

VICTORIA FAMILY COURT & YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Notice of Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 11:30 am
Boardroom, 6th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC
Meeting to be conducted electronically and in-person.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation: That the agenda for Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of April 23, 2026 be approved.

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Meeting of February 26, 2026 ([Attachment 1, page 3](#))

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting held February 26, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

3.2. Notes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Steering Committee meeting of April 9, 2026 ([Attachment 2, page 9](#))

Recommendation: That the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Steering Committee notes of April 9, 2026 be received for information.

4. Chairperson's Remarks

5. Presentations/Delegations (10-minute maximum per item)

5.1. Resource Agencies (if in attendance)

5.2. Mia Golden and Liz Nelson, Pacific Centre Family Services Association; Re: Mobile Youth Services Team Update

6. Committee Business

7. Sub-Committee Business

7.1. Priorities and Grants (M. McLean)

7.1.1. Shoreline Medical Society Grant Application ([Attachment 3, page 10](#))

7.2. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (R. Stanton)

7.3. Family and Youth Matters (R. Stanton)

7.4. Court Watch (M. Little)

7.4.1. Law Day in Victoria – April 18, 2026

7.5. Communications (J. Bateman)

7.5.1. Letter to Central Saanich Police Board ([Attachment 4, page 21](#))

7.5.2. Guest Speakers for Future Meetings – June 25, 2026, September 24, 2026, AGM January 21, 2027

8. Treasurer’s Report (J. Bateman)

9. New Business

- 9.1. VFCYJC Annual Open House – Date TBD
- 9.2. Outcomes Arising from October 23, 2025, Panel Discussion
- 9.3. Future VFCYJC Meeting in Central Saanich
- 9.4. Cuts to BC Community Gaming Grants Program ([Attachment 5, page 22](#))

10. Correspondence

11. Notice(s) of Motion

12. Adjournment

Roundtable to be held after adjournment, time permitting.

Location and Dates of upcoming meetings - June 25, 2026, September 24, 2026, and November 26, 2026, 11:30 to 1:30 pm in the CRD Boardroom and via Zoom unless otherwise notified.



**Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting held
Thursday, February 26, 2026, CRD Boardroom, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street**

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: M. Little (Chair), K. Guiry (Vice Chair), J. Bateman, J. Crawford, S. Kim, K. Marshall (EP), M. McLean, T. O'Keefe (EP), M. Olsen (EP), S. Rappaport, S. Riddell (EP), R. Stanton, T. Vanwell (EP), B. Gash, M. Westhaver (EP)

STAFF: T. Pillipow, Senior Committee Clerk, Legislative Services; M. Essery (Recording Secretary) (EP)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guests/Resource Members: K. Easton, Director of Implementation, Foundry BC, West Shore, Sooke & Port Renfrew; A. Schactman, Former Clinical Coordinator, Foundry BC, Victoria; H. David, Intern (UVIC), Foundry BC; R. Labelle, Honeycomb Webworks; K. Petersen, Operations Director, Youth Empowerment Society; J. Hunter, Executive Director, Youth Empowerment Society

Regrets: K. Armour, D. Brown, C. Day, C. Lervold, M. Wagner

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Guiry provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by K. Guiry, **SECONDED** by S. Kim,

That the agenda for the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of February 26, 2026 be approved as amended to move item 11.1. Motion with Notice to be considered under Committee Business as Item 6.2.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Meeting of January 22, 2026

MOVED by S. Kim, **SECONDED** by J. Bateman,

That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of January 22, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2. Notes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Steering Committee meeting of February 12, 2026

MOVED by K. Guiry, **SECONDED** by S. Kim,
That the notes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Steering Committee meeting of February 12, 2026 be received for information.
CARRIED

4. Chairperson's Remarks

The Chair thanked all for being here and reinforced that the committee's two aims are to educate and to advocate.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no delegations.

5.1. Resource Agencies

There were no presentations from resource agencies.

5.2. Foundry BC Presentation

Invited guests from Foundry BC delivered a [comprehensive overview](#) (PDF) of the peer-supported, on-demand, low-barrier services offered to British Columbians aged 12-24 both [online](#) and at 19 [Foundry locations](#) across BC (with 16 more in development). Some 56k individuals in this age group have opted in since 2018, many developing safe and trusting long-term relationships with staff.

Rooted in the [social determinants of health and wellness](#), Foundry [services](#) include primary care (physical and mental health, substance use support) as well as [employment](#), housing and food security supports. These address the urgent need for centralized, youth-centred interventions in the face of system navigation challenges, the barriers faced by marginalized youth and the rising tide of anxiety, youth suicides and overdose deaths.

While the Ministry of Health provides [start-up and annual funding](#), each branch must fundraise for operational needs such as drop-in counselling and administrative support. To that end, committee members were invited to become [Foundry champions](#) and do their part to raise awareness, identify donors and secure multi-year sustainable funding.

Leads on the following should be sent to Ms. Easton via [email](#).

- **Financial support:** Through direct contributions, allocating discretionary funds, or hosting/championing a fundraising initiative that benefits Foundry.

- **Community connections:** Introductions to local businesses, service clubs, foundations, and individual philanthropists who may be interested in supporting youth mental health in their communities.
- **In-kind contributions:** Support such as land opportunities, construction materials, professional services, advertising, or other community assets that can help reduce capital or operating costs.
- **Advocacy and awareness:** Using their platforms to raise awareness about Foundry's impact, champion youth mental health, and reinforce the importance of sustained investment in integrated youth services.

6. Committee Business

6.1. 2025 Annual Report

**MOVED by J. Bateman, SECONDED by K. Guiry,
To Amend 2025 Annual Report and circulate when final financials are
available.
CARRIED**

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

**MOVED BY S. Kim, SECONDED BY S. Riddell,
That the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee write a letter to the Central Saanich Police Board advocating for the Mobile Youth Services Team. This will include the Panel presentation notes and be copied to all partners as well as Victoria RCMP, West Shore RCMP, Central Saanich RCMP and Saanich RCMP.
CARRIED**

7. Sub-Committee Business

7.1 Priorities and Grants (M. McLean)

Priorities Chair M. McLean shared that the Priorities Committee had recently received a grant application from Shoreline and that this application will be reviewed in the near future.

7.1.1. Victoria Youth Empowerment Society – Final Grant Report (J. Hunter)

The Victoria Youth Empowerment Society presented information from their Final Report from a grant received by the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee. They shared how grateful they were for the committee's support.

7.2. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth

There was no report.

7.2.1. Formal Appointment of CRAT Chair

Congratulations to R. Stanton who is the new C.R.A.T. Chair. B. McElroy will help with the transition.

7.2.2. Presentation on the History and Purpose of CRAT

R. Stanton shared this information and will email it to our secretary so that it can be shared with our members and on our website.

7.2.3. Mobile Youth Services Team Update

Tabled until a future meeting.

7.3. Youth and Family Matters (R. Stanton)

R. Stanton provided the BC Coroner Service Report: Child Mortality in BC 2020-2024 for information.

7.4. Court Watch (M. Little)

M. Little will remain Chair. Thanks to B. Gash who has volunteered to help with this subcommittee.

7.4.1. Revival of the Sub-Committee to Focus on Legislation and Service/System Gaps

Tabled until a future meeting.

7.5. Communications (J. Bateman)

J. Bateman will remain Chair of the Communications Subcommittee.

7.5.1. Draft Calls to Action (M. McLean)

M. McLean is working on it. Tabled until a future meeting.

K. Marshall left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

S. Riddell left the meeting at 12:52 pm.

7.5.2. VFCYJC Website (R. Labelle, Honeycomb Webworks)

R. Labelle submitted a Proposal for Enhancing Digital Engagement and Website Infrastructure.

There was no motion made as this money is already in our budget and the committee thanked Ryan for his work to improve the efficiency of our website.

7.5.3. Future Guest Speakers

The April 26 VFCYJC Guest Speakers will be M. Golden and L. Nelson from the Pacific Centre Family Services Association.

Other potential speakers identified for future meetings: Hon. Jodie Wickens, Minister of Children & Family Development; a representative from the BC Child and Youth Mental Health division; a representative from the Victoria Native Friendship Centre; Colin Tessier, Threshold Housing Society; a representative from the BC First Nations Justice Council; Hon. Nikki Sharma, Attorney General; and a representative from the Victoria Bar Association (sponsor of Law Day).

7.5.4. Open House 2026

A working group consisting of J. Crawford, M. Essery, K. Guiry, and M. Little was formed for the Resource Agencies Networking Reception. There was a suggestion of having youth speakers from the Youth Empowerment Society. A possible date is May 27, 2026 at the Victoria City Hall antechambers.

7.5.5. Draft Report on the Panel Discussion of October 23, 2025

Tabled until a future meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer J. Bateman reported on the process transferring CRAT funds from the District of Oak Bay to the VFCYJC account managed by the CRD.

9. New Business

9.1. Succession Planning and the Qualification Matrix

Committee members are encouraged to complete the Qualification Matrix and email it to vfamcourt@gmail.com.

A reminder that we're looking for CRD appointments and the CRD will advertise for interested individuals.

9.2. Future Meeting in Central Saanich or Another Host Municipality

Chair Little will liaise with S. Riddell about hosting the April 23, 2026 VFCYJC meeting in Central Saanich.

9.3. BC Coroner Service Report: Child Mortality in BC 2020-2024

The link to the final report is [here](#).

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11. Motion With Notice

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

Item 11.1 was moved to be considered as item 6.2.

12. Adjournment

MOVED BY M. McLean, SECONDED BY S. Kim,

That the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee meeting of February 26, 2026 be adjourned at 1:27 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Committee Clerk

Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Steering Committee

Meeting Notes – April 9, 2026 (11:30 am)

Attending: Chair Marie-Térèse Little; Vice Chair Kimberley Guiry; Committee Member Marcie McLean; Alternate Committee Member Rose Stanton;

1. Regular Meeting Agenda

- **Delegations**
 - Delegations with M. Golden and PCFSA were confirmed.
 - A response from Shoreline was still pending and was deferred to the next meeting.
- **CRAT**
 - An update was confirmed from CM Stanton.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - An update to be provided for the final statement for the Annual Report.
- **Court Watch**
 - Chair Little provided an update on the Law Day Open House.
- **Communications**
 - An update will be provided by CM Bateman at the meeting.
- **New Business**
 - **Open House**
 - May 19 was identified as a potentially challenging date.
 - Chair Little had reached out to the City of Victoria regarding alternative options to bring forward.
 - A brief discussion took place regarding food.
 - **BC Community Gaming Grants**
 - Program reductions were noted.
 - Potential significant impacts to non-profits and societies serving families and youth were discussed.
 - The possibility of a letter was raised.
 - **Next Meeting Location**
 - There was discussion on whether the next meeting would be held in Central Saanich or at the CRD board office.
 - **Website**
 - The committee discussed the need for website updates and a check-in with CM Bateman before the meeting.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2026.

Subject: FW: Updated - Shoreline Medical Society (Sidney) Grant Application to VFC&YJC Legal name: Saanich Peninsula Primary Health Care Society

Attachments: VFCYJC Grant Application_April 2026.pdf; Certificate_of_Incorporation.pdf

April 19, 2026

To: Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (VFC&YJC)

From: Priorities Sub-committee Chair, Marcie McLean

Re: VFC&YJC Grant Application received from Shoreline Medical Society (SMS)

A majority of Priorities Sub-committee members have reviewed the grant application and the required materials submitted by SMS including their required financial statements (which will not be provided with this report to the main committee). However, the actual SMS Grant Application is provided with this report for inclusion on the VFC&YJC April 23, 2026 Agenda.

Background from their application:

Shoreline Medical Society (SMS) is a BC Registered Society and a Federal registered Charity. The Sidney Medical Clinic has been in operation since 2016, their application indicates it is not a business. SMS provides the Saanich Peninsula Community from Royal Oak to Sidney with a range of Primary Health Care and Health Promotion Services, delivered by a team of health care professionals providing wrap around care with continuity between clinic, hospital and home-based care.

The SMS grant request is for \$6,000.00 for project name: Saanich Peninsula Youth Clinic, and the funds (if awarded) would be used to partially fund a second mental health and substance use registered clinical counsellor for their Sidney Clinic to meet the documented unmet needs. Continuously, since 2016, the youth clinic has had one registered clinical counsellor providing mental health and substance use counselling. Their Youth Clinic serves youth aged 12-24 years, living on the Saanich Peninsula. However, if youth present from elsewhere and capacity is available, the youth will be treated.

It should be noted that wages, salaries are ineligible expenses on the VFC&YJC application, however, in past consultation with CRD Staff on granting, we were informed that part-time work could be considered by the Committee as well as a temporary position for a project or program being offered by an organization.

Page 4 of the grant application Part D-Budget Details indicates that the part-time youth counsellor position would be for 2.5 hours a week, for 48 weeks, at \$50.00 per hour for a total funding request of \$6,000.00.

