



May 1, 2026

The Hon. Evan Solomon, Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation
The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada
The Hon. Marc Miller, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture

Re: Online Social Media Influencers and Predatory Behaviours

Dear Ministers Solomon, Fraser and Miller,

Who doesn't have a child in their lives, whether family, extended family or neighbours? And who doesn't want the best for them? Unfortunately, there is troubling evidence to suggest that Canadians are not doing enough to stop online predators from expanding their networks and targeting younger and younger audiences.

The Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee acts as an advocacy group for individuals and resource agencies in the Greater Victoria region who work with youth at risk. Please [visit our website](#) to learn more about our work as a designated committee of the Capital Regional District.

The Committee is alarmed to learn that the presence and intent of online social media influencers has expanded to include younger children and more sinister engagement. This now involves the emergent predatory entity known as the 764 Group as we heard on [April 23, 2026](#) during a committee presentation from Mia Golden. A founding counsellor member of Greater Victoria's Mobile Youth Services Team, Ms. Golden and her Saanich Police partner continue to handle more than 200 active case files involving highly vulnerable youth in our region, this despite a lack of stable, long-term funding for their critical work.

The boundary between reality and fantasy is being deliberately compromised for vulnerable children. As such, we encourage the federal government to act expediently to address this growing problem. Australia has taken the initiative to confront the issue, and Canada can learn from its experience. Several provinces are exploring banning options: British Columbia has declared its intention to regulate social media and AI chatbot use by youth; and Manitoba has announced concrete action.

We draw your attention in particular to a resolution by the City of Nelson approved for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities convention. It calls on the Government of Canada to "establish clear federal legislation creating a duty of care for digital platforms, requiring reasonable measures to prevent foreseeable harm, protect youth and vulnerable users, and ensure accountability where platforms fail to meet these obligations." A copy of the resolution approved at the recent Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments convention is attached.

Our committee of elected representatives, school board trustees and citizen representatives from Greater Victoria wholeheartedly agree that restriction of social media platforms for youth 16 years of age and younger needs to be a nation-wide priority. Clearly, an educational component is vital to explain the appropriate uses, algorithms and the intended addictive behaviour of the platforms to youth who are our future leaders and users of the technology.

The Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee stands ready to assist your efforts in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Marie-Terese Little

Chair, Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District Board of Directors
Mayor, District of Metchosin

cc The Hon. Rick Glumac, Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence and New Technologies
 The Hon. Niki Sharma, Attorney General and Deputy Premier of British Columbia
 Mia Golden, Mobile Youth Services Team
 Cliff MacNeil-Smith, Chair, Capital Regional District
 Liz Nelson, Executive Director, Pacific Centre Family Services Association
 The Hon. Elizabeth May, MP, Saanich-Gulf Islands
 The Hon. Stephanie McLean, MP, Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke
 The Hon. Will Greaves, MP, Victoria
 The Hon. Jeff Kibble, MP, Cowichan—Malahat—Langford

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Whereas social media platforms, gaming platforms, and generative artificial intelligence systems are widely used by Canadians, including youth, and certain platform design, algorithmic, and monetization practices can create foreseeable risks of harm, including exploitation of children and vulnerable populations, manipulation of public discourse, and foreign interference;

And whereas Canada currently lacks a clear and comprehensive legislative framework establishing accountability standards for digital platforms, while other jurisdictions have adopted statutory duties of care and regulatory oversight to address systemic online harms and align with emerging international governance approaches:

Therefore be it resolved that the AKBLG and UBCM advocate to the Government of Canada to establish clear federal legislation creating a duty of care for digital platforms, requiring reasonable measures to prevent foreseeable harm, protect youth and vulnerable users, and ensure accountability where platforms fail to meet these obligations;

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And be it further resolved that AKBLG and UBCM request that the Government of Canada engage in meaningful consultation with local governments and communities, and coordinate with international partners, in the development of such legislation.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: None offered

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be outside of local government jurisdiction.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: No recommendation.

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has deemed this resolution “outside of local government jurisdiction” upon their initial review, the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary, and the determination whether the resolution is captured by UBCM’s Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively by the UBCM Resolutions Committee. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee presents it with no recommendation to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by UBCM should it be endorsed by the AKBLG membership.

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