



## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

January 30, 2020

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at 5:41 pm, in the Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Maeve Downing, Co-Chair  
Anthony Santelices, Co-Chair  
Edward Wong, Co-Chair  
Ashini Dissanayake  
Joseph Dunn  
May Fan  
Rylan Huckabone  
Eesir King  
Attila Kovacs-Mendes  
Matthew Kyi  
Angie Osachoff  
Priya Singh  
David Zhang

**ABSENT:** Aleks Besan (Leave of Absence)  
Clark Childerhose  
Jane Childerhose  
Tyler Doucet (Leave of Absence)  
Janice Douglas (Leave of Absence)  
Sola Ebina (Leave of Absence)  
Mab Oloman (Leave of Absence)  
Simrit Sandhu

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Jennifer Reddy  
Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Public Library  
Erica Mark, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Park Board

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

#### Roll Call/Welcome/Roundtable Introductions

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Nations.

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Ashini Dissanayake  
SECONDED by Edward Wong

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Aleks Besan, Tyler Doucet, Janice Douglas, Sola Ebina, and Mab Oloman.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Maeve Downing  
SECONDED by Rylan Huckabone

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 28, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Committee Catch-up**

Edward Wong, Co-Chair, led discussion on the recent event Council of Council with questions from committee members.

Joseph Dunn shared feedback on the City's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion activities.

### **2. Presentation – Granville Bridge Connector**

Paul Krueger, Transportation Design, provided an update on the Granville Bridge Connector phase 3, including improvements to the bridge, challenges, engagement timeline, public engagement, preferred option, and responded to questions. The committee discussed submitting a motion in support of the Granville Bridge Connector, and decided to draft a letter at the February 27 working session.

The Project website can be found at the following link: <https://vancouver.ca/granvilleconnector>

### **3. Liaison Update**

Erica Mark, Staff Liaison, Park Board Staff, provided a brief update on the following activities:

- Youth Week Events
- Basketball tournament

Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Public Library, provided an update on the Renfrew Branch Library Early Literacy Space Project, which is underway.

Trustee Jennifer Reddy, Vancouver School Board Liaison, provided updates on the following:

- Food Working Group Terms of Reference for planning 10-year food vision for the district
- Transportation safety for children to and from school
- Childcare report forthcoming
- Long range facilities plan for schools and playgrounds
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the school board's role
- Public engagement at board meetings

#### **4. Committee Areas of Focus**

- Children, Youth & Family
- Education
- Environmental Sustainability
- Housing
- Mental Health

No reports.

#### **5. Presentation – Vancouver Plan Project**

Stina Hanson, Child and Youth Engagement Planner, Vancouver Plan, provided a presentation on the Vancouver Plan Project, including introduction and partnership exploration; project updates, proposed process, phase 1 listen and learn, working with youth, and emerging partnerships

The project website can be found at the following link: [www.vancouverplan.ca](http://www.vancouverplan.ca)

#### **6. New Business**

Angie Osachoff, inquired on the City's guidelines for the protection and safety of the youth and children of the committee at regular meetings and working sessions. Discussion followed, with the decision that Gillian Guilment-Smith, Staff Liaison, Vancouver Public Library, and Erica Mark, Staff Liaison, Park Board, to review further with the Deputy City Clerk.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Edward Wong  
SECONDED by Matthew Kyi

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2020  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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