



Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting held Thursday, October 24, 2024, CRD Boardroom, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC

PRESENT: Municipal Representatives: Marie-Térèse Little (Metchosin); Kimberley Guiry (Langford); Marcie McLean (Highlands); Rose Stanton (Highlands-Alternate) (EP); Esther Paterson (Oak Bay); Sara Duncan (Sidney) (EP); Cynthia Day (Colwood) (EP); Don Brown (View Royal) (EP); Mena Westhaver (Saanich) (EP).

School District Representatives: Christine Lervold (School District 62 Trustee) (EP); Teri Vanwell (School District 63 Trustee).

Capital Regional District (CRD) Representatives: Bill McElroy (CRAT) (EP); Cheryl Chaytors (Boys and Girls Club) (EP).

Resource Agencies: Mobile Youth Services Team's Mia Golden, Youth Counsellor, (Pacific Centre Family Services Association).

Guests. Cathy Peters, (Anti Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker, Advocate) (EP)

CRD Staff: Sharon Orr, (Senior Committee Clerk; CRD); Steve Carey (CRD) and Marnie Essery, (Secretary & Recorder) (EP)

Regrets: Jeff Bateman (Sooke); Krista Loughton (Victoria); Darlene Rotchford (Esquimalt); Jim Rondeau (Central Saanich); K. Kwan (SD 61); Jack McClintock (North Saanich); Samantha Rappaport, (CRD Appointee); Andrew Holeton (CRD Appointee).

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Little provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by M. McLean, **SECONDED** by K. Guiry,

That the agenda for Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of October 24, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Adoption of the Minutes

MOVED by K. Guiry, **SECONDED** by E. Paterson,

That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of September 26, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2. Receipt of the Steering Committee meeting notes of October 10, 2024

It was clarified by a member that the description of write-ups were for the subcommittees and the subcommittee Chairs are appointed by VFCYJC.

**MOVED by M. McLean, SECONDED by K. Guiry,
That the meeting notes of the Steering Committee of October 10 be received.
CARRIED**

4. Chairperson's Remarks

It is my great pleasure that the Op Ed piece was published by the Times Colonist. Many thanks to the Communications subcommittee for their great work. Chek 6 also featured this issue last night.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. MYST Update:** M. Golden thanked the committee for all their efforts, and reported that G. Magee with VicPD has not been extended, he will be going back to patrol as of January 2025. M. Golden will be getting a new partner as of January 2025.

5.2. Cathy Peters, BC Anti Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker, Advocate

C. Peters presented BC Anti Human Trafficking.

6. Sub-Committee Business

6.1. Treasurer's Report (Esther Paterson)

A draft budget was circulated to the committee.

A member suggested \$1000.00 for professional development. For example, in the past, our members have taken the Cultural Perspectives Training through the Indigenous Perspectives Society.

**MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by C. Day,
That Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee will pay for 2 members to register
for Cultural Perspectives Training through the Indigenous Perspectives Society.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Chair Little, SECONDED by M. McLean,
That the honorarium be raised to \$900.00.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by C. Day,
To add \$2,000.00 for website development in the 2025 budget.
CARRIED**

6.2. Communications Committee

The website is back up and running.

6.3. CRAT (Verbal Update)

B. McElroy provided a verbal update stating he is in the process of preparing a graphic novel.

7. Committee Business

7.1. Draft 2025 Budget

Committee members expressed the need for a small budget to cover graphic design costs for the next Annual Report.

7.2. Coroner's Statistics (Rose Stanton)

R. Stanton spoke to Item 7.2. and provided coroners stats on children and youth.

7.3. Funding from VFCYJ committee for MYST

A member suggested recognizing this as a need from the community and moving it up to the CRD Board. It was decided that this will be considered at the next monthly meeting on November 28. As urgent as this is, committee members need time to consider this.

7.4. Scholarship - in recognition of Adam Flint

This is a great suggestion but our members felt that we can't use money from our committee for this purpose as its outside the scope of our mandate. Instead, K. Guiry proposed naming our annual agency reception after A. Flint.

7.5. Officer and subcommittee positions - reminder

Chair M.T. Little reminded committee members that the 2025 Executive will be elected at the Annual General Meeting on January 23, 2025 and Subcommittee Chairs will be announced at that time.

8. Notice of Motion

8.1. M. McLean read the following Notice of Motion to brought back to the November meeting Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee meeting:

"That Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (VFC&YJC) directs the Chair to send a cover letter signed by the chair together with the Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) Business Case Report (Report) dated September 2024 addressed to VFC&YJC prepared by Dr. Rebecca Nelems to each municipal Council within the Capital Regional District (CRD), the JDF Electoral Area(s), and the CRD Board for informational purposes as well as for their consideration of support for the Report's proposed plan(s) and it's recommendations and further to please copy their letter(s) to:

*The Premier of BC,

*New or returning MLA's,

*MP's and the

*Ministers of Public Safety, Education, Children and Family Development, Addictions," others ??

*VFC&YJC Chair (for our records)"

9. New Business

A time sensitive request has been brought to the attention of Chair M.T. Little. Dr. Rebecca's Nelems is applying for a federal government grant called "New Frontiers in Research Fund" and wants VFCYJC to be a collaborator in the project.

MOVED by K. Guiry, SECONDED by B. McElroy
That Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee support Dr. Rebecca's Nelems in her federal government grant application "New Frontiers in Research Fund" and agree to be named as a collaborator and appoint Mr. Bill McElroy as the committee representative.
CARRIED

Tour of Youth Empowerment Society

M. McLean updated that VFCYJC had asked for a tour of the Youth Empowerment Society at 533 Yates Street to take place on Thursday, November 28 at 10 a.m. prior to our monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Moved by D. Brown, Seconded by C. Day,
That the October 28, 2024 session of the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee be adjourned at 1:29 p.m.
CARRIED