

**Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Meeting held Thursday May 25, 2023, CRD Boardroom, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC**

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**PRESENT:**

**Municipal Representatives:** Marie-Térèse Little (Metchosin); Jeff Bateman (Sooke); Kimberley Guiry (Langford) (EP); Marcie McLean (Highlands); Esther Paterson (Oak Bay); Sara Duncan (Sidney) (EP); Rose Stanton (Highlands-Alternate) (EP); Jack McLintock (North Saanich) (EP).

**Capital Regional District (CRD) Representative:** Bill McElroy (EP).

**School District Representatives:** Nola Silzer (School District 63 Trustee) (EP); Trudy Spiller (School District 62 Trustee) (EP).

**Resource Members:** Gillian Lindquist (Executive Director, Restorative Justice Victoria) (EP);  
**CRD Staff:** Steven Carey, Senior Manager, Legal Services & Risk Management; CRD; Sharon Orr (Senior Committee Clerk & Recorder), CRD; Marnie Essery (Secretary)

**Regrets:** Krista Loughton (Victoria); Ron Mattson (View Royal); Cynthia Day (Colwood); Adam Flint (View Royal); Zeb King (Central Saanich); Gord Irving (Central Saanich-Alternate); Mena Westhaver (Saanich); Darlene Rotchford (Esquimalt); Angela Carmichael (SD 61); Gord Magee and Mia Golden (Mobile Youth Services Team).

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 am.

**1. Territorial Acknowledgement**

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

Resource Agency Guests were introduced.

**3. Resource Agencies**

G. Lindquist provided an update regarding Restorative Justice Victoria.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- G. Lindquist moving into the Associative Director role.
- New Executive Director with 17 years of experience will be introduced to our committee soon.
- Exciting initiative working with graffiti artists where they can do it legally. How can they do it in the community with consent and with community support?

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED** by J. Bateman **SECONDED** by E. Paterson

That the agenda for Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice meeting of May 25, 2023 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice meeting of February 23, 2023 be adopted with the following amendments:

N. Silzer, School District 63 Trustee was in attendance at the April 27 meeting. Reference to resource agency personnel, should include whether agency itself. Item 9.1 under new business “honorarium” needs to be deleted. Esther Paterson has only one t in her name.

To Adopt Amended April 27, 2023 Minutes

**MOVED by J. Bateman/ SECONDED by M. McLean  
CARRIED**

5.1. Receipt of the Steering Committee meeting notes of May 11, 2023

**MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by K. Guiry**

**That the meeting notes of the Steering Committee of May 11, 2023 be received.  
CARRIED**

**6. Chairperson Remarks**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending today.

**7. Presentations/Delegations**

There were no presentations or delegations.

**8. Committee Business**

8.1. Priorities and Grants

8.1.1. Update by Marcie McLean – Victoria Youth Empowerment Society Grant Application

M. McLean explained that the grant is for a summer recreational program for youth. It has been created so that youth are not more vulnerable during the summer months. The Priorities sub-committee provided a written report appearing on page 26 of the meeting agenda, which contained the sub-committee’s recommendation to the main Committee together with their rationale for their recommendation to support the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society grant application for their full amount requested.

**MOVED by M. McLean SECONDED by S. Duncan**

**That Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee approves the grant funding request of \$5,300.00 by the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society towards their 2023 Summer Opportunities Program.**

**And, further that, the Capital Regional District financial department be instructed to expedite providing a cheque in the amount of \$5,300.00 to the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society for their 2023 Summer Opportunities Program on behalf of Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee.**

**CARRIED**

8.1.2. Update by Esther Paterson - Contact List- A considerable amount of work has been put in and a lot of changes have been made. We have been updating the list as we go along so it stays current.

8.2. Reminder that the Meet and Greet for Resource Agencies and Committee Members is June 13, 2023 from 3 pm - 6 pm at the City of Victoria’s Antechamber

8.2.1. Outreach – Having the reception in June has allowed VFCYJC to do outreach. E. Paterson has a phone call list and E. Paterson and J. Bateman have been reaching out to Resource agencies/Police contacts.

8.2.2. Catering – B. McElroy has approached QV Bakery and they are more than willing to do it.

8.2.3. Communications Materials for Distribution – J. Bateman is working on a one page info sheet about VFCYJC. Working on the matrix is also a priority.

8.3. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (Bill McElroy).

There was no quorum at the last meeting. The next meeting is planned for an evening in June.

8.4. Family and Youth Matters- no report

8.5. Court Watch (Marie-Terese Little)

The Chair will reach out to the Indigenous Court and S. Carey offered to contact the Bar Association for possible links to our committee.

8.6. Communications (Jeff Bateman)

8.7. The Communications subcommittee will be organizing a meeting in the future. This subcommittee will keep an up to date list of resource agencies and organize guest speakers. The guest speaker at the June 22 VFCYJC meeting will be Tamara Allen, Indigenous Community Justice Navigator, Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness Society Society ([tallen@acehsociety.com](mailto:tallen@acehsociety.com); [www.acehsociety.com](http://www.acehsociety.com))

8.8 Treasurer – verbal report (Esther Paterson)

VFCYJC is in good financial shape with a surplus of \$32,000.

E. Paterson left the meeting to attend a memorial event.

## 9. New Business

9.1. MYST Advocacy – Follow-up letter to Minister Farnworth

The update letter has been emailed to Minister Farnworth and VFCYJC has received confirmation that it has been received. The update letter has also been emailed to all VFCYJC Members and municipal administrators. J. Bateman shared that it is great that there is funding for 1 year but we need to continue to advocate for sustainable funding.

9.2. Resource Agency Master List

Master list + additions (Esther Paterson, Mena Westhaver)

Addition of agency overviews + links to reports/statistics (Jeff Bateman)

The Communications subcommittee will take this on.

9.3. Dates for Steering Committee and Main Committee meetings

Proposal to change Thursday meeting to Tuesday to accommodate City of Victoria (Council meetings on Thursday).

The VFCYJC will keep the dates for steering and monthly meetings as is and then discuss this again at the next Annual General Meeting in January 2024. Steering meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 11:30-12:30 on zoom and the monthly hybrid meeting is the fourth Thursday of the month from 11:30-1:30 p.m.

- 9.4. Location and Dates of upcoming Meetings - Resource Agencies Open House, June 13, 2023; future committee meetings on June 22, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, 2023.

Proposal: Hybrid meeting on Sept. 28 in Central Saanich. It was confirmed that the VFCYJC Steering meeting in June will take place on June 8 from 11:30-12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The VFCYJC will hold a hybrid September 28 meeting at Central Saanich.

**MOVED by M. McLean SECONDED by B. McElroy  
CARRIED**

- 9.5. Administrative Support (Marie-Terese Little)

M. Little spoke to Item 9.5.

**MOVED by J. Bateman SECONDED by M. McLean,  
That the Chair of the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee work with  
CRD staff to solicit interest in additional contracted supports.  
CARRIED**

10. Notice of Motion-none

11. Correspondence-none

12. Roundtable Discussion

- 12.1. If time permits, future meetings will include a round-table discussion for anything new and emerging in the committee.

13. Adjournment

**MOVED by J. Bateman SECONDED by M. McLean, to Adjourn at 12:48p.m.  
CARRIED**