



Regular Meeting Minutes
Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee
Via Zoom
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Starting at 12:30 p.m. following the Annual General Meeting

In Attendance

Municipal Members:

Cynthia Day, (Colwood); Marie-Terese Little, (Metchosin); Adam Flint, (View Royal); Matt Sahlstrom, (Langford); Marcie McLean, (Highlands); Barbara Fallot, (Sidney); Heather Gartshore, (North Saanich); Jeff Bateman, (Sooke); Lynda Hundleby, (Esquimalt); Esther Paterson, (Oak Bay); Daleen Thomas, (Central Saanich); Marnie Essery (Recording Secretary).

CRD Members:

Bill McElroy, (C.R.A.T.)

School Districts:

Resource Persons:

Guests: Steve Carey, (Legal Services CRD)

Regrets:

1) Call to Order-12:36 p.m.

M. T. Little assumes the Chairing of this meeting.

Resource Agencies – News from the Street

There are no resource agencies here today.

M. Essery shared that if VFCYJC members were available and interested there was still 1 paid spot available for a VCYJC Member to take the Cultural Perspectives Training through the Indigenous Perspectives Society.

Previously, the VFCYJC has stressed the importance of all VFCYJC Members taking this training and offered to cover the costs of registration for its members.

For more information on future Cultural Perspectives Training please visit

2) To Approve the January 19 Agenda

B. McElroy/ L. Hundleby

CARRIED

3) Chair's Address

M.T. Little thanked C. Day for her years of service to this committee and A. Flint for allowing his name to stand for the Vice Chair position.

The Chair is looking forward to a productive year and getting back to being aware of what is happening for families, children and youth.

4) Adoption of Minutes & Receipt of Steering Notes

a. To adopt November 17, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: E. Paterson/ J. Bateman

CARRIED

b. To receive January 5, 2022 Steering Notes

MOTION: J. Bateman/ C. Day

CARRIED

5) Communications – C. Day read through who VFCYJC had on our current membership list.

It was stressed that personal email addresses will not be shared on the VFCYJC website. A VFCYJC Member, who is a City Councillor, said their Council email addresses are public.

Our Secretary clarified that typically, VFCYJC shares approved email addresses with the CRD, the City of Victoria, other VFCYJC Members and on our website.

It was suggested that permission by an email might be the best process.

To change our meeting date to Thursdays at 11:30 for our monthly meeting to avoid conflict with other previously booked CRD meetings on Wednesdays.

MOTION: B. McElroy

Discussion on the motion:

A member stated that this should have been put on the AGM Agenda. This will need to be added to the agenda today by consensus.

A number of our committee members are either CRD Appointees or alternates and Wednesdays many VFCYJC members have conflicts on Wednesdays.

Some appointed members have not been able to attend any meetings due to these conflicts.

The biggest issue is that the Water Commission meets at our date and time.

Changing the meeting dates and times has been discussed for some time.

A member was concerned that resource agencies are missing.

Past Chair C. Day said that VFCYJC is trying to find a place where we fit and have had no objections from resource agencies about this.

To add to agenda re meeting schedule

MOTION: C. Day/ M. McLean

CARRIED

Discussion on motion:

Municipal elections take place in October.

6. To change the monthly meeting to the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

with it noted that there are no meetings taking place in March, July, August and December.

MOTION: L. Hundleby/ B. McElroy with B. Fallot opposed

CARRIED

That the steering meeting would take place on the second Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

MOTION: B. McElroy/ C. Day

CARRIED

7) There is no C.R.A.T. Report this month.

A member thanked M.T. Little for coordinating VFCYJC zoom meetings and congratulated her for being elected as Chair of VFCYJC.

S. Carey was thanked for his work with the VFCYJC and will advise the VFCYJC when VFCYJC is on the Governance Committee's Agenda.

A member thanked C. Day for all her hard work on behalf of this committee and shared that they were very pleased with the direction of the committee.

A member requested that the issue of confidentiality be added to the February 24th VFCYJC monthly meeting. She said that she had significant concerns that a VFCYJC Member had not taken the oath for several years.

A VFCYJC Member asked for clarification on what the process for taking oaths was for VFCYJC Members not at the Annual General Meeting today.

S. Carey offered to do the oath and the VFCYJC Member who has not taken the oath was asked by the Chair to follow up with S. Carey.

8. To Adjourn at 1:17 p.m.

**MOTION: L. Hundleby/ M. McLean
CARRIED**