



Meeting Minutes

Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee via Zoom

Thursday, November 24, 2022 at 11:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Municipal Members: Marie-Terese Little, (Metchosin); Adam Flint, (View Royal); Marcie McLean, (Highlands); Jeff Bateman, (Sooke); Cynthia Day, (Colwood); Kim Jordison, (Colwood Alternate); Esther Paterson, (Oak Bay); Mena Westhaver, (Saanich); Zeb King, (Central Saanich) and Marnie Essery (Recording Secretary).

CRD Appointments: Bill McElroy, (C.R.A.T.)

Resource Agencies: Gord Magee, (Mobile Youth Services Team); Mia Golden, (Mobile Youth Services Team and C.R.E.D.)

School Districts:

Guests: Steve Carey, (Senior Manager, Legal & Risk, Capital Regional District)

Regrets:

Call to Order-11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome to the unceded traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples, in whose traditional territories we are blessed to live, work and play.

2. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and asked to introduce themselves.

2.1. It was confirmed that members had received the CRD Commission Handbook 2020. Orientation materials will be emailed out prior to the January 26th Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Annual General Meeting.

3. Resource Agencies

Our goal is to get resource agencies back to the table. They are our 'boots on the ground.'

The Mobile Youth Services team shared that they are doing presentations in schools about child exploitation. Managing cases is never ending. M. Golden's funding source runs out in March which is a big concern. G. Magee feels that the team doesn't function without M. Golden. A member suggested a flow chart of where the funds go to would be helpful.

B. McElroy, M. Westhaver, A. Flint, M. McLean, C. Day volunteered re a zoom call re granting structure. A member suggested double checking what our funding covers.

G. Magee has funding for 1 year but would like funding for 5 years to be able to continue building relationships. Suggestion from a member to raise this issue with the R.C.M.P. A member stated that is important to stay in the role and capture the advocacy going on so that we don't start at zero every time. Our committee could capture the history in a living document for the future. There are no shortage of great ideas. A request was made for financial info from M.Y.S.T. to be shared with the committee.

4. Chairperson Remarks

The Chair gave an overview of this committee.

Our mission is to facilitate connections between municipal and Indigenous governments, school districts, service providers, and the broader community to educate and advocate for options to address the challenges and shortfalls facing youth and families who may come into contact with the justice system.

More information about our committee can be found on our website.

[Victoria Family Court – The mandate of the committee is to be aware of the circumstances of youth and families who may come in contact with the justice system.](#)

In January, VFCYJC Members will receive a lot of information in the Orientation Manual. VFCYJC Members are asked to participate in at least 1 subcommittee.

5. Additions to the Agenda

8.9 .1.2 To add Fiscal update for September and October from Michael Medland on this agenda under Treasurers Report.

10.1.5 To add under New Business circulation of orientation materials.

To approve amended Agenda

MOTION: C. Day/ E. Paterson

CARRIED

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1. To Adopt the May 26, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: C. Day/ E. Paterson

CARRIED

6.2. To receive the Steering Committee meeting notes of June 9, 2022 & September 8, 2022

MOTION: C. Day/ B. McElroy

CARRIED

7. No Presentations/Delegations

8. Committee Business

8.1. Strategic Planning Review

VFCYJC Members were asked if the existing Strategic Plan 2018-2021 if there is a need for revisions.

Three-Year Strategic Plan 2018-2021

Mission: To facilitate connections between municipal and First Nations governments, school districts, service providers, and the broader community in order to educate and advocate on the challenges and shortfalls facing youth and families who may come into contact with the justice system. Vision: Families and youth have access to timely and appropriate supports within their communities so that they may achieve their full potential.

Goals: 1. Increase awareness of the issues facing families and youth involved with the justice system, and raise the profile of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee. a. Identify gaps in services. b. Support youth initiatives.

2. Pursue and promote meaningful reconciliation with the Indigenous community.

a. Committee members participate in Cultural Competency Training

b. Acknowledge and reduce the over-representation of Indigenous people in the justice system.

3. Advocate for policies and initiatives that improve outcomes for families and youth who may come in contact with the justice system.

a. Give a platform to youth/ amplify youth voices.

4. Support equity of access to resources across the region. a. Help other organizations leverage their resources in support of families and youth.

5. Facilitate collaboration between community service providers and governance bodies in the interest of better supporting youth and families.

Discussion-

Members suggested ½ hour review after A.G.M. of mini strategic plan.

Members felt that the strategic plan is still valid.