Their application does not indicate an "completion date" and it also indicates that the project is "reoccurring". Therefore, it seems that this project might be on-going.

Thus, the Priorities Sub-committee is recommending that if the VFC&YJC approves of the application that it be considered only for the time period indicated within the application being 48 weeks.

Recommendations from the Priorities Sub-committee: on Shoreline Medical Society's request for \$6,000.00 for a part-time registered clinical youth counsellor.

The members of the Sub-committee support the grant application as it serves youth on the Saanich Peninsula, where there are sometimes limited services, and because the project of the Saanich Peninsula Youth Clinic will serve youth often facing challenges with mental health issues and substance use to intervene early on, as opposed to crises type situations which are much more challenging for all involved.

As mentioned above the Sub-committee is suggesting to the main Committee that if approved that the grant funds be provided for the 48 weeks, which the grant requests.

The Priorities Sub-committee recommends the following draft motion for VFC&YJC's consideration:

"That Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice (VFC&YJC) endorse Shoreline Medical Society receive funding in the amount of \$6,000.00 for their Saanich Peninsula Youth Clinic Project in Sidney for a part-time mental health and substance registered clinical youth counsellor as outlined in their application to VFC&YJC of April 08, 2026".

Alternatively, VFC&YJC may consider a different motion proposal, or determine to not support the grant application.

The sub-committee thanks you for the opportunity to review the application.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcie McLean, VFC&YJC Priorities Sub-committee, Chair
Councillor District of Highlands
VFC&YJC Communications member

Project Number

GRANTS AND PRIORITIES FORM AND APPLICATION

- Carefully read the attached application and terms. You will attest that you have read and understood these by signing this form.
- The term “applicant” is used throughout to refer to an individual, society, or other organization.
- All fields are mandatory and must be completed by the applicant.
- In the event that the project does not proceed, all monies provided for the project are to be returned to the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee c/o CRD Legal Services, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, V8W 1R7.
- A new application is required where the project is substantially changed.
- Where the applicant is a minor, a responsible adult must be identified.
- Submissions should be submitted to VFCYJAdmin@crd.bc.ca for distribution.

PART A - CONTACT INFORMATION		
Date of Application: February 11, 2026	Legal Name of Applicant / Organization Shoreline Medical Society	
Address 2A – 2379 Bevan Ave, Sidney, BC V8L 4M9	Telephone Number 250-656-4143	Website Shorelinemedical.ca
Name of Contact Person Leslie Keenan, Executive Director	Telephone Number of Contact Person 778-426-8262	
Email Address of Contact Person Lkeenan@shorelinemedical.ca		
Alternate Contact Person Ashleigh Fletcher, Youth Clinic Coordinator	Telephone Number of Alternate Contact Person 250-656-4143	
Email Address of Alternate Contact Person Afletcher@shorelinemedical.ca		
PART B – ORGANIZATION DETAILS (If applicable)		
Is the Organization a Registered Society in BC? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/>	Registered Number under the BC Society Act S0064670	
Is the Organization a Registered Charity? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Is the Organization a Business? Non-profit YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Legal or Tradename of Organization or “NA” if individual Shoreline Medical Society	Date the Organization was Created (yyyy/mm/dd) 2015/09/28	
Mandate and main activities of the organization or applicable history of related		

Shoreline Medical Society provides the Saanich Peninsula community with a range of primary health care and health promotion services, delivered by a team of health care professionals providing wraparound care with continuity between clinic, hospital, and home-based care.

Experience/qualifications of personnel responsible for and participating in the project (including volunteers):

Leslie Keenan, Bachelors Degree (Leadership in Justice & Public Safety)
Executive Director, Shoreline Medical Society

Ashleigh Fletcher, BEd (focus on middle years)
Certifications: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
Youth Clinic Coordinator, Saanich Peninsula Youth Clinic

Grace Warren, BSc (Hons), MSc student in Clinical Psychology
Certifications: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
Youth Clinic Coordinator, Saanich Peninsula Youth Clinic

PART C - PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name: Saanich Peninsula Youth Clinic	Project Location: Sidney, BC
Start Date (yyyy/mm/dd): 2016	Completion Date (yyyy/mm/dd): NA
Amount of Grant Requested: \$6,000	Proposed Use of Grant Funds: To partially fund a second Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) Counsellor.
Is the grant request for a one-time or recurring project: ONE-TIME <input type="checkbox"/> RECURRING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	List of previous grant requests made to VFC&YJC, and indicate if Awarded: Prior to being operated by Shoreline Medical Society, the Sidney Youth Clinic received funding from the VFC&YJC.

Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:

The need for the Youth Clinic was identified in 2016, and a pilot project was launched following more than two years of extensive community and professional engagement. When the pilot was at risk of being discontinued, Shoreline Medical Society stepped in to take it on and has operated the clinic ever since. Physician visits are funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development, but all other services, including counselling, are supported through fundraising and grants.

Today, there are nearly 10,000 youth living on the Saanich Peninsula, but mental health, substance use, sexual health, and walk-in primary care services are extremely limited, and many residents, including youth do not have a primary care provider.

The Youth Clinic is the only service of its kind operating on the Saanich Peninsula. It delivers a range of services tailored to youth, including medical care, counselling, peer education, volunteer training, a weekly Thursday night drop-in, events, and community education and outreach. In 2025, the Youth Clinic provided over 400 medical and counselling appointments to more than 100 Peninsula youth. However, we were unable to accommodate more than one hundred, time-sensitive appointment requests due to lack of capacity. This highlights the deep need and critical nature of this service, the importance of sustaining it, and the need to grow our capacity.

Since inception, the Youth Clinic has had one Registered Clinical Counsellor providing mental health and substance use counselling. In 2025 we were able to bring on a second Registered Clinical Counsellor to cover a leave and increase capacity to meet demand. We would use this funding to continue the second MHSU Counsellor to meet the documented, unmet need in our community.

Catchment area served – Target population

The Saanich Peninsula Youth Clinic serves youth aged 12 – 24 living on the Saanich Peninsula, which stretches from Royal Oak to Sidney. Those living outside our catchment will also be supported if they present for service and capacity is available.

Please indicate goals and objectives of the project and its relevance to the VFC&YCJ mandate, including how Project will educate and raise awareness to youth and families, thereby reducing risks and involvement with judicial court systems:

Goals & Objectives

A second Mental Health and Substance Use Counsellor will:

1. Increase timely access to mental health and substance use counselling for local youth. In 2025 we were able to provide 103 MHSU counselling appointments. A regular, second counsellor will allow us to materially increase the number of available appointments.
2. Provide early intervention and prevention-oriented care that identifies and responds to emerging mental health and substance use concerns before they escalate to crisis levels.
3. Support youth and families with education, referrals, and navigation of health and social services, empowering them to understand their health needs and access appropriate supports.
4. Strengthen community awareness and health literacy among youth and caregivers by offering outreach and materials related to emotional wellbeing, coping strategies, healthy relationships, consent, and substance safety.
5. Facilitate system navigation and connection to community supports, including linkages to Foundry, other counselling services, and school-based supports, helping youth and families engage with the right services at the right time.

Relevance to the VFC&YJC Mandate

The work of the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee focuses on supporting healthy youth development, addressing root causes of youth risk, and reducing involvement with the justice system through education, early intervention, and community engagement. A second counsellor supports these objectives as follows:

1. Reducing Risks That Can Lead to Justice Involvement

- Unmet mental health challenges, unresolved substance use concerns, and untreated trauma are well-documented risk factors associated with school disengagement, conflict situations, risky behaviours, and involvement with law enforcement or judicial systems.
- By providing early, accessible support on the Saanich Peninsula, where nearly 10,000 youth live, the MHSU Counsellor can intervene before issues escalate.
- Through early identification of concerns and rapid engagement in care, the MHSU Counsellor can reduce the likelihood that youth will experience crises that bring them into contact with police, courts, or emergency systems.

2. Educating Youth and Families

- The MHSU Counsellor will deliver education and awareness supports on topics directly related to wellbeing and safety, including emotional health, consent and boundaries, substance use harm reduction, coping mechanisms, navigating relationships, and how to access community services.

- Youth and caregivers are equipped with practical information and resource navigation support, increasing health literacy and reinforcing family involvement in positive health decisions.
3. Supporting Early, Community-Based Interventions
- The Clinic’s model is youth-centred, non-judgmental, and designed to be a place where youth feel comfortable asking for help, in contrast to crisis-only, acute, or remote services.
 - Most specialized youth services that offer MHSU Counselling (e.g., Foundry, Youth Empowerment Society) are located *downtown*, creating a significant geographic and transportation barrier for Peninsula families.
 - By offering MHSU counselling services on the Peninsula itself, we eliminate this barrier, increasing the likelihood that youth will access support before problems escalate to crisis, school exclusion, or justice involvement.
4. Demonstrated Unmet Need (2024–2025)
- Demand for medical and counselling services has significantly outstripped our capacity in recent years. In 2024 we were unable to accommodate approximately 250 requests from local youth for appointments; in 2025 we turned down more than 100.
 - This unmet need demonstrates that local youth are *actively seeking help* and that the absence of accessible, community-based services is leaving many youth without support, increasing risk profiles that the VFC&YJC mandate seeks to reduce.

