



## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Thursday, May 11, 2017

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 5:41 pm, in Committee Room 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:**

Aaron Leung, Chair  
Cheryl Andre  
Janice Douglas  
Nova Ember-Fey Funk  
Emma Fineblit  
Christy Lo  
Mab Oloman  
Anthony Santelices\*  
Eric Wong  
Frank Yan  
Joy Zhou\*

**ABSENT:**

Clark Childerhose (Leave of Absence)  
Jane Childerhose (Leave of Absence)  
Nico Cullen-McKnight  
Lena Hozaima  
Vincent Li (Leave of Absence)  
Anna Zhang  
Grace Zhu (Sick Leave)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Patti Bacchus, Special Representative  
Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Public Library  
Erica Mark, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Park Board

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:**

Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Nova Ember-Fey Funk  
SECONDED by Frank Yan

THAT Clark Childerhose, Jane Childerhose and Vincent Li, be granted Leaves of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Anthony Santelices and Joy Zhou absent for the vote)

### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Christy Lo  
SECONDED by Cheryl Andre

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held on March 23, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Anthony Santelices and Joy Zhou absent for the vote)

### VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Aaron Leung  
SECONDED by Christy Lo

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 4 first.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Anthony Santelices and Joy Zhou absent for the vote)

*Note: For clarity, minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

### 4. Housing Reset Update

Allison Dunnet, Planner - Housing Policy, Planning, Urban Development and Sustainability, provided an update on the Vancouver Housing and Homelessness Strategy Reset, and responded to questions.

### 1. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

The Meeting Coordinator called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, terms to end November 5, 2018.

Subsequently, the following members were elected by acclamation.

- Aaron Leung, Chair
- Lena Hozaima, Vice-Chair

At this time, the Committee agreed to appoint a Junior Vice-Chair.

Subsequently, Cheryl Andre was elected as Junior Vice-Chair, by acclamation.

## 2. Forming Sub-Committees

### a) Children and Youth Engagement Subcommittee

MOVED by Mab Oloman

SECONDED by Nova Ember-Fey Funk

WHEREAS:

1. Children's right to participate in decision making processes that affect them is enshrined in Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child;
2. The mandate of the Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on matters that relate to children, youth and families;
3. The previous Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Committee established an Engagement Working Group to look at best practices for ensuring that the voices of children and youth are reflected in decision making when the City (including the Park Board and other City entities) are undertaking planning and development activities; and
4. The previous Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Committee recommended that this work be continued through the next term of the Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, appointed for the March 1, 2017, to November 4, 2018, term, establish a Children and Youth Engagement Subcommittee to continue the work of the Engagement Working Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### b) Housing Subcommittee

MOVED by Janice Douglas

SECONDED by Nova Ember-Fey Funk

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, appointed for the March 1, 2017, to November 4, 2018, term, establish a Housing Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**c) Education Subcommittee**

MOVED by Aaron Leung  
SECONDED by Janice Douglas

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, appointed for the March 1, 2017, to November 4, 2018, term, establish an Education Subcommittee to continue advocacy work in partnership with students and parents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**d) Social Media Subcommittee**

MOVED by Cheryl Andre  
SECONDED by Christy Lo

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, appointed for the March 1, 2017, to November 4, 2018, term, establish a Social Media Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. New Business**

**a) Traditional Territory Acknowledgement**

The Committee agreed to begin each meeting by acknowledging that we are on the traditional unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

**b) Cultural Competency Workshop**

The Committee expressed interest in participating in Brad Marsden's workshop on the impacts of Canadian residential schools and colonization.

**c) Joint Advisory Committee Meeting**

The Committee expressed interest in having a joint meeting with other City of Vancouver advisory committees to collaborate on shared interests and goals.

**d) Community Forum on Historical Discrimination**

Eric Wong reminded the Committee of the upcoming Community Forum on Historical Discrimination against Chinese People in Vancouver being held May 17, 24 and 27, 2017.

e) **Re-instatement of Previously Elected Vancouver School Board Trustees**

MOVED by Aaron Leung  
SECONDED by Emma Fineblit

THAT, upon formation of the provincial government, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send a letter to all Vancouver MLAs advocating for the re-instatement of the previously elected Vancouver School Board Trustees, within the first 30 days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Nova Ember-Fey Funk  
SECONDED by Cheryl Andre

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Regular Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, July 20, 2017  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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