

**Chair's Report**  
**Councillor MT Little, District of Metchosin**

**Thursday February 24, 2022**

**1. CRD Governance Committee February 2, 2022**

Bylaw No. 4453, "Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2022" was presented to the CRD governance committee to continue the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee as a delegated commission of the CRD.

[Staff Report Bylaw 4453 "VFC and YJC Commission Bylaw No \(2\).pdf](#)

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Recommendation to the Board - that Bylaw 4453 be adopted and that the VFCYJ committee be established as a delegated commission in the CRD. Sent to the CRD board meeting (Feb 9- 2022 for ratification).

**2. CRD Board Committee Meeting February 9, 2022 (item 8.4 page 6)**

Bylaw No. 4453 - "Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2022" 8.4. 22-097 Recommendation: The Governance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: 1. That Bylaw No. 4453, "Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2022", be introduced and read a first, second, and third time. (WP - All except SGI & SSI, and 2/3 vote) 2. That Bylaw No. 4453 be adopted. (WP - All except SGI & SSI, and 2/3 vote) 3. That staff be directed to advise service participants of Bylaw No. 4453.

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Motion passed with little debate.

Marcie Maclean addressed the CRD board.

Chair's comments: Overall these were positive meetings. At the Governance meeting, Mayor Tait from Sooke spoke highly of the VFCYJ committee and recognised all the work that the committee had done and recognised the staff at CRD for their work. This was much appreciated.

One Director thought the CRD had overreached their jurisdiction and had been heavy handed. Other comments were mostly thanks to the CRD for their work and some clearly had some misunderstandings about the VFCYJ committee.

It appears that we still need to do some more work in educating regional representatives about our mandate and our mission (and this is a good year to do this with our upcoming Strategic Planning sessions). Education is always welcome, and I look forward to working with you to this aim.

Personally, this CRD review process has been challenging, tough and exhausting. However, I do believe that the VFCYJ committee will be stronger because of the work the CRD, our committee, and especially the working groups have done these past 2 years. Certainly, any legal questions, insurance information, confidentiality documents, or FOI requests can now be handled by the CRD. They have committed to support us going forward and I view this as all very positive. The VFCYJ committee is now better structured for success. We need to move forward with first getting our resource agencies back in sync with us. We are now well positioned for success. I would like to recognise and thank Mr. Steve Carey for his work as legal council on this CRD restructuring project. Furthermore, I look forward to collaborating with the CRD and all committee members.

Respectfully submitted.

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