Statement of intended outcomes (deliverables, goods and services to be provided):

- Expanded counselling capacity:**
A significant increase in the number of MHSU counselling appointments available to youth, building on the 103 sessions delivered in 2025.
- Early intervention and prevention services:**
Timely identification and support for emerging mental health and substance use concerns, reducing escalation to crisis and more intensive systems.
- Youth and family support and navigation:**
Education, system navigation, and referrals to appropriate health and social services, enabling youth and caregivers to access the right care at the right time.
- Community education and outreach:**
Delivery of information and resources on emotional wellbeing, coping strategies, healthy relationships, consent, and substance use safety to youth and caregivers.
- Integrated care and system coordination:**
Strengthened connections with community partners (including Foundry, schools, and other counselling services) to support coordinated, wraparound care.

Timeline for project delivery (if applicable). Please list stages and anticipated outcomes.

PART D – BUDGET DETAILS

Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative, please include funding from other sources (Feel free to attach a spreadsheet if needed):

Item	Calculation	Amount
Hours per week	2.5 hours	—
Hourly rate	\$50/hour	—
Weeks per year	48 weeks	—
Total Annual Cost	$2.5 \times \$50 \times 48$	\$6,000
Total: \$6,000 per year		

Funding will support the professional services of a second MHSU Counsellor for 2.5 hours per week over 48 weeks annually, at a rate of \$50 per hour, for a total annual cost of \$6,000. This dedicated time will directly expand access to timely counselling for youth on the Saanich Peninsula, helping address unmet demand and provide early, preventative support before concerns escalate.

Other funding avenues/partners being explored:

The Victoria Foundation – Donor Directed Funds & Community Grants Program
Private donors
Business sponsorships
Community organization partnerships

Evaluation framework (How will you know if your project has been a success, and how will VFC&YJC know?)

We will report out on the number of MHSU appointments delivered, as well as qualitative stories.

Are you willing to present to the Committee upon completion?

YES NO

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be an individual or organization operating in the capital region; and
- if an organization, the Board of Directors or shareholders must not receive remuneration of any kind from the VFC&YJC funds.

Individuals or organizations in arrears with any local authority, are bankrupt, seeking creditor protection, are insolvent, or under court supervision of any kind are ineligible.

Eligible Expenses

- travel expenditures that are necessary to the successful completion of the Project;
- costs associated with contractors engaged to undertake the Project activities, such as website developers or researchers;
- venue bookings;
- materials and supplies expenditures;
- equipment rentals;
- vehicle rental, lease, and operation expenditures;
- communication and printing, production, advertising, and distribution expenditures;
- costs associated with management and professional services required to support a Project; and
- other direct costs necessary for the completion of the Project that may be agreed to in writing by VFC&YJC from time to time.

Ineligible Expenses

- equipment purchases or other capital expenditures;
- salaries, business purposes, contest prizes, or competition sponsorship; and
- expenses for activities that have already taken place.

General

- Applicants may apply only once per calendar year.
- Approvals may be whole or in part. There is no obligation on VFC&YJC to make any awards.
- Upon completion of the project, the applicant must provide a brief written summary report on the project's outcomes and may be required to present this in person at a meeting of the VFC&YJC.
- The VFC&YJC title, name or logo will not be used without the prior written consent of the Committee.
- Funds are granted on these conditions. They must be used for the Project or returned in full within thirty (30) days of the oral or written demand.
- Grants may not be used to generate revenue for the Applicant or for purposes outside the project's scope.
- The maximum liability of CRD and VFC&YJC is limited to the provision of grant funds. The CRD and VFC&YJC will accept no liability whatsoever to any applicant, organization, or third party for any costs, claims, damages or losses however incurred relating to, occurring, or arising from the provision of grant funds or the Project. The applicant shall not be or be deemed to be, an agent of the CRD or the VFC&YJC and shall not present itself as such.

