

Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Meeting held Thursday April 27, 2023, CRD Boardroom, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street

PRESENT:

Municipal Representatives: Cynthia Day (Colwood) (Acting Chair); Esther Paterson (Oak Bay) (Acting Vice Chair); Marie-Térèse Little (Metchosin) (EP); Jeff Bateman (Sooke); Kimberley Guiry (Langford); Zeb King (Central Saanich) (EP); Marcie McLean (Highlands); Darlene Rotchford (Esquimalt) (EP); Mena Westhaver (Saanich) (EP); Sara Duncan (Sidney) (EP)

Capital Regional District (CRD) Representative: Bill McElroy (EP)

School District Representatives: Angela Carmichael (School District 61 Trustee) (EP); Trudy Spiller (School District 62 Trustee) (EP)

Resource Members: Gillian Lindquist (Executive Director, Restorative Justice Victoria) (EP); Gord Magee and Mia Golden, (Mobile Youth Services Team)

CRD Staff: Steven Carey, Senior Manager, Legal Services & Risk Management; CRD; Sharon Orr (Senior Committee Clerk & Recorder), CRD; Marnie Essery, (Secretary)

REGRETS: Adam Flint (Vice Chair, View Royal Resident); Krista Loughton (Victoria); Ron Mattson (View Royal)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Acting Chair Day provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Welcome and Introductions

2.1. Round table introductions were made.

3. Resource Agencies

G. Lindquist provided an update regarding an increase in sexualized violence and the referrals process.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- referrals process
- Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness

M. Golden provided an update regarding sexualized violence and gang activity in the region targeting youth.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- police resources related to increase in gang activity
- regional distribution of gang activity
- term of police resources and stable long-term funding
- advocacy for increased police resources

- opportunities for early intervention and prevention
- healthy relationships and exploitation presentation in schools
- school district commitment and support model to address new challenges
- student connection to resources
- what issues or gaps exist at resource agencies
- liaison officer involvement with schools

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by J. Bateman, **SECONDED** by K. Guiry,

That the agenda for Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice meeting of April 27, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1. Adoption of the February 23, 2023 Minutes

MOVED by M. McLean, **SECONDED** by E. Paterson,

That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice meeting of February 23, 2023 be adopted *with the following amendments*:

- That A. Carmichael's attendance be listed under School District Representative
- Item 5.3. that the AGM Minutes of January 26, 2023 be received and not adopted.

CARRIED

5.2. Receipt of the Steering Committee meeting notes of April 20, 2023

MOVED by J. Bateman, **SECONDED** by E. Paterson,

That the meeting notes of the Steering Committee of April 20, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

6. Chairperson Remarks-verbal

The Chair had no remarks.

7. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

8. Committee Business

8.1. Priorities and Grants

8.1.1. Update by Marcie McLean – Advertising

M. McLean stated that there were no grant applications received. She proposed placing an ad in the Times Colonist with a deadline of May 31, 2023.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- advertisement cost
- communications options
- grant deadline
- Grant intake process

**MOVED by Z. King, SECONDED by M. Westhaver,
That the cap be removed.**

CARRIED

Opposed: McLean

**MOVED by Z. King, SECONDED by M. Westhaver,
That the deadline be removed.**

CARRIED

Opposed: Duncan, McLean, Silzer, Spiller

**MOVED by Z. King, SECONDED by M. Westhaver,
That we do not advertise in the Times Colonist.**

CARRIED

8.2. Update by Esther Contact List

E. Paterson spoke to Item 8.1.2. and stated that volunteers are needed to reach out to contacts to extend the invitation to the meet and greet event scheduled for May 16, 2023.

8.3. Meet and Greet for Resource Agencies and Committee members

E. Paterson spoke to Item 8.2. and stated that the event is scheduled for May 16, 2023 from 3 pm to 6 pm, City of Victoria antechamber.

8.3.1. Outreach - Phone Call list to Resource agencies.

E. Paterson spoke to Item 8.2.1.

8.4. Subcommittee Roster - Distribution

J. Bateman spoke to Item 8.4.

Discussion ensued regarding the sub-committees' meeting schedule.

8.5. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (CRAT)

There was no report.

8.6. Family and Youth Matters

C. Day provided an update stating she is engaging with local youth to form a youth council committee.

8.7. Court Watch

There was no report.

8.8. Communications

J. Bateman stated the Committee's website, Facebook and Twitter accounts have been updated. He thanked Marnie for the information she provided.

8.9. Treasurer

B. McElroy spoke to Item 8.9.

**MOVED by B. McElroy, SECONDED by Z. King,
That the Treasurer's Report be received.**

CARRIED

**MOVED by M. Little, SECONDED by J. Bateman,
That the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee accept the resignation of the
Treasurer, Bill McElroy.
CARRIED**

The Committee and staff thanked Bill for his service.

M. Little nominated E. Paterson as Treasurer.

E. Paterson accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for nominations a second time

The Chair called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, E. Paterson was acclaimed as the Treasurer.

9. New Business

9.1. MYST Funding

J. Bateman stated a letter from the CRED Board Chair to Minister Farnworth regarding the funding and re-iterating the extension of funding for MYST.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- an honorarium
- that a letter be drafted from the Chair of Victoria Youth and Family Court Justice Committee thanking guests for presenting along with a formal invitation to the Meet and Greet event scheduled for May 16, 2023.

9.1.1. Reception Committee for Resource Agencies Meet and Greet - May 16,2023

E. Paterson spoke to item 9.1.1. She stated that volunteers are needed to set-up, welcome and greet guests.

9.1.2. Strategic Planning Review - Esther Patterson

M. Little spoke to item 9.1.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- The scope of the Strategic Plan
- The dates will be changed to 2023-2026

**MOVED by Z. King, SECONDED by J. Bateman,
That the Three-Year Strategic Plan be approved as presented with the following
amendment:**

- That the dates be changed to 2023-2026.

CARRIED

9.2. Updating Resource List

Bill stated there were a number of agencies not on the list and he will provide a list of additional agencies to include.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- challenges associated of keeping the list of resource agencies updated
- mandate of committee to identify gaps in services
- the list is a living document and a vital resource for the committee

9.3. Dates for Steering Committee and Main Committee Meetings

Discussion ensued regarding:

- changing the meeting day from Thursday to Tuesday
- availability of meeting space
- conflicting meetings with other agencies
- meeting schedule in relation to the committee bylaw

9.4. Dates of Upcoming Meetings

- The next meeting of the Victoria Youth and Family Court Justice Committee Steering Committee meeting is May 11, 2023, and the purpose of the meeting is to set the agendas for the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Meeting Committee meeting.
- Meet and Greet with Resource event is scheduled for May 16, 2023,
- Next Victoria Youth and Family Court Justice Committee meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2023

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by, E. Paterson, **SECONDED** by Z. King,
That the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 pm.
CARRIED