There is value in looking at it especially for new members.

To have a mini strategic plan after the A.G.M. in January.

MOTION: B. McElroy/ A. Flint

CARRIED

8.2. It was noted that the new recruitment package does not include the qualifications matrix which is copied and pasted below and the revised recruitment package will be presented at a future meeting.

E Paterson chaired the working group that looked at the matrix. She will work with the C.R.D. so this will be finalized.

A member suggested that we need to work on the draft letter and M. McLean and C. Day offered to help with this.

5 representatives are needed for CRD Board Appointments.

A member asked for the letter drafted by S. Carey, M. T. Little and A. Flint forwarded to the municipalities to be shared with the committee.

Submitted by: Esther Paterson Date: May 15, 2022 VFC&YJ Experience Matrix Draft Ad Hoc Committee

Recommendation: THAT the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee approve the VFC&YJC Experience Matrix Draft dated May 15, 2022 as presented (or amended), and FURTHER THAT the Ad Hoc Committee be instructed to work with the CRD Corporate Services to develop a recruitment package for presentation at a future meeting of the VFC&YJ Committee.

Background At a Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting held on September 22, 2021, the Committee received the Succession Planning-Meetings Work Group Report dated August 16, 2021 and approved the motion to adopt the recommendations contained in the report, and further recommended the Resolution and Report be sent to the Capital Regional District Board and Staff.

A letter conveying the VFC&YJ Committee resolution and report was sent to the attention of Steven Carey on October 18, 2021. February 9, 2022

The Capital Regional District Board approved Bylaw No. 4453, a bylaw to continue The Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee as a Delegated Commission.

The following is an excerpt from Bylaw 4453; COMPOSITION AND ELIGIBILITY

3. The VFC&YJ Committee shall have the following number of voting members, up to a total of 23, each having one vote: (a) Up to seven individuals as Capital Regional District appointed representatives under section 7; (b) Thirteen municipal council representatives, who may each have an alternate, under section 8; and (c) Three school district representatives, representing School Districts 61, 62, and 63, under section 9.
4. Available openings for voting membership vacancies will be advertised by November of each year of a vacancy in a term in a form acceptable to the appointing organization.
5. A majority of members have experience in education, health, probation, or welfare.
6. Members must represent the interests of their community or organization to the best of their ability. Page 2 of 3 Experience the Succession Planning-Meetings Work Group Report included the provision to institute a matrix to identify knowledge and/or expertise of existing VFC&YJ Committee members, to aid recruitment and orientation training, and to fill gaps where expertise is required. The Youth Criminal Justice Act, Provincial Court Act BC, and CRD Bylaw 4453 stipulate the VFC&YJ Committee ensure a majority of members have experience in education, health, probation, or welfare.

The VFC&YJ Committee further approved the Success Planning-Meetings Work Group recommendation that the stipulated experience be interpreted to have a broad scope of meaning that includes mental health, addictions, indigenous and restorative justice, family law and other issues that affect youth in our communities. In the context of the broad scope of meaning, it was recommended that non-voting resource members may include representatives of the Ministries of the Attorney General, Education, Children and Family Development, Public Safety and Solicitor General, Restorative Justice Health, Housing and Social Development, Police Forces and First Nations. Commitment Voting Members will be appointed for a term of 2 years, to a maximum of 6 years, and be prepared to attend VFC&YJ Committee meetings held at least 6 times per year (2 – 3 hours), and to participate in a sub-committee.

Matrix: Employment Experience Interest Legislation References: • Federal Youth Criminal Justice Act (SC 2002) • Provincial Court Act BC • Canadian Charter Rights and Freedom • UN Convention on Rights of the Child • Family Court Youth Justice Committee • Family Law Act (BC) 2013 • (BC) Declaration Act (2019) on the Rights of Indigenous People • Truth and Reconciliation Report (94 calls to action) Education • Disabilities • Inclusion • Social Justice curriculum • At-risk behavior/attitudes • Advanced Education and Skills Training Health • Food Security • Mental Health • Addictions • Abuse/Exploitation Probation • Goals: crime prevention/rehabilitation and re-integration and meaningful consequences • Intervention/Prevention • Restorative Justice • Indigenous Law/Gladue rights & principles Welfare • Protective Services • Youth & Family services and support • Safe school and after school care • Housing • Adoption and Fostering • Indigenous (Bill C-92)

Notes: VFC&YJ Committee must also consider best methods and practices for communication to reach a broader recruitment audience in the CRD communities

The draft recruitment letter is also copied and pasted below.

