

**Minutes of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Meeting held
Thursday January 25, 2024, CRD, 625 Fisgard Street in 6th Floor Boardroom**

PRESENT:

Municipal Representatives: Marie-Térèse Little (Metchosin); Mena Westhaver (Saanich) (EP); Jeff Bateman (Sooke); Kimberley Guiry (Langford); Marcie McLean (Highlands); Esther Paterson (Oak Bay); Jim Rondeau (Central Saanich); Sara Duncan (Sidney); Adam Flint (View Royal) (EP); Rose Stanton (Highlands-Alternate)

Capital Regional District (CRD) Representative: Bill McElroy (EP).

School District Representatives: Teri Vanwell, (School District 63 Trustee); Trudy Spiller, (Trustee SD 62) (EP); Cendra Beaton (Alternate Trustee SD 62) (EP)

Guests: Temidayo Ajidasile, (Social Worker, Family Service Team, Victoria Native Friendship Centre).

Resource Members: Mia Golden, (CRED and MYST); Gord Magee (MYST)

CRD Staff: Steve Carey (Senior Manager, Legal & Risk); Sharon Orr (Senior Committee Clerk, Legislative Services); Marnie Essery (Secretary) (EP).

Regrets: Krista Loughton (Victoria); D. Rotchford (Esquimatl), Karin Kwan (School District 61 Trustee); Cynthia Day (Colwood); Jack McLintock (North Saanich); Corey Wood (Central Saanich).

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made around the room and online.

3. Resource Agencies

MYST provided an update.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- uptick in gang activity in Langford
- gang prevention presentations at schools.
- success factors for MYST
- funding
- process and resources required to create an additional mobile service team

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by J. Bateman, SECONDED by E. Paterson,
That the agenda for the January 25, 2024 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
be approved with the addition of the following items:
- 10.5. Honorarium for Moosehide Campaign
- 10.6. Future Contracted Services for Youth and Family Information Projects
CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes

- 5.1. Adoption of November 23, 2023 VFCYJC minutes

MOVED by S. Duncan, SECONDED by T. Vanwell,
That the minutes of November 23, 2023 Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice
Committee meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

- 5.2. Receipt of the January 11, 2024 Steering Committee meeting notes

MOVED by M. Mclean, SECONDED by J. Bateman,
That the notes of the January 11, 2024 meeting of the Victoria Family Court and Youth
Justice Steering Committee be received.
CARRIED

6. Chairperson Remarks

The Chair is delighted that 10 members and staff attending in person and participating online today.

7. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

8. Subcommittee Business

- 8.1. Priorities and Grants (Marcie McLean)

There was no update.

- 8.2. Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth (Bill McElroy)

There was no update.

- 8.3. Family and Youth Matters

There was no update.

- 8.4. Court Watch (Marie-Terese Little)

There was no update.

- 8.5. Communications (Jeff Bateman)

M. Essery will follow up regarding updating the membership list. J Bateman is working on confirming guest speakers for this year.

9. Treasurer's Report

E. Paterson provided a verbal report stating the CRD Financial Statement for the period January to December 2023 confirms a year end surplus balance, which is slightly higher than budgeted due primarily to lower than anticipated grants awarded during the year.

**MOVED by E. Paterson, SECONDED by J. Bateman,
That the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee approve the January-December financial statement.
CARRIED**

10. New Business

- 10.1. Determining meeting dates for 2024: Recommended for the fourth Tuesday or Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chair Little stated that steering meetings will remain the same; the 2nd Thursday of the month and committee meetings will take place on the 4th Thursday of the month. It is with regret that the Victoria Council Representative will not be able to attend at this time as these dates conflict with Victoria Council meetings.

- 10.2. Qualification Matrix Update (Marie-Terese Little) - Updated fillable PDF version of the Qualification Matrix

Chair Little spoke to Item 10.2.

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the matrix is to identify gaps in committee representation. Committee members are encouraged to fill out the matrix and email them to vfamcourt@gmail.com

- 10.3. VFCYJC Open House 2024 – Advance planning and suggested guest speaker Attorney General Niki Sharma

J. Bateman will contact Attorney General Sharma to determine availability before booking a date for the 2024 Open House.

- 10.4. Location and Dates of Upcoming Meetings

The dates and times of upcoming committee meetings were confirmed:
Feb. 22, April 25, May 23, June 27, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, 2024, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the CRD Boardroom and via Zoom unless otherwise notified.

- 10.5. Moose Hide Campaign Development Society Honorarium

**MOVED by B. McElroy, SECONDED by E. Paterson
That the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee donate \$300.00 to the Moose Hide Campaign Development Society.
CARRIED**

10.6. Future Contracted Services for Youth and Family Information Projects

Discussion ensued regarding:

- 2022 staff report to hire consultant to help identify gaps in resources and youth programs
- Community agencies resource
- Grants in aid to hire a consultant to help MYST build a business plan

**MOVED by K. Guiry, SECONDED by S. Duncan,
The Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee spend up to \$5,000.00 for a contractor to help MYST to create a business plan, if wanted.
CARRIED**

10.7. Cold Weather Protocol

Concerns raised about youth struggling on the street. This was referred to the Family and Youth Matters subcommittee.

11. Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

12. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

13. Roundtable

Members of the committee were invited to participate in a round table discussion on events happening in their jurisdiction.

14. Adjournment

**MOVED by T. Vanwell, SECONDED by K. Guiry,
That the January 25, 2024 meeting Family Court and Youth Justice Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:26 pm.
CARRIED**