

Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Meeting held Thursday January 26, 2023, CRD boardroom, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street

Present:

Municipal Members:

Marie-Terese Little, (Metchosin); Adam Flint, (View Royal); Cynthia Day, (Colwood); Marcie McLean, (Highlands); Jeff Bateman, (Sooke); Darlene Rotchford (Esquimalt) (EP); Esther Paterson, (Oak Bay); Kim Guiry (Langford); Rose Stanton, (Highlands-Alternate) (EP); Sarah Duncan (Sidney-Alternate) (EP); Gord Irving; (Central Saanich-Alternate); Marnie Essery (Recording Secretary).

CRD Members:

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

School Districts: Angela Carmichael, (School District 61 Trustee) (EP)

Resource Persons:

Mia Golden, (Mobile Youth Services Team) (EP);

Gillian Lindquist, (Executive Director, Restorative Justice Victoria) (EP)

Guests: Steve Carey, (Legal Services CRD); Sharon Orr, (Senior Committee Clerk, CRD).

Regrets: Zeb King, (Central Saanich); Terri O'Keefe, (Sidney); Krista Loughton, (Victoria); Nola Silzer, (School District 63 Trustee); Trudy Spiller, (School District 62 Trustee).

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided in a preceding meeting.

2. Resource Agencies

M. Golden, Mobile Youth Services Team provided the following update:

- It is extremely busy. Online sexual exploitation is constant and overwhelming. Youth are being pressured into increasing gang activity and drug trafficking. This is happening in every community.
- Funding is still not secured for MYST outreach team member. VFC&YJC has written an advocacy letter, and CRD's Board has given a support letter. Councils and School Districts are welcome to do the same. M. Golden's funding ends on March 30.

G. Lindquist, Restorative Justice (R.J.) Victoria provided the following update:

- Last year, 71 referrals for youth, 18 offenders under the age of 25.
- 30 percent significantly marginalized and in complex situations.
- Significant increase in sexualized violence.
- RJ is working on a project with Rotary for in-school presentations relating to harm in the school community; large community need for this work.
- R.J. thanked VFCYJ Committee for their support and advocacy and indicated that the committee in the past has been great about encouraging the province to supply stable funding.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by A. Flint,
That the agenda for the January 26, 2023 Session of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee be approved with the addition of the following items:

- 9.2. Meeting Times
- 9.3 Strategic Plan

CARRIED

4. Chairperson Remarks

The Chair had no remarks.

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1. November 24, 2022, Minutes

MOVED by M. McLean, SECONDED by K. Guiry,
That the Adoption of the November 24, 2022, minutes be tabled until the February 23, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED

5.2. Receipt of the Steering Committee meeting notes of January 19, 2023

MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by A. Flint,
That the minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Steering Committee meeting of January 19, 2023, be adopted with the following amendments:

- 8.4 priorities grant application deadline should be 2023.
- 10.1.3 change the year from 2022 to 2023

CARRIED

6. Presentations/Delegations-

S. Carey shared a Power Point on the background and work of the VFC&YJC. The Chair thanked Mr. Carey for his work.

7. Committee Business

7.1. Priorities

There was no report.

7.2. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (CRAT) –

- Bill M. provided some history and details relating to C.R.A.T.
- C.R.A.T. works to identify protective measures for youth who are or have been victims of sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

7.3. Family and Youth Matters

There was no report.

7.4. Court Watch

There was no report.

7.5. Communications

- The VFCYJ Committee Membership List was circulated. The email addresses on the VFCYJC Membership list is shared with other committee members, the CRD, the City of Victoria and on our website.

- Communications Chair A. Flint confirmed authority to use these email addresses. VFCYJ committee would like contact phone numbers for each VFCYJC Member to only share with other committee members. If any member needs assistance to log into the members area of the website, please email flintadam@gmail.com or jbateman@sooke.ca

7.6. Treasurer’s Report

There was no report.

7.7. Steering committee meetings

Steering meetings will be held 2 weeks in advance of monthly meetings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. The next steering meeting will be on Thursday, February 9th.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9. New Business

9.1. Volunteers to host meetings

VFCYJ committee is looking for 1-3 alternate meeting locations for regular meetings.

9.2 Meeting times for monthly meetings

Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee monthly meetings will take place on the fourth Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m.

9.3 Discussion on Strategic Plan

Chair M. T. Little asked VFCYJ Committee Members to review the Strategic Plan to be discussed further at our Thursday, February 23, 2023 VFCYJC monthly meeting.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by K. Guiry,

That the January 26, 2023 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice meeting be adjourned at 1:28 pm.

CARRIED