Corporate Services T: 250.360.3128 625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000 Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6

www.crd.bc.ca

August __, 2021

VIA E-MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

[Insert Municipality Name and Address]

Attn: Mayor and Members of Council Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee:

Upcoming 2023 Appointments

This is the first reminder for your Municipality to consider appointments to the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (the "Committee") for the 2023 to 2025 term.

For the 2022 year, the Committee's Chair is Metchosin Councillor Marie-Terese Little and its Vice-Chair is View Royal Citizen Representative Adam Flint.

In February 2022, the Committee was continued as a regional district commission, ensuring advocacy work can continue to be performed with supports to encourage success. So far this year, the Committee has updated its online list of public-facing resources for youth and families; condensed its annual report to a manageable size; and moved towards standardizing agendas and minutes. It is working to transition older records to CRD care. It is working with CRD staff and intends to move forward with a grant intake in early 2023. Since the late 1960s, the Committee has connected service providers to government and focused on ensuring youth and family interests in the court system are represented and understood. It has commissioned studies and school programs and continues to provide grants to community justice organizations. It has an annual budget of approximately \$15,000. The Committee meets the third Thursday of each month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., nine times per year. It meets largely online, will begin in-person and hybrid meetings starting in September. Appointments begin in January for two years and may be elected officials or community members. We encourage municipalities who do not have regularly attending representation to consider appointing a community member as primary, with a councillor as an alternate, as members often volunteer outside of regular meetings on working groups or sub-committees. Reasonable expenses are paid but members cannot be remunerated, per the Provincial Court Act.

Should you have questions, please contact Steven Carey, Senior Manager, Legal Services and Risk Management, by e-mail, scarey@crd.bc.ca, or at the direct line, 250-360-3128. Best regards, Kristen Morley, J.D. General Manager, Corporate Services and Corporate Office.

To receive item 8.2

MOTION: E. Paterson/ A. Flint

CARRIED

8.3. Arising from VFC&YJC Meeting April 28 2022 Resolution, direction to review and compare CRD Board adopted version of the CRD Delegated Commission Bylaw No. 4453 for VFC&YJ to the Joint Working Groups adopted recommendations of September 22 2021, and to prepare a report to the committee. That report attached with proposed motion here. The motions are proposed as follows:

Motion 1: “That the report dated September 2022 (M. Mclean) regarding the VFC&YJC Joint Working Groups’ adopted recommendations comparison to the VFC&YJC CRD Delegated Commission Bylaw No. 4453 be supported by the Committee, and further that the Report, and any Amendments to the Report by resolution at the VFC&YJC November 2022 Meeting, be forwarded to the VFC&YJC 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for consideration of the VFC&YJC Committee for adoption, And further, following Resolution by VFC&YJC at their 2023 AGM, that the adopted motion be forwarded to CRD staff and the CRD Board in order to amend the existing Bylaw No. 4453 adopted in February 2022.”

Additionally, by Resolution at the April 28,2022 Meeting to compare the adopted recommendations from the three Working Groups (Succession, Priorities and Community Charter) reports adopted September 22 2021 to the existing Family Court and Youth Justice Constitution and Terms of Reference documents, to incorporate the recommendation into the 2 documents and prepare draft reports.

Motion 2: “That the draft revision prepared for the existing VFC&YJC Constitution be supported by the Committee, and further that the draft document dated Sept. 2022 be forwarded to the VFC&YJC 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Committee consideration of adoption.”

MOTION: M. McLean/J. Bateman

CARRIED

Motion 3: “That the draft revision for the VFC&YJC existing Terms of Reference be supported by the Committee, and further that the draft document be forwarded to the VFC&YJC 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for consideration of the Committee for adoption.”

MOTION: M. McLean/A. Flint

CARRIED

A member suggested that 1 meeting a year could be on the Peninsula. In the past, this committee moved from community to community before the pandemic.

Long time VFCYJC members confirmed that our committee has held our meetings in various locations from Sooke to Sidney.

The Chair thanked Central Saanich for offering to host our September monthly meeting. Unfortunately, it could not happen.

A member requested that meeting locations go into the VFCYJC Strategic Plan.

Amendment to motion

That the VFCYJC continue to aspire to hold meetings in different locations.

MOTION: Z. King/ C. Day

CARRIED

Members requested some guidelines on what is required to host our meetings.

