

Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice meeting held Thursday May 23, 2024, CRD Boardroom, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC

PRESENT:

Municipal Representatives: Marie-Térèse Little (Metchosin); Jeff Bateman (Sooke); Krista Loughton (Victoria); Kimberley Guiry (Langford)(EP); Marcie McLean (Highlands); Esther Paterson (Oak Bay); Micayla Hayes (Saanich); Sara Duncan (Sidney)(EP); Rose Stanton (Highlands-Alternate)(EP)

School District Representatives: Christine Lervold (School District 62 Trustee) (EP)

Capital Regional District (CRD) Representatives Cheryl Chaytors (EP); Samantha Rappaport (EP)

Resource Members Gord Magee and Mia Golden (MYST)

CRD Staff: Steven Carey, Senior Manager, Legal Services & Risk Management; CRD, (EP); Sharon Orr, Senior Committee Clerk; CRD; Marnie Essery, Secretary & Recorder (EP)

Regrets: Bill McElroy (CRAT); Cynthia Day (Colwood); Ron Mattson (View Royal); Mena Westhaver (Saanich); Darlene Rotchford (Esquimalt); Jim Rondeau (North Saanich); Jack McClintock (Central Saanich); Karin Kwan (SD61); Terri Vanwell (SD63); Andrew Holeyton (CRD Appointee)

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 11:39 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Little provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made around the room and online.

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by E. Paterson, **SECONDED** by K. Loughton,
That the agenda for Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of May 23, 2024 be approved.
CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1. Adoption of the April 25, 2024 Minutes

MOVED by J. Bateman, **SECONDED** by E. Paterson,
That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting of April 25, 2024 be adopted.
CARRIED

4.2. Receipt of the Steering Committee meeting notes of May 9, 2024

**MOVED by J. Bateman, SECONDED by E. Paterson,
That the meeting notes of the Steering Committee of May 9, 2024 be received.
CARRIED**

5. Chairs Remarks

Chair Little shared with great regret that Vice Chair A. Flint had suddenly passed away. Our thoughts go out to Adam's family. He will be missed greatly. VFCYJC will update everyone on details about his celebration of life soon. The committee will receive nominations for Vice Chair at the meeting in September.

6. Presentations/ Delegations

MYST provided an update.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- business plan and that it should be complete soon
- increase in youth violence that coincides with school summer break
- proposed improvements needed to levels of provincial and provincial legislation for on-line pornography and social media
- increased stress on young people by lack of School Police Liaison Officers
- advocacy opportunities
- regional need for ICE teams and child protection teams
- Impact of sexualized violence amongst youth
- sustainable funding for MYST

7. Committee Business

7.1. VFCYJC Open House 2024 – Summary Open House

J. Bateman spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- 36 people attended, 16 committee members and 20 agency representatives attended the 2nd annual open house.
- inviting resource agencies to future meetings
- 15 Agencies were represented including Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Threshold Housing, Legal Aid, Human Nature Counselling Society, Single Parent Resource Centre, Victoria Sexual Assault Centre, Mobile Youth Services Team, John Howard Society, Indigenous Justice Centre, Alliance to End Homelessness, Victoria Youth Empowerment Society, Victoria Native Friendship Centre Family Service Team and Youth Worker and School District 63 Trustee and School District 63 Community Outreach Coordinator.
- feedback shared that they are so busy doing social service work that they don't have time to connect with others doing similar work and they appreciated the forum to do this.

7.2. School Police Officer Liaison Program – Backgrounder Update

J. Bateman spoke to Item 7.1.

Discussion ensued regarding inviting representatives from School District 61, Victoria Police Department, Saanich Police Department, and MYST for a discussion regarding solutions related to the removal of School Police Liaison Officers from schools.

**MOVED by J. Bateman, SECONDED by M. McLean,
That the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee invite Nicole Duncan, Chair School District 61; Del Manak, Victoria Police Department; Dean Duthie, Saanich Police Department; Grace Lore, Minister of Children and Family Development; and the Mobile Youth Services Team to the June 27, 2024 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting.
CARRIED**

7.3. Youth Empowerment Society Grant Application 2024

M. McLean spoke to Item 7.3.

Discussion ensued regarding a tour of the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society's facility.

**MOVED by M. McLean, SECONDED by E. Paterson,
That the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee approve the grant funding request of \$5,500.00 from the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society towards their 2024 Summer Opportunities Program.
CARRIED**

8. Sub-Committee Business

8.1. Priorities and Grants

M. McLean spoke to Item 8.1. and stated that the Youth Sanctuary Centre to submit a final report to the committee for the meeting in November.

8.2. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (CRAT)

There was no report.

8.3. Family and Youth Matters

There was no report.

8.4. Court Watch

Chair Little has contacted Duncan First Nations Court and First Nations Justice Committee to potentially arrange member attendance at one of their meetings if interested.

8.5. Communications

J. Bateman spoke to Item 8.5.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the committee's website support and current issues are being resolved
- a quote will be obtained regarding website development and support.
- K. Loughton, E. Paterson, M. McLean, and C. Lervold have volunteered to help with the Communications Subcommittee.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10. Notice of Motion

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

"That the Committee have a discussion regarding advocacy action regarding pedophilia and online grooming of youth."

11. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Roundtable

An informal roundtable discussion took place.

13. Adjournment

**MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by J. Bateman,
That the May 23, 2024 Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee meeting be adjourned
at 1:04 p.m.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER