

## Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee

### **Steering Committee Notes – Nov. 10, 2023**

Attendees: Marie-Terese Little, Adam Flint, Marcie McLean, Ester Paterson, Rose Stanton, Jeff Bateman.  
Regrets: Marnie Essery, Bill McElroy, Cynthia Day

Marie-Terese called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM

- \* Agenda for Nov. 23 discussed and drafted
- \* The Priorities sub-committee has received a grant application from the [Umbrella Society](#) for consideration.
- \* Esther shared details of her recent meeting with CRD Financial Services Director Michael Medland. VFCYJC has the option of requesting a 5% increase on its requisition every five years; given CPI index rise since 2018, a requisition of \$17,500 might be appropriate. Considering the current surplus, however, the best strategy may be to only seek an increased requisition when surplus funds have been drawn down to a TBD degree through grant allocations.
- \* Marie-Terese noted that the latest MYST advocacy letter is now in Marnie's hands for distribution
- \* Marie-Terese discussed need for succession planning as we approach the 2024 AGM in January. She asked Adam whether he would accept nomination as Chair next year, and he will consider it. A new Vice-Chair would be sought from the membership.
- \* Marie-Terese would assume the role of past chair and said she remains committed to VFCYJC while needing to recognize her time limitations given her new role as Vice-Chair of the CRD Board of Directors.
- \* Jeff will prepare a letter for circulation to municipalities sharing the Qualification Matrix and asking them to find qualified alternates within their communities.
- \* Jeff will prepare a press release about the VFCYJC highlighting our work along with a request for public interest in participating in the committee through CRD appointments.
- \* Adam and Jeff will coordinate with sub-committee chairs, the treasurer and others reporting out in the 2023 Annual Report, which will be presented for approval at the AGM on Jan. 25.
- \* Jeff to contact Jennifer Charlesworth, British Columbia's Representative for Children and Youth, re: her availability as guest speaker at the AGM. ([2023 Annual Report](#) + [2023 reports and publications](#))
- \* Esther recommends committee members watch the new Passionate Eye documentary [Trafficked Voices](#), which relates to our advocacy work with MYST.

**Meeting adjourned: 12:08 PM**