8.4. Priorities

8.4.1. Update by Marcie McLean, Chair, Priorities Subcommittee

Grant applications deadline will be February 28, 2022

These applications will be reviewed in March by the Priorities Subcommittee.

8.4.2. CRD Report 2022-2023 Grant Process Decisions & Directions – S. Carey Note:

[Microsoft Word - ReportReGrantsProgramming.docx \(victoriafamilycourt.ca\)](#)

Discussion-

Does VFCYJC want funds set aside just for School Districts?

One way that VFCYJC does good work is through granting.

There is need out in the community.

S. Carey has a list of agencies. The CRD will activate this as soon as possible so we can generate interest in the program.

For Jan 2023-Dec 2023 we follow recommendations put out by the CRD.

MOTION: E Paterson/ C Day

CARRIED

8.5. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (CRAT) – No formal report.

8.6. Family and Youth Matters – No formal report.

8.7. Court Watch – No formal report.

8.8. Communications – No formal report.

VFCYJC has a Facebook and Twitter page and anyone who wants to help with this please let us know.

8.9. Treasurer's Report – B. McElroy

1.126 Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee

B. McElroy shared that Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee is in terrific shape and can afford to offer these grants to agencies worthy projects.

To receive Treasurers Report

MOTION: B. McElroy/Z. King

CARRIED

Fiscal year Jan-Dec 2022

8.9.1.1. 2022-2023 VFCYJC Budget

To Accept proposed budget as presented

MOTION: B. McElroy/ M. Westhaver

CARRIED

1.126 Vic Family Court & Youth Justice Committee
Fiscal year Jan-Dec 2022

	2022 BOARD BUDGET	2022 JAN-SEP ACTUAL
<u>OPERATING COSTS:</u>		
Internal Allocation	318.00	238.50
Meeting Costs	-	3,424.00
Travel Expenses	-	-
Operating - Other Costs	-	6.00
Third Party Payments	15,717.00	3,000.00
Third Party Funds Return on Transition		(32,204.34)
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	16,035.00	(25,535.84)
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Internal Recoveries	-	-
Recoveries - Other	-	-
OPERATING COSTS LESS INTERNAL RECOVERIES	16,035.00	(25,535.84)
<u>FUNDING SOURCES (REVENUE)</u>		
Balance C/F from Prior to Current year	(157.00)	(156.56)
Interest Income	-	(478.34)
Grants In Lieu of Taxes	(878.00)	(878.05)
Requisition	(15,000.00)	(14,999.99)
Transfer from Capital Fund	-	-
Grants - Prov	-	-
Parcel Tax	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	(16,035.00)	(16,512.94)
(Surplus)Deficit	-	(42,048.78)

- Format subject to change.
- Fiscal year is January to December in alignment with all CRD services.
- Expenses from December 2021 have been captured at part of the current fiscal year.

Detail

Meeting Costs

December 2021 Secretarial	400.00
January 2022 Secretarial	400.00
Zoom Reimbursement	224.00
February 2022 Secretarial	400.00
March 2022 Secretarial	400.00
April 2022 Secretarial	400.00
May 2022 Secretarial	400.00
June 2022 Secretarial	400.00
July 2022 Secretarial	400.00
	<u>3,424.00</u>

Operating - Other Costs

Cheque Fee	<u>6.00</u>
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1.126 Vic Family Court & Youth Justice Committee
Fiscal year Jan-Dec 2022

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<u>OPERATING COSTS:</u>		
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	<u>3,424.00</u>

Operating - Other Costs

Cheque Fee	<u>6.00</u>
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8.1.9 To receive information from the Capital Regional District.

MOTION: B. McElroy/ Z. King

CARRIED

8.10. Support Services Review – No formal report.

9. Correspondence

9.1.1. Mobile Youth Services Team advocacy letter July 22, 2022

The M.Y.S.T. advocacy letter has been circulated and can be brought back to Council and School District tables for support.

The VFCYJC thanked M. Golden and G. Magee for all their good work and advocacy.

10. New Business

10.1.1. Report on Honorariums was supported by VFC&YJ Committee at their Meeting, May 26, 2022 and from the Report the following motions are proposed.

Motion 1: “That Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee(VFC&YJC) will provide a honorarium to Threshold Housing Society for their presentation (by invitation) to the Committee in 2022 in the amount of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars), and further that, if this motion is carried; that the Chair of VFC&YJC in conjunction with the Committee’s Treasurer formally communicate in writing to the Capital Regional District (CRD) financial staff to prepare a cheque in the very near future.”

