

Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee (VFC&YJC or, the Committee) Joint Working Groups' Collaborative (JWG) meeting Recommendations report review outcome to the CRD Board adopted version of Bylaw No. 4453 (the Bylaw).

In the Bylaw, on page 2, under number 7, titled Capital Region Representatives it states:

“The Regional Board may appoint up to seven individuals as voting members of the Committee. Such appointments may be, but are not limited to, representatives of Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, community members, representatives of youth and family justice organizations, municipal councillors, regional district Board members, or First Nations’ representatives.”

The VFC&YJC wishes to amend that noted section of the Bylaw to delete the references to “municipal councillors, regional district Board members”.

Rationale: It has been discussed by the Committee and previously with CRD staff Steven Carey that it is not necessary to include “municipal councillors or regional district Board members” in the above noted section as municipal councils of the 13 participating members may appoint a member of their municipal council as per the Provincial Court Act legislation; and also under the existing VFC&YJC Constitution. Secondly, there is no need or a requirement for a member of the CRD Board to be appointed by the CRD Board to be a member of the Committee.

At the JWG Collaborative meeting it was agreed to bring these two anomalies to CRD staff’s attention however, unfortunately that was not recorded in the Joint Working Groups’ meeting’s notes as it should have been. In speaking with CRD staff Steven Carey on these 2 new inclusions by the CRD, being: municipal councillors and regional district Board members, we were advised that changes could be made to the Bylaw upon review, however, amendments would need to be approved by the CRD Board. This action should be considered by the Committee in 2023 as proposed amendment(s).

The following motion is therefore proposed to amend the Bylaw: (for the Committee’s consideration at their 2023 Annual General Meeting)

“That the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee wishes for the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board to amend CRD Bylaw No. 4453 A Bylaw to Continue the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee as a Delegated Commission which was adopted by the CRD Board in February 2022; by amending page 2, section 7, titled Capital Region Representatives to amend the wording of: municipal councillors, regional district Board members by deleting those references.”