



**Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting held
Thursday, October 23, 2025, CRD Boardroom, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street**

PRESENT

Committee Members: M. Little (Chair), K. Guiry (Vice Chair), J. Bateman, C. Day (EP), S. Kim, K. Marshall (EP), Bill McElroy, M. McLean, T. O'Keefe (EP), Misty Olsen (EP), E. Paterson, S. Riddell (EP), R. Stanton, T. Vanwell,

Staff: S. Carey, Senior Manager Legal and Risk; T. Pillipow, Senior Committee Clerk, Legislative Services; M. Essery, Recording Secretary, (EP)

Regrets: K. Armour, D. Brown, C. Chaytors, C. Lervold, A. Holeton, S. Rapoport, M. Westhaver

Guests: Integrated Mobile Crisis Response Team: Island Health's Lorraine Bates (Manager, Mental Health and Substance Use) and Debra Johnsen (Coordinator, Crisis Response & Outreach Services); Mobile Youth Services Team: Mia Golden and Shauna Bainbridge; Regional Domestic Violence Unit: Jon Cawsey, Detective Sergeant, Saanich Police Department; Saanich Police Deputy Chief Constable Paul Douglas, Joint Management Team representative for MYST and the RDVU; Central Saanich Chief Constable Ian Lawson; West Shore RCMP Interim Officer-In Charge Stephen Rose

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

K. Guiry provided Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**MOVED by M. McLean, SECONDED by S. Kim,
That the agenda for Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of October 23,
2025 be amended to move Item 5.2. to immediately after approval of the agenda.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by S. Kim, SECONDED by T. Vanwell,
That the agenda for Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of October 23,
2025 be approved as amended.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Meeting of June 26, 2025

**MOVED by T. Vanwell, SECONDED by E. Paterson,
That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting held June 26, 2025 be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED

- 3.2. Notes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Steering Committee meeting of October 9, 2025

**MOVED by B. McElroy, SECONDED by T. Vanwell,
That the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Steering Committee notes of October 9, 2025 be received for information.**

CARRIED

4. Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Little thanked S. Orr for her support and her work and congratulated her on her new position at the CRD.

5. Presentations/Delegations (10 minutes maximum per item)

5.1. Resource Agencies (if in attendance)

5.2. Panel Presentation

Following a welcome by Chair Little, J. Bateman facilitated this panel presentation. Our guests were thanked for sharing their time and perspective. J. Bateman will put together a report on this panel presentation and share in the future.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. Term limits as per Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 4553

**MOVED by K. Guiry, SCONDED by J. Bateman,
The Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee request that CRD staff review the bylaw and report back to Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee at the January 2026 meeting.**

Discussion ensued regarding the need to ensure continuity of the committee.

The question was called on the main motion:

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DEFEATED

Opposed: K. Marshall, M. McLean, T. O'Keefe, E Paterson, T. Vanwell

C. Day left the meeting.

6.2. Greater Victoria School District #61 Update

An update was presented for information.

7. Sub-Committee Business

7.1. Priorities and Grants (M. McLean)

7.1.1. Committee Report: Grant Application from Human Nature Counselling Society

Recommendation: "That the Human Nature Counselling Society's grant request for \$5,500.00 for their spring 2026 New Roots Youth Anxiety Program be approved by Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee". Alternatively, to the above proposed motion the VFC&YJC may consider reducing the amount of the grant requested by HNCS or alternately deny the grant request from HNCS.

7.1.2. Grant Application: Human-Nature Counselling Society

MOVED by M. McLean, SECONDED by B. McElroy
That the Human Nature Counselling Society's grant request for \$5,500.00 for their spring 2026 New Roots Youth Anxiety Program be approved by Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee.
CARRIED

7.2. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (B. McElroy)

MOVED by B. McElroy, SECONDED by E. Paterson,
That the report be received for information.
CARRIED

MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by B. McElroy,
That the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee direct the Treasurer to consolidate funds, bring forward receipts.
CARRIED

7.2.1. Report on CRAT meeting of October 8, 2025

This report was received for information.

7.2.2. Future of CRAT given B. McElroy's Retirement

The Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee acknowledged the long-time service of B. McElroy and his upcoming retirement after the A.G.M. on January 22, 2026. B. McElroy asked if anyone is interested in taking over C.R.A.T. please contact him.

7.3. Family and Youth Matters (R. Stanton)

R. Stanton provided details on the latest BC Coroners Service Report

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/death/coroners-service/statistical-reports>

7.4. Court Watch (M. Little)

This subcommittee is inactive. To be reconsidered in 2026 pending interest from members

7.5. Communications (J. Bateman)

7.5.1. Draft letter to AG Sharma re: Jamie Maclaren's Roads to Revival report recommendations as presented to the VFCYJC

The draft letter to Attorney General Sharma re: Jamie Maclaren's Roads to Revival report recommendations as presented to the VFCYJC was shared with committee members in the meeting mail out. Committee members were asked for their feedback, and the letter will be circulated in the near future.

7.5.2. Confirmed AGM speaker for Jan. 22, 2026 – British Columbia's Representative for Children and Youth Jennifer Charlesworth

7.5.3. Calls For Action for Children, Youth, Students and their Families

M. McLean provided an update on work to date.

7.5.4. Communications Sub-Committee Meeting Notes, July 8, 2025

Shared with the committee as information.

7.5.5. Annual Report 2025

The Communications Subcommittee will develop the Annual Report in December and early January with assistance of the CRD Communications Department.

8. Treasurer's Report

8.1. Draft statement of Finances as of September 30, 2025

**MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by T. Vanwell,
That the 2026 Draft Budget be approved as presented.
CARRIED**

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11. Notice(s) of Motion

11.1. Notice of Motion – Committee Meeting Schedule (B. McElroy)

**MOVED by J. Bateman, SECONDED by B. McElroy,
That same day consideration be applied to the Notice of Motion.
CARRIED**

MOVED by B. McElroy, SECONDED by M. McLean
That the number of meetings of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
be increased from four meetings to six meetings per year

MOVED by B. McElroy, SECONDED by M. McLean,
Recommended 2026 meeting dates: Thursdays, January 22, February 26, April 23,
May/June Open House, June 25, September 24 and November 26.
CARRIED

12. Adjournment

MOVED by K. Guiry, SECONDED by T. Vanwell,
That the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee meeting of October 23, 2025 be
adjourned at 1:51 p.m.
CARRIED

Chair

Committee Clerk