MOTION: M. McLean/ C. Day

CARRIED

Motion 2: “That Victoria Family Court & Youth justice Committee (VFC&YJC) will provide a honorarium to the Mobile Youth Services Team (M.Y.S.T.) for their presentation (by invitation) to the Committee in 2022 in the amount of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars), and further, that if this motion is carried; that the Chair of VFC&YJC in conjunction with the Committee’s Treasurer formally communicate in writing to the Capital Regional District (CRD) financial staff to prepare the cheque in the very near future.”

MOTION: M. McLean/ J. Bateman

CARRIED

It was noted that there is still quorum but A. Flint has left the meeting.

10.1.2. CRD staff report dated Sept 29, 2022 subject: letter calls for submissions Grants and Priorities.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: VICTORIA FAMILY COURT & YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE GRANTS AND PRIORITIES

The Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee (VFC&YJC) provides funding for community projects educating and assisting youth and families who are at risk or may come into contact with the criminal or family legal systems, with a focus on prevention, education, and diversion.

Deadline: , 2022>.

Email submission to VFCYJCAAdmin@crd.bc.ca, and use the Grants and Priorities Application Form.

If an organization, the Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer (or designated signatory) must sign all submissions. (The next call for submissions will be held for , 2023).

Description: This grant is intended to fund projects related to educating the public about the juvenile justice system, reviewing family and youth legislation, advocating to legislative bodies, and monitoring court hearings and custody facilities.

Proposals may be funded up to a maximum of \$XXX per calendar year, excepting unique circumstances.

Eligibility: We encourage those with an interest in advocating for better outcomes for young people and families to apply. Previously successful applicants will have lower priority for funding than new applicants.

Application Process: Applications must clearly define how the proposed project will enhance the quality of public education and youth advocacy, improve services for youth, reduce negative interactions with the justice system, and include strategies for measuring and assessing the project's impact.

Proposals must include: (i) Application Form, signed by a designated signatory;

(ii) Financial Statement for the most recently completed financial year, if applicable;

(iii) List of Board Members with positions, if applicable;

(iv) Copy of your BC Society Registration Certificate, if applicable; and

(v) Budget. Selection Criteria & Process: Proposals are reviewed by the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee Grants Subcommittee according to the following criteria: (a) Innovation, (b) Strategies for Assessment, and (c) Impact on VFC&YJC.

Inquiries: All inquiries related to this call for submissions should be directed to the person named below (the “VFC&YJC Representative”).

Information obtained from any person or source other than the VFC&YJC Representative may not be relied upon. Eligibility and acceptance of your application do not guarantee funding. Funding does not guarantee future support.

Name:

Email: VFCYJCAdmin@crd.bc.ca

Visit: <https://www.victoriafamilycourt.ca/> for more information

The VFCYJC stated that all enquiries should be directed to the VFCYJC Secretary, M. Essery at vfamcourt@gmail.com and then she will forward this information to the Priorities Sub Committee Chair, M. McLean.

A member emphasized that the deadline for these applications needs to be put in as well. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2022.

10.1.3. CRD staff report dated Sept 29, 2022 subject: Future Contracted Services for Youth & Family Information Projects.

REPORT TO VICTORIA FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

SUBJECT Future contracted services for youth and family information projects

ISSUE SUMMARY To consider a scope of services for a report on gaps and additional administrative support.

BACKGROUND The Committee’s role is to survey and report on gaps in the youth and family justice systems. The Committee may consider developing a written report on youth and family services available in the region and to review what those service providers view as gaps and needs. If a scope of services was developed and agreed-upon, a request for proposals conducted, and a contract awarded, work would be supervised by one or more Committee members designed by the Committee for that purpose (typically the Chair or Vice-Chair). Further, the Committee does not have dedicated CRD staff resources. It may choose to dedicate a portion of its budget or revise its current secretarial contract to include additional services and may wish to consider what services it requires at the sub-committee level.

IMPLICATIONS Obtaining a report has financial implications. No funds would be expended without Committee approval. Members should consider what they see as valuable and task the development of a scope of services to an appropriate sub-committee for consideration. The Committee’s largest single expense is contracted secretarial support (at \$400 per month, or \$4,800 per year), and while it has access to CRD staff, it does not have dedicated resources and its access is balanced with other

services. The Committee should consider its administrative needs and whether further support or a review of the scope of secretarial services is necessary.

CONCLUSION The Committee should consider what its contracted needs are to fulfill its mandate.

