



Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting held Thursday, November 28, 2024, CRD Boardroom, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC

Present:

M. Little (Chair), K. Guiry (Vice Chair) (EP), B. McElroy, J. Bateman, C. Day, S. Duncan (EP), M. McLean, E. Paterson, J. Rondeau, M. Westhaver (EP), T. Vanwell (EP)

Staff: S. Carey, Senior Manager, Legal and Risk Services; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk; M. Essery, Recorder (EP)

EP – Electronic Participation

Guests: K. Petersen, Youth Empowerment Society; M. Olsen, City of Colwood; S. Riddell, Central Saanich

Regrets: C. Chaytors, A. Holeton, S. Rapoport, D. Brown, K. Loughton, K. Kwan, C. Lervold J. McClintock, D. Rotchford

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement.

E. Paterson provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Little introduced everyone in attendance.

3. Approval of the Agenda

**MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by J. Bateman,
That the agenda for November 28, 2024 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting be approved as amended by adding Item 11.2 Notice of Motion.
CARRIED**

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1. Adoption of the Minutes

**MOVED by J. Bateman, SECONDED by E. Paterson,
That the minutes of October 24, 2024 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED**

4.2. Receipt of the Steering Committee meeting notes of November 14, 2024

**MOVED by B. McElroy, SECONDED by C. Day,
That the notes of the November 14, 2024 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Steering Committee be received.
CARRIED**

5. Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Little asked members to please email anything you would like in the Annual Report

6. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6.1. Resource Agencies

There was no report.

6.2. Presenter - Cheryl Chaytors, Boys & Girls Club Greater Victoria

The presenter did not speak.

6.3. Delegation - Dr. Rebecca Nelems, re: MYST Business Case Study

The delegation did not speak.

7. Sub-Committee Business

7.1. Priorities and Grants (Marcie McLean)

7.1.1. Report from Kisae Peterson, Operational Director, Victoria Youth Empowerment Society re: program outcomes from VFCYJC "Summer Opportunities" grant.

K. Peterson presented Item 7.1.1. for information and thanked the committee for their support.

7.1.2. Sanctuary Youth Centre/Cornerstone Society program outcomes report Priorities Subcommittee

M. McLean presented Item 7.1.2. for information.

7.2. Communications Committee (Jeff Bateman)

J. Bateman presented item 7.2. for information and provided the following information:

- The Communications subcommittee had an online meeting on November 20.
- More work needs to be done on our website.
- As a follow up to the panel presentation, the communications subcommittee is creating an Executive Summary Report.
- Committee members suggested that a list be created with gaps that exist and that can be tracked.
- VFCYJC is keen to have more indigenous representation on our committee.
- The committee would also like a representative from the Juan de Fuca Electoral District.

7.3. Capital Region Action Team (Bill McElroy)

B. McElroy presented item 7.3. for information and provided the following information:

- The ICE situation has been his focus.
- An Ad hoc group has started and will be meeting about the Mobile Youth Services Team.

- There is an Ad hoc committee on the West Shore re the Mobile Youth Services Team.
- If anyone from VFCYJC wants to join please contact B. McElroy.
- No one from Central Saanich/ West Shore RCMP has contacted M.Y.S.T.
- There has been no community consultation.
- C.R.A.T. is working on a graphic novel that will be handed out at school presentations.
- The graphic novel will have the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice logo on it.

8. Treasurer's Report (Esther Paterson)

8.1. 2024 Third Quarter Financial Statement

E. Paterson spoke to Item 8.1.

MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by B. McElroy,
That the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee approve the third quarter financial statement.
CARRIED

8.2. 2025 Draft Budget

E. Paterson spoke to Item 8.2.

MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by C. Day
That the committee approve the 2025 preliminary draft budget as presented.
CARRIED

9. Committee Business

There was no committee business.

10. Correspondence

10.1. ICE report

Chair Little presented Item 10.1. for information.

10.2. Steve Carey report to CRD Board, July 10, 2024

S. Carey presented Item 10.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding

- MYST funding
- The Chair to meet with MYST and Pacific Family Services to determine other funding avenues

10.3. Westshore RCMP withdrawal from MYST and Regional Integrated Units

This item was received for information.

10.4. Officer and subcommittee positions – reminder

This item was received for information.

10.5. Terms of Member Appointments to VFCYJC + notification process (discussion)

This item was received for information.

10.6. VFCYJC Annual Report (discussion)

Discussion ensued regarding a brief Annual Report will be prepared and presented at the Annual General in January. Subcommittee Chairs and committee members are encouraged email information that they would like included.

10.7. Determining presenter honorarium for Cathy Peters

MOVED by B. McElroy, **SECONDED** by C. Day,
To give \$300.00 honorarium to presenter Cathy Peters.
CARRIED

11. Notice(s) of Motion

11.1. Motion with Notice (M. McLean)

MOVED by M. McLean, **SECONDED** by J. Bateman,
That Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee directs the Chair to send a cover letter signed by the Chair together with the Mobile Youth Service's Team (MYST) Business Case Report (Report) dated September 2024 addressed to VFCYJC 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,
- Ministers of Public Safety, Education, Children and Family Development, Addictions," others ??
- VFC&YJC Chair (for our records)"
- For the letter and the link and to send to the Federal Minister as well.

CARRIED

11.2. Notice of Motion

M. Mclean provided the following Notice of Motion to be brought to the next meeting of the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee:

"That the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee (VFC&YJC) directs the Communications sub-committee in the very near future to prepare letters to the various BC Ministers listed below but not limited to, for a Call to Action(s), to address some of the many provincial shortfalls in providing services and/or gaps in services including integrated services which indeed are the responsibility of the Province of BC for children, youth, students and their families' at risk including but not limited to: their mental health, health, including potential addictions and addictions to illicit drugs, poverty, safety including public & community safety, education and support needs including lack of funding and/or removed funding for such provincial responsible services.

For example, services such as provided by the Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) Criminal Reduction & Exploitation Division (CRED), through Pacific Centre Family Services Association, Victoria BC and, currently City of Victoria/Esquimalt Police Departments who function within the Greater Victoria area including Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, as well as the Regional Domestic Violence Unit (RDVU) also involved with youth and families at risk.

And, further that specific core members of VFC&YJC request to meet with the Ministers to speak to the concerns in the very near future as these matters are critical and urgent due to the current issues within the Capital Region for youth, vulnerable youth, youth at risk and their families within the Capital Regional District”.

These future letter(s) to be sent to:

*Premier David Eby,

*Attorney General & Deputy Premier: Niki Sharma,

*Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General: Honourable Gary Begg,

*Minister of Health: Honourable Josie Osbourne,

*Minister of Children and Family Development: Honourable Grace Lore,

*Minister of Education and Child Care: Honourable Lisa Beare,

*Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation: Honourable Christine Boyle,

*Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction: Honourable Sheila Malcolmson,

*Minister of Finance: Honourable: Brenda Bailey

*Minister of State for Child Care and Children and Youth with Support Needs: Honourable Jodie Wickens,

*Minister of State for Community Safety and Integrated Services: Honourable Terry Yung,

Cc: Jennifer Charlesworth, Representative for Children and Youth BC,

Cc: Integrated Regional Councils (correct name??)

12. Adjournment

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

That the November 28, 2024 Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:33 pm.

CARRIED