



VICTORIA FAMILY COURT & YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Notice of Meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 11:30 am
CRD Boardroom, 6th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

Meeting to be conducted electronically and in-person.

Agenda

1. Territorial Acknowledgement
2. Approval of the Agenda
Recommendation: That the agenda for Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of June 26, 2025 be approved.
3. Adoption of Minutes
 - 3.1. Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Meeting of April 24, 2025
Recommendation: That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting held April 24, 2025 be adopted as circulated.
 - 3.2. Notes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Steering Committee meeting of April 10, 2025
Recommendation: That the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Steering Committee notes of April 10, 2025 be received for information.
4. Chairperson's Remarks
5. Presentations/Delegations (10-minute maximum per presentation)
 - 5.1. Resource Agencies
 - 5.2. [Dr. Rebecca Nelems](#), author of the Sept. 2024 [MYST Business Case Report](#). See VFCYJC Chair's letter dated Dec. 23, 2024 and Collaboration for Change: Addressing Youth Gang Exploitation in Greater Victoria.
 - 5.3. [Ryan Labelle](#), Pixel Makers Creative re: [proposal for enhancing digital engagement and website infrastructure](#)
 - 5.4. [David Segal](#), Executive Director, [Human-Nature Counselling Society](#) re: outcomes report on 2024 VFCYJC grant
6. Sub-Committee Business
 - 6.1. Priorities and Grants (M. McLean)
 - 6.1.1. Victoria Youth Empowerment Society application
Recommendation: "That the Priorities Sub-committee recommends to Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee, that the grant application request of \$8,000.00 (the full amount) from the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society (YES) be approved for YES's temporary pilot project as outlined in their grant application of June 11, 2025 for the Alliance Club Youth Pathways Project Support Worker with a proposed completion date of January 15, 2026."

- 6.2. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (B. McElroy)
 - 6.2.1. CRAT Meeting Notes of June 17, 2025
 - 6.2.2. Update report, including PDF of graphic novel
 - Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eL4V23y7NgGSo5wfSBy-3aSCIEp-t9Bk?usp=sharing>
- 6.3. Family and Youth Matters (R. Stanton)
- 6.4. Court Watch (M. Little)

Discussion about need, feasibility and future of this sub-committee.
- 6.5. Communications (J. Bateman)
 - 6.5.1. Letter to Attorney General Sharma dated June 6 re: Cathy Peters recommendations
 - 6.5.2. Update ~ Calls to Action for Children, Youth, Students and their Families on matters pertaining to safety, education, health, poverty and prevention (Marcie McLean)
 - 6.5.3. Access Pro Bono's Jamie Maclaren presentation at the April 24 VFCYJC meeting. (See [website meeting summary to view his power point.](#))
 - 6.5.4. Open House 2026 – lessons learned and preliminary discussion for next year (Marie-Terese Little/Marnie Essery)
7. Committee Business
 - 7.1. Treasurer's Report (Esther Paterson)
 - 7.2. Discussion about VFCYJC website
8. New Business
9. Correspondence
 - 9.1. Email from Cathy Peters, June 11, 2025 re: VFCYJC Advocacy
10. Notice(s) of Motion

10.1. M. McLean (with same day consideration)

"That Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee (VFC&YJC) hold an in-person Panel Discussion on one of the following 2 (two) 2025 dates:

A Special meeting on Thursday, September 18th, 2025 for only the Panel Discussion and no other VFC&YJC other unnecessary business, or, on Thursday October 23, 2025 a scheduled meeting.

The purpose of the proposed Panel Discussion would be to have invited representatives from the current 3 Integrated Regional Units/Teams being the:

Integrated Regional Mobile Crisis Response Team (IRMCRT)(Island Health), the Integrated Regional Domestic Violence Unit (RIDVU), and, the Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) as it is these 3 specific Units/Teams that the District of Central Saanich Police Board and, the Westshore RCMP Commander are planning to withdraw funding of the tax payer's financial portions for the police officers to these 3 Integrated Regional Units/Teams.

The panel discussions intent would focus on their Units/Teams, purpose, work and need throughout Greater Victoria plus, the future of these Units/Teams and/or impacts, and to increase awareness and educate VFC&YJC members.

VFC&YJC would also invite Police Chief Ian Lawson from the District of Central Saanich Police Board or, an alternate from the Central Saanich Police Board and, Westshore RCMP Superintendent Todd Preston or, an alternate, to also attend in-person to each speak to their rationale for withdrawing from these 3 above noted Unit/Teams including providing accurate Unit/Team data such as call outs for 2024 -2025 and financial data as well such as accurate "municipal financial contributions" for the police officer staff for these 3 Integrated Regional Teams/Units.

VFC&YJC would also invite Chief Constable Fiona Wilson Victoria/Esquimalt Police Department or, an alternate, to participate in-person for perspectives on each of these 3 Integrated Regional Unit/Teams for the Greater Victoria Areas."

10.2. Notice of Motion (with same day consideration) – Little

"THAT Chair Little write BC Attorney General Niki Sharma in support of the following recommendation raised with the Committee by Access Pro Bono's Jamie Maclaren, namely Recommendation #4 from his 2019 report for the Attorney General titled Roads to Revival: An External Review of Legal Aid Service Delivery in British Columbia:

Task and support an independent body, like Access to Justice BC, the Access to Justice Centre for Excellence or the Office of the Auditor General, to coordinate the collection and analysis of standardized performance data across BC's justice system."

11. Adjournment

Roundtable to be held after adjournment, time permitting.

Location and Dates of Upcoming Meetings – Oct. 23, 2025, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the CRD Boardroom and via Zoom unless otherwise notified.