RECOMMENDATION 1. That this report be received for information.

Submitted by: Steven N. Carey, B.Sc., J.D., Senior Manager, Legal Services & Risk Management

To receive report.

MOTION: C. Day/ E. Paterson

CARRIED

10.1.4. CRD staff report dated Sept. 29, 2022 subject: Capital Region Action Team in-school programming.

The VFCYJC meeting still has quorum but B. McElroy has left the meeting.

REPORT TO VICTORIA FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

SUBJECT Capital Region Action Team in-school programming

ISSUE SUMMARY To set a direction for family court and youth justice projects for the 2022-2023 year.

BACKGROUND Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and dissatisfaction with programming, the Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth ("CRAT") has not been offering programming.

Given the Committee's focus on renewal, the CRAT Sub-Committee should assess needs and goals with its current surplus and to determine whether programming can again be offered. CRAT's current balance, held by Oak Bay, is \$13,693.29. Children of the Street ("COTS") previously provided programming in regional schools, attending for up to two weeks at a time, doing approximately three presentations a day, with the occasional evening presentation targeted towards parents or community members interested in what the presentations contained. It has recently been booked in the region directly through specific schools, but not in a coordinated, multi-day manner, and not funded by the CRAT budget.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1 1. That the Committee's membership be canvassed for interested persons to sit on the Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth Sub-Committee;

2. That the CRAT Sub-Committee be tasked with the following, and report back at the November meeting: a. To consider options for in-school programming in the areas of

youth exploitation and youth safety online; and b. To determine whether Children of the Street programming should be resumed for potential funding, including whether for the 2022-2023 school year, the Committee should set aside funding for such programming.

Alternative 2 1. That the Committee defer consideration until January 2023.

IMPLICATIONS Current CRAT Sub-Committee Chair, Bill McElroy, has found that since COTS was taken over by its new non-profit parent, the programming quality declined. CRAT last booked COTS in 2019 for regional schools, organized donated hotel rooms, and paid honoraria and expenses; however, costs continued to increase to around \$3,000 per year, more than the \$1,500 per annum allotted to CRAT's work. In discussion with COTS, presenters have changed since 2019, and programming is offered online or in-person. Programming can also be tailored to the needs of a particular community, to target specific issues (such as online extortion). Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee – September 29, 2022 CRD Appointments to the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee 2 COTS offers a series of workshops: Workshop Name Grades Content Taking Care of Others/Ourselves 4 to 9 Interactive, two-presenter workshop teaching youth the tools to keep themselves safe from sexual exploitation, primarily related to human trafficking. Safer Space 4 to 9 Interactive workshop to keep youth safe while using apps and social media, with a particular focus on “sextortion” attempts. Redefining Masculinity 12 (on pause) A workshop designed to challenge young men to speak out against male exploiters and “locker room talk”. Youth Art Engagement Project Multiple Ages A social justice art project for high-risk youth Given CRAT operates now a sub-committee of the Committee, and both CRAT and the Committee have a cash surplus, locating a service provider and soliciting interest from the School Districts and schools should be a priority for 2023.

CONCLUSION It is recommended the Committee solicit interest from its members on participating on the CRAT Sub-Committee and take steps to assign a scope of work to renew CRAT's programming goals.

RECOMMENDATION 1. That the Committee's membership be canvassed for interested persons to sit on the Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth Sub-Committee; 2. That the CRAT Sub-Committee be tasked with the following, and report back at the November meeting: a. To consider options for in-school programming in the areas of youth exploitation and youth safety online; and b. To determine whether Children of the Street programming should be resumed for potential funding, including whether for the 2022-2023 school year, the Committee should set aside funding for such programming.

Submitted by: Steven N. Carey, B.Sc, J.D., Senior Manager, Legal Services & Risk

To refer to C.R.A.T.

MOTION: C. Day/ E. Paterson

CARRIED

10.1.5

A member requested that when the orientation materials are circulated that the CRD Commission Package and CRD Adopted Delegated Commission Bylaw be included as well.

11. Dates of upcoming Meetings: The Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Annual General Meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26 with the monthly meeting to follow the A.G.M.

This meeting will be a hybrid approach so that members have the option of attending in person at the C.R.D. office on 625 Fisgard Street or participating via zoom.

It was suggested that possibly the February 23 meeting could be held at Central Saanich.

VFCYJC Meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month starting at 11:30.

12. To Adjourn at 1:52 p.m.

MOTION: E. Paterson/ M. Westhaver

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