



**Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting held Thursday
January 22, 2026, CRD Boardroom, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street**

PRESENT:

Committee Members: M. Little (Chair), K. Guiry (Vice Chair), J. Bateman, D. Brown (EP), J. Crawford, C. Day, B. Gash, S. Kim, C. Lervold (EP), B. McElroy, M. McLean, T. O'Keefe (EP), E. Paterson, S. Riddell, R. Stanton, T. Vanwell (EP)

STAFF: S. Carey, Senior Manager, Legal & Risk Management; J. Ives, Committee Clerk; T. Pillipow, Senior Committee Clerk, Legislative Services; M. Essery, Recording Secretary (EP)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guests/Resource Members: K. Petersen, Youth Empowerment Society

Regrets: M. Olsen, M. Westhaver

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by S. Kim, **SECONDED** by K. Guiry,
That the agenda for the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of January 22, 2026, meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**3.1. Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Meeting of
October 23, 2025**

MOVED by M. McLean, **SECONDED** by J. Bateman,
That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of
October 23, 2025, be adopted.
CARRIED

3.2. Receipt of the Steering Committee meeting notes of January 8, 2026

MOVED by S. Kim **SECONDED** by K. Guiry,
That the notes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Steering Committee meeting
of January 8, 2026, be received for information.
CARRIED

4. CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS

The Chair had no remarks.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1. Resource Agencies

K. Petersen shared an update on the Youth Empowerment Society.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1. Committee Orientation and Qualification Matrix Overview

Chair Little reviewed the Orientation PowerPoint for new and returning members.

Members are encouraged to complete the qualification matrix and email this information to vfamcourt@gmail.com.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1. Priorities and Grants (M. McLean)

There was no report.

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

After 19-plus years in the role, this will be B. McElroy's last VFCYJC meeting as CRAT Chair. R. Stanton has volunteered to assume Chair duties in his wake. A priority will be the completion and distribution of the now-completed graphic novel on sexual exploitation. B. McElroy will assist the new chair during the transition.

7.2.1. Crat Meeting Notes of January 13, 2026

MOVED by B. McElroy SECONDED by M. McLean,

That the notes of the Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth meeting of January 13, 2026, be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2.2. MYST Update

There was no report.

7.3. Family and Youth Matters (R. Stanton)

There was no report.

7.4. Court Watch (M. Little)

There was no report.

7.5. Communications (J. Bateman)

7.5.1. Future Meeting Speakers

Suggestions for future guest speakers are the Hon. Jodie Wickens, Minister of Children and Family Development; the Hon. Nikki Sharma, Attorney General and Deputy Premier; Minister of Attorney General; a representative from the province's Child & Youth Mental Health division; representatives from the Victoria Native Friendship Centre and Foundry BC; Patrick Jawes, Executive Director, The Rainbow Kitchen; and Colin Tessier, Executive Director, Threshold Housing Society.

M. Golden and Liz Nelson will be invited to provide a Mobile Youth Services Team update at the February 26, 2026, VFCYJC meeting.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no report. E. Paterson will help facilitate transition for J. Bateman, the new VFCYJC Treasurer, in collaboration with the CRD's M. Medland.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

11. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

11.1. Notice of Motion: VFCYJC Advocacy Letter to Central Saanich Police Board Re: Mobile Youth Services Team (S. Kim)

S. Kim read the following notice of motion into the record for consideration at the next meeting of the Victoria Family Court & youth Justice Committee:

"That the Victoria Family Court & youth Justice Committee write a letter to the Central Saanich Police Board advocating for the Mobile Youth Services Team"

12. ROUNDTABLE

New Members B. Gash and J. Crawford introduced themselves.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by M. Mclean, **SECONDED** by S. Kim,

That the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee meeting of January 22, 2026 be adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Committee Clerk