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BY E-MAIL

Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
c/o Colwood City Hall
3300 Wishart Road
Colwood, BC V9C 1R1

Attn: Cynthia Day, Chair

Dear Chair Day:

Re: November 17, 2021 VFC&YJC Motion - Request for Written Assurance

At its November 17, 2021 meeting, the Victoria Youth and Family Court Committee resolved to seek "written assurance from the CRD that the changes proposed in the Delegated Authority Commission Bylaw have been investigated as to their legality and that any consequences of this decision would be the responsibility of the CRD."

It is lawful to structure a family court or youth justice committee as a *Local Government Act* commission. There is no legal impediment to the proposed structural change. Draft Bylaw No. 4453, "Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2021", is compliant with the *Provincial Court Act* and *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. A commission structure and delegation are required by the *Local Government Act* should the committee issue grants with money received from the regional district service.

Best regards,

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