



## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 5:32 pm, via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Ashini Dissanayake  
Janice Douglas  
Maeve Downing  
Joseph Dunn (Co-Chair)  
Sola Ebina  
May Fan  
Rylan Huckabone  
Matthew Kyi  
Mab Oloman  
Angie Osachoff  
Simrit Sandhu (Co-Chair)  
Priya Singh  
David Zhang

**ABSENT:** Aleks Besan (Leave of Absence)  
Tyler Doucet  
Anthony Santelices

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison  
Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison  
Gillian Guilmant-Smith, Head, Children's Library,  
Vancouver Public Library (Staff Liaison)  
Erica Mark, Recreation Services Coordinator, Vancouver  
Parks Board  
Stina Hanson, Child & Youth Engagement Planner,  
Vancouver Plan  
Gina Gaudet, Assistant Manager, Children's Library,  
Vancouver Public Library

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kevin Burris, Committee Clerk

### WELCOME

Co-Chair Simrit Sandhu acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Sola Ebina  
SECONDED by Ashini Dissanayake

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Aleks Besan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Angie Osachoff absent for the vote)

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Mab Oloman  
SECONDED by Janice Douglas

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, November 19, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. Vancouver Parents Action Network Presentation**

Nathan Hume and Dr. Valentina Mendoza of the Vancouver Parents Action Network gave a presentation on current levels of in-class education received by Vancouver students. Presenters, Councillor Dominato, and Trustee Fraser subsequently responded to questions and comments.

### **2. Staff Presentation – Burrard Station Upgrades**

Ian MacPhee, Planner, Rapid Transit Office, Steve Brown, Manager, Rapid Transit Office, and Angela Campbell, Project Coordinator, Translink, gave a presentation on proposed upgrades to Burrard Skytrain Station. Staff subsequently responded to questions and comments.

### **3. Liaison Updates**

- a) Councillor Dominato gave updates on the following and subsequently responded to questions and comments:
  - Vancouver Plan
  - Online public forum sessions held through SFU
  - PNE long-term plan
  
- b) Trustee Fraser gave updates on the following and subsequently responded to questions and comments:
  - Long-range facilities plan; intersections with Vancouver Plan
  - New school in Olympic Village
  - New 5-year strategic plan; anti-racism strategic plan
  - Lost income due to COVID-19
  - Review of school liaison officers program
  - Motion on the sale of public lands

- Renaming of elementary schools: David Lloyd George Elementary and Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary
  - Additional monthly Board meeting pilot
- c) Gillian Guilmant-Smith introduced new VPL staff liaison Gina Gaudet to the Committee. Gillian gave updates on the following:
- Extended hours in branches; encouraging people to safely stay for short periods
  - Virtual programs for teens
- d) Stina Hanson gave an update on public engagement around the Vancouver Plan, including the following, and subsequently responded to questions and comments:
- Youth surveys and information sessions
  - Community postering
  - Educational curriculum about the City of Vancouver
- e) Erica Mark gave updates on the following:
- Preregistered programs, following provincial health orders;
  - Spring Break, summer, and leadership camps for youth
  - Vancouver Youth Week
  - Citywide Youth Council
  - Youth leadership certification program

#### **4. Subcommittee Updates**

##### **a) Mental Health Subcommittee**

Katherine Moore, Lead, Mental Health Sub-Committee, gave an update on a draft survey assessing mental health impacts of COVID-19 on Vancouver K-12 students and awareness of mental health resources.

MOVED by Ashini Dissanayake  
SECONDED by Maeve Downing

THAT the Mental Health Sub-Committee distribute the Vancouver Child and Youth Mental Health Survey to K-12 youth who are studying in the City of Vancouver pending approval by the Vancouver School Board and City of Vancouver privacy officers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### **b) Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee**

Mab Oloman informed the Committee that with terms ending in April, anyone is welcome to continue the work of the subcommittee.

##### **c) Engagement and Education Sub-Committee**

Ashini Dissanayake provided an update on the addition of youth-oriented organizations to the Sub-Committee's distribution list.

**d) Housing Sub-Committee**

David Zhang provided an update on a housing priorities survey.

**5. New Business**

Maeve Downing stepped down from the role of Co-chair role.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Ashini Dissanayake  
SECONDED by Maeve Downing

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, April 22, 2021  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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