Application Requirements

- In the delivery of the program, the Applicant will conduct themselves in a professional and orderly manner, consistent with good public citizenship. Should, in CRD's opinion, this not occur, CRD may demand repayment of grant funds or request that the applicant appoint different staff or volunteers who will behave in a manner keeping with good public behaviour.
- The box titled "Revenues or Expenses" should equal zero. Ensure both columns in your budget are balanced, and the overall budget is balanced.
- A complete application consists of **two copies** of the completed application form and any attachments, signed by the person authorizing the application;

Assessment

- applications are assessed by the VFC&YJC Grants Subcommittee;
- notification of awards may take up to 90 days following submission; and
- the VFC&YJC will notify the applicant in writing of the Committee's decision.

Budget

Note: We will continue applying for grants and fundraising donations until all our expenses are covered.

A grant from VYC & FJC will help us reach our goal. If we are unable to raise the necessary funds, some programming may have to be scaled back.

	Item	Detail	Income/ Cost	Total Funds
Revenues	Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We apply for a range of grants in an effort to fully fund our programming. • In past years, we have received grants via the Victoria Foundation, Vancouver Foundation, 	<u>TBD</u>	<u>TBD</u>

		and private foundations.		
	Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We receive donations from a wide range of private individuals and businesses. 	<u>TBD</u>	<u>TBD</u>
Expenses	MHSU Counsellor	2.5 hours @\$50 per hour x 48 weeks	<u>\$6,000</u>	
TOTAL			<u>.000</u>	

Conditions of Funding

- a grant must be used for the activity for which it was intended;
- activities must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding;
- submission of a final report within two months of activity completion;
- Applicant must comply with all laws applicable to the undertaking of the Project;
- Applicant must provide and maintain at their expense any insurance that they are required to provide by law or that is reasonably necessary to insure against any risks they may assume as a result of undertaking the project, including coverage for any employees as required by the *Workers Compensation Act*; and
- if the activity is not completed or a final report is not submitted, the VFC&YJC may request the return of the grant and refuse future applications.

Submitting an Application

- Completed applications must be submitted to the VFCYJCAAdmin@crd.bc.ca and in copy to scarey@crd.bc.ca.
- There is no deadline; however, the Committee does not meet in the summer months so applicants would be wise to submit as early as possible.

Application Checklist

What to submit:


- Completed and signed application form;
- Budget for the current year;
- Copy of the previous year's financial statements (if applicable);
- List of current Board of Directors with full names, residential addresses and Board positions (if applicable); and
- Copy of the organization's BC society registration certificate, incorporation certificate or otherwise (if applicable).

Eligibility and acceptance of your application do not guarantee funding. Funding does not guarantee future support.

If you have questions about the application or eligibility of your project, contact VFCYJCAAdmin@crd.bc.ca

X I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND THE VICTORIA FAMILY COURT & YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE MANDATE (<https://www.victoriafamilycourt.ca/>) . I DECLARE THAT ANY UNUSED FUNDS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE VICTORIA FAMILY COURT & YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE VIA CHEQUE WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROJECT UNLESS

OTHERWISE AGREED. I REPRESENT I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BIND THE ORGANIZATION. (Check box)

Name of applicant/representative
Name (Print) Leslie Keenan
 Signature
Position Title Executive Director
Date (YYYY/MM/DD) 2026/04/08

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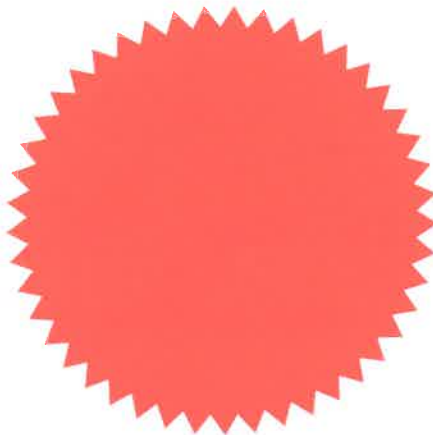


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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

SOCIETY ACT

I Hereby Certify that SAANICH PENINSULA PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SOCIETY was incorporated under the *Society Act* on September 28, 2015 at 12:07 PM Pacific Time.



