into more inhabited neighbourhoods.

VANDALISM & CARETAKING

The spectre of misfortune is always present, but we don't believe the mischief of a few is a reason to forego or reconsider initiatives that improve our community and enhance the wellbeing of its residents. In any case, trees are fortuitously difficult and time consuming to vandalize.

Fruit trees also lend themselves easily to school activities and caretaking, from elementary schools that teach kids how to use the fruit (apple sauce) and appreciate them to a source of high school volunteer hours for those interested in ecosystems.



ASK OF COUNCIL

We kindly ask:

- That our proposal is looked over by staff, and to reach out to our group again for further deliberation
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THANK YOU

DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

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Thank you for your time.
Questions?

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Municipality	District of North Vancouver
Date	May 25, 2026

What We Did

We researched the current state of youth engagement at DNV as well as potential opportunities for additional youth involvement. Next, we developed three ideas that will increase youth engagement, ranging from broad district-wide awareness in existing DNV activities to intensive youth development and relationship-building. We honed these ideas through four expert interviews (DNV Council member, DNV staff, CNV staff and youth influencer).

Ideas

1. Youth Influencer in Residence
2. Youth Drop-ins
3. Mentorship with members of Council and Key Staff

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Ask from Council

Is there one or more of our three ideas that seems viable and could be explored further by staff?

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Project Description

Our goal is to urge the DNV Council to expand tree canopy and fresh fruit availability within the district through the installment of a food forest. We want the district to plant new flora aimed at cultivating ecological diversity, nutritional utility, and cultural values for the residents of North Vancouver, using plants that provide food, shade, clean air, and support to wildlife. We aim to present two options for how the DNV can modify existing park renewal/upgrade plans: 1) build and maintain a fully functional urban food forest (“UFF”), or 2) plant an urban orchard. We will also encourage the DNV to expand their Urban Tree Canopy Festival to include the same fruit-bearing trees in their program, so as to increase these species on both private and public land. Our team has spent the month of April aligning our project with the District’s environmental goals, researching funding opportunities, inspecting locations within the DNV where our ideas can apply, learning from field experts, studying previous successful food forests around Metro Vancouver, and formulating our two options, which are available in detail on our team’s written report.

Key Outcomes

STRENGTHEN FOOD SECURITY—The goal of our project is aligned with the North Shore Community Food Charter through government collaboration, health and equity, and education, and provides a substantial way for the DNV to continue building sustainable food systems on the North Shore.

BOOST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL COHESION—Learning how to grow, maintain, and pick from food trees, as well as learning how to coexist with wildlife, is pursuing the goal of collective care for an environment that provides for us. The resources to educate and empower citizens are pre-existing; we hope our project highlights avenues wherein the DNV can connect with these resources.

MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE & INCREASE BIODIVERSITY—Spaces with increased tree canopy are also key players in harm reduction, such as being at less risk of wildfire damage at a higher severity. Additionally, increased tree canopy contributes to the area’s fresh air supply, shade cover, and are known to mitigate the greenhouse gas problem by absorbing carbon dioxide.

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