



**Annual General Meeting Minutes
Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee
Via Zoom
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Starting at 11:30 am with monthly meeting to follow**

In Attendance

Municipal Members:

Cynthia Day, (Colwood); Marcie McLean, (Highlands); Marie-Terese Little, (Metchosin); Sarah Potts, (Victoria); Barbara Fallot, (Sidney); Jeff Bateman, (Sooke); Esther Paterson, (Oak Bay); Marilyn Holman, (Saanich Citizen Representative and Co Chair Youth and Family Matters Subcommittee); Daleen Thomas, (Central Saanich); Marnie Essery (Recording Secretary).

Members at Large:

Bill McElroy, (C.R.A.T.); Sandra Sarsfield, (Co Chair Youth and Family Matters Subcommittee).

School Districts: Angie Hentze, (School District #61); Margot Swinburnson, (School District #62); Alicia Holman, (School District #63).

Resource Persons:

Guests: Jamie MacLaren QC, (Executive Director, Access Pro Bono)

Regrets: Mia Golden, (C.R.E.D.); Ranj Atwal, (Director of Operations, South Vancouver Island Ministry of Children and Family Development); Heather Gartshore, (North Saanich); Colin Tessier, (Threshold Housing Society); Adam Flint, (View Royal).

- 1) Call to Order-11:38 a.m.**
- 2) Welcome to the Traditional Territories of the Coast Saalish Peoples and the home of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations**
- 3) To Approve the January 20th AGM Agenda**
MOTION: M-T. Little/ M. McLean
CARRIED with no one opposed
- 4) To approve the Draft 2019 VFCYJC Annual General Meeting Minutes**

To adopt the 2019 VFCYJC Annual General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: J. Bateman/ B. Fallot

CARRIED

5) Chair's Address

Chair C. Day said she very much appreciated all of you being here to understand circumstances for youth and families in communities. With your help, our committee can become better informed and prepared.

6) Election of Executive – The Chair has now passed to Marcie McLean, Chair of the Priorities Sub Committee to Chair the election of the executive. M. McLean said that there does not need to be seconders for nominations.

M. McLean continued as Chair until the election of officers had been completed.

M. McLean opened the floor for nominations for the Executive Positions.

a. Chair – one nomination (M. Swinburnson) received for Cynthia Day, ACCLAIMED

b. Vice Chair –one nomination (B. McElroy) received for Marie-Terese Little, ACCLAIMED

c. Treasurer – one nomination (M. Holman) received for Bill McElroy, ACCLAIMED

To Approve the Election of Executive

MOTION: B. Fallot/ M. Swinburnson

CARRIED

C. Day resumed the meeting as Chair.

To amend the motion to read that the notice of election be forwarded to the CRD with the elected Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer of VFCYJC and that this be forwarded to the CRD Board for acceptance.

MOTION: B. Fallot/ M. Swinburnson

CARRIED

C. Day reassumed position of Chair. M. McLean was thanked for her willingness to Chair the elections. If you are interested in learning about what is involved in the Executive positions, do not hesitate to contact an executive member.

C. Day would like to add Code of Conduct to the 2020 VFCYJC Annual Report.

To add Code of Conduct into 2020 VFCYJC Annual Report

MOTION: M-T. Little/M. McLean

CARRIED

To Accept the 2020 Annual Report

VFCYJC Members said kudos to C. Day and A. Flint for their great work on the Annual Report. A member brought up the relevance of the Island Health information being included in the Annual Report. Other members felt that it had been an extraordinary year and that with the pandemic and rise in mental health issues, overdoses and a 30 percent rise in divorces this content was important to include. The Chair's reasoning was to include this information as a baseline. There was a suggestion by a VFCYJC Member that this information next year could be put into the Chair's Report.

The Chair encouraged anyone who has feedback on what goes into the Annual Report to contact Adam Flint, our Communications Subcommittee Chair. VFCYJC would welcome this input as to what is useful.

7) To accept 2020 VFCYJC Annual Report

MOTION: M. McLean/ M. Swinburnson

B. Fallot opposed

CARRIED

To table the VFCYJC AGM Agenda until after we hear from Jamie McLaren on the excellent work he is doing.

MOTION; M. McLean/ J. Bateman

CARRIED

S. Sarsfield has emailed J. McLaren's Power Point to VFCYJC Members.

Resuming AGM at 12:38 p.m. Attendees missing are S. Sarsfield, D. Thomas and S. Potts.

To continue AGM

MOTION: J. Bateman/M. McLean

CARRIED

- 8) CRD Appointments- Under our Constitution and Terms of Reference, CRD Appointments (Up to Seven) Voting Members may be appointed by the CRD.

To recommend to the CRD Board the re-appointments of Bill McElroy and Sandra Sarsfield as Members at Large.

MOTION: M-T. Little/ M. Holman

CARRIED

No further recommendations from the VFCYJC will be forwarded to the CRD for this year's appointments. If the CRD chooses they can advertise for more appointments. There are 5 potential other appointments available.

There was a request by VFCYJC members to put on a future agenda to discuss how we can maximize appointments to CRD and how to invite First Nations participation in VFCYJC.

CRD has advertised in the past for CRD Appointments but this is a voluntary position without remuneration. When VFCYJC is aware of a person, VFCYJC can put a name forward for consideration.

- 9) To Strike an Audit Committee

*We require **two volunteers** who are **not part of the executive** to meet, review and confirm bank statements and financial reports match to ensure that no fraudulent activities. They meet in December for approximately 30 minutes.*

J. Bateman and E. Paterson volunteered to be on the Audit Committee

To appoint J. Bateman and E. Paterson to 2021 Audit Committee

MOTION: M. McLean/ M-T. Little

CARRIED

- 10) To adjourn at 1:06 p.m.

MOTION: A. Holman/ E. Paterson

VFCYJC will continue and lift to our monthly meeting agenda.