*Issued under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia,
on September 28, 2015*

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March 30, 2026

Attention: Rene Johansson, Chair, Central Saanich Police Board

Dear Ms. Johnansson,

On the recommendation of committee member Sarah Riddell, Councillor with the District of Central Saanich, I'm writing today to share our thanks for the participation of Chief Constable Ian Lawson in our Oct. 23, 2025 panel discussion regarding the future of three critical Greater Victoria Integrated Police Units – namely the Integrated Mobile Crisis Response Team, the Mobile Youth Services Team and the Regional Domestic Violence Unit.

Chief Lawson and our other participants provided context and details on their respective work and plotted the myriad connection points that link health-care professionals and police as they support vulnerable youth and adults throughout our region.

Among much else, we learned that funding decisions have led to new localized police initiatives in Central Saanich and the West Shore along with regional innovation and contingencies by all parties to maintain critical services in the face of multiple and growing social crises here on the South Island.

We also learned that service delivery challenges remain and have been exacerbated in a region where young people freely cross municipal boundaries and enter jurisdictions where response teams are limited due to these funding decisions.

As you'll read in the panel discussion transcript ([available online here](#)), all agree that continuing and enhanced coordination, information sharing and collaboration is essential.

We look forward to further close, evidence-based consideration of how best to deliver essential services to vulnerable youth and their families locally and throughout the Capital region.

Sincerely,
Marie-Terese Little,

Chair, Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District Board of Directors
Mayor, District of Metchosin

cc Chief Constable Ian Lawson, Central Saanich Police Service
cc Central Saanich Council

View Royal advocate warns modest B.C. charity grant cut will have big impact

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By Ben Fenlon



Chair of BC Association of Charitable Gaming Ryan Painter clutches a copy of the province's 2026 budget in front of the BC Legislature. (Courtesy of Ryan Painter)

Greater Victoria non-profit organizations are warning a cut to the province's Community Gaming Grants Program could cause significant consequences for the critical services they provide.

Since 2017, the province has allocated \$140 million annually to the program, which supports not-for-profit work across arts and culture, sport, public safety, environment, and human and social services.

In this year's budget, that total has been reduced by \$1.4 million, bringing the fund to \$138.6 million.

While the cut may appear modest on paper, chair of the BC Association for Charitable Gaming Ryan Painter says the impact at the grassroots level could be significant, particularly for organizations operating on “razor-thin margins.”

“It doesn’t sound like a lot,” he says. “But a lot of these organizations are just getting by right now, and a cut like this, even if it results in a five to \$10,000 loss, it could mean the difference between that organization continuing to be able to get by or just having to fold completely, which for some communities would be a significant loss.”

Saanich’s Braefoot Community Association is worried about how the cut could impact its summer camps program.

Executive director Lee Richardson says the subsidy provided through gaming funds helps to keep the program one of the most affordable in the area.

“These programs promote healthy, active lifestyles and provide essential support for families who might otherwise be unable to access them,” he said.

“Without continued gaming funding, we would be forced to increase program fees, shifting the financial burden directly onto families – many of whom are already stretched.”

In his role as chair of BC Association for Charitable Gaming, Painter has appealed to the province to rethink the decision.

“Gaming grants provide a significant source of stable funding for charities and non-profit organizations that are providing services at a fraction of the cost of what government would provide,” he said.

As a solution, Painter has suggested the province reallocate \$2 million from its proposed \$400 million strategic investment fund to the Community Gaming Grants program to restore its funding capacity.

“It’s a very small ask,” he said. “The advent of single-event sports betting has brought billions of dollars into the British Columbian economy, billions of dollars – we’re asking for \$2 million. That’s less than a percent of the (strategic investment) fund, and it would right size this cut, and would ensure that nobody is impacted.”

In a written statement, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Finance said the strategic investment fund will be used to incentivize large private-sector projects in B.C.

“We understand the challenges many organizations are facing, including rising costs and the need for more stable funding,” they said. “Our government is committed to continuing to support not-for-profit organizations and the important work they do in communities across B.C.”

This is not the first time the BC Association for Charitable Gaming has appealed to the province for change.

In 2024, the organization asked for the program's budget to be increased to reflect inflationary pressures.

Painter, who lives in View Royal, also works for Charityworks, which helps eligible Vancouver Island organizations navigate the gaming grant application process.

In his six years at Charityworks, Painter says he has seen demand increase exponentially, especially in the human and social services sector, which is helping to plug gaps in services vitally needed by the community.

“And really, the funding has not risen to meet that demand,” he says. “We’re not asking for the near \$200 million we requested in 2024 – this is a compromise that I would suggest is very much on the side of the government.”