



**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 20, 2017**

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) was held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 5:33 pm, in Town Hall (Room 110), Main Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Aaron Leung, Chair  
Cheryl Andre  
Janice Douglas  
Nova Ember-Fey Funk  
Emma Fineblit  
Lena Hozaima  
Vincent Li  
Christy Lo  
Mab Oloman  
Anthony Santelices\*  
Eric Wong\*  
Anna Zhang\*  
Joy Zhou\*  
Grace Zhu

**ABSENT:** Clark Childerhose (Sick Leave)  
Jane Childerhose (Sick Leave)  
Nico Cullen-McKnight (Leave of Absence)  
Frank Yan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Public Library

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Janice Douglas  
SECONDED by Vincent Li

THAT Nico Cullen McKnight be granted a Leave of Absence for this meeting.

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

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Christy Lo  
SECONDED by Mab Oloman

THAT the minutes of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held on May 11, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Millennium Line Extension Presentation

Steve Brown, Manager, Rapid Transit Office, and Sara Rocchi, Project Manager, Translink provided an update on the Millennium Line Broadway Extension Project, and responded to questions.

### 2. Single Use Disposable Items Presentation - WITHDRAWN

### 3. Establishing Priorities for the Committee's Submission to the Provincial Government's Select Standing Committee for Finance and Government Services

MOVED by Mab Oloman  
SECONDED by Emma Fineblit

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee provide a submission to the Provincial Government's Select Standing Committee for Finance and Government Services, outlining their priorities regarding government services for children, youth and families.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The committee discussed the following topics that may be included in their submission:

- housing and housing affordability;
- labour laws and employment standards;
- education;
- youth aging out of foster care;
- childcare;
- poverty reduction plan;
- emergency room efficiency;
- community health care centres;
- youth mental health;
- substance user addiction.

#### 4. Supporting Democratic Governance at the Vancouver School Board

The Committee discussed suspending their previous decision on supporting democratic governance at the Vancouver School Board. Due to the recent change in provincial government and the opportunity for a by-election, the Committee noted that they require more time to make an informed decision.

RECISION MOVED by Eric Wong  
SECONDED by Anna Zhang

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee rescind their decision of May 11, 2017, regarding the re-instatement of previously elected Vancouver School Board Trustees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Janice Douglas  
SECONDED by Lena Hozaima

THAT over the summer break, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee develop a position on the status of the Vancouver School Board and write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding this position;

FURTHER THAT the position to be developed above be ratified at a future regular Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 5. Establishing a Sustainability and Climate Action Youth Subcommittee

The Committee agreed to discuss establishing a Sustainability and Climate Action Youth Subcommittee at a later date.

#### 6. New Business

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Nova Ember-Fey Funk  
SECONDED by Cheryl Andre

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Eric Wong absent for the vote)

**Next Regular Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2017  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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