



## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

December 16, 2021

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 5:55 pm via electronic means.

- PRESENT:** Joseph Dunn (Co-Chair)  
Alex Bonnesen  
Winston Chow  
Ariel Collins English  
Janice Douglas  
Maeve Downing\*  
Ceilidh Flattes  
Sara Giron  
Stephanie Howell  
Stephen Kosar  
Katherine Moore  
Eva Yueng
- ABSENT:** Kaylee Chou (Leave of Absence)  
Josie Driedger (Co-Chair) (Leave of Absence)  
Nicholas Feng (Co-Chair)  
Julia Kyi  
Grace Li  
Kiara Lambert (Leave of Absence)  
Mike Lang (Leave of Absence)  
Mab Oloman  
Niki Taromi
- ALSO PRESENT:** Gina Gaudet, Assistant Manager, Children's Library,  
Vancouver Public Library (Staff Liaison)  
Gabe Dennis, Recreation Services Coordinator,  
Vancouver Parks Board (Staff Liaison)
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Ana Denissenko, Committee Clerk

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

### WELCOME

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

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Ariel Collins English  
SECONDED by Stephen Kosar

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Kaylee Chou, Josie Driedger, Kiara Lambert, and Mike Lang.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Maeve Downing absent for the vote)

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Katherine Moore  
SECONDED by Stephen Kosar

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, October 28, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Maeve Downing absent for the vote)

### **1. Approval of 2022 meeting schedule**

MOVED by Stephanie Howell  
SECONDED by Alex Bonnesen

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the 2022 meeting schedule below:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Webex/Hybrid</b>
January	27	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD
February	24	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex
March	31	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD
April	21	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex
May	19	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD
June	23	5:30 PM	Working Session	Webex
July	21	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD
September	22	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting	TBD

All meetings take place on Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Regular Meetings will be clerked by the Committee Clerk for the public record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2. Liaison Updates**

Gina Gaudet provided updates on the following, and responded to questions and comments:

- Winter break programs to start next week
- Registration for the January 2022 Cohort programming
- In-person and virtual reading buddies start up new sessions at 4 branches in person for 2022 and one virtual session
- VPL will publish events and programs for children, youth and families January 4, and will have details on registration requirements in the new year

Gabe Dennis provided updates on the following:

- 4-part workshop series for community youth workers (trauma-informed and including peace circle, child protection training, the circle of the child, and work with a lawyer from Child and Youth Legal Centre)
- Warming centers are open
- Vancouver Parks Board is partnering with ACE Arts on a film project for youth
- Encouraged to follow the updates by hashtag #vanyouth on Instagram

### **3. Subcommittee Updates**

The Committee agreed to establish the following Subcommittees for 2022:

- Social Justice and Equity
- Mental Health and Wellness (especially for youth, during COVID-19)
- Housing (especially in relation to families with children)
- Sustainability and Environment
- Transportation and Accessibility (safety and safe routes to schools)

### **4. Discussion of Work Plan/Priorities**

Katherine Moore agreed to lead the Mental Health and Wellness Subcommittee, Janice Douglas volunteered to lead the Housing Subcommittee, and it was noted that Mike Lang expressed interest in leading the Transportation Subcommittee.

Katherine Moore articulated the following objectives of the Mental Health and Wellness Subcommittee:

- Increase the amount of health education among children K12 (not only providing resources, but educating children/students)
- Increase the amount of counsellors on site in schools

Alex Bonnesen, Eva Yueng, and Ariel Collins English expressed their interest in joining the Mental Health and Wellness Subcommittee.

Janice Douglas highlighted the main objectives of the Housing Subcommittee, which included:

- Defining what constitutes the livability, especially during lockdown
- Continue working with housing co-ops
- Address the issues of no minimum size of the apartments, as smaller apartments decrease livability for families, especially families with children
- Address lack of amenity spaces in the buildings

- Address lack of green spaces in certain areas of the city

Co-Chair Dunn stated the main priorities for the Transportation Subcommittee:

- Ensuring safe walking routes to schools
- Prioritizing walking accessibility over car accessibility

Following the discussion, the Committee decided that the main priorities of the Environment and Sustainability Subcommittee, will be the following:

- Regulation around pollution
- Trees in Vancouver

Following the discussion, the Committee decided that the main priorities of the Social Justice and Equity Subcommittee, will be the following:

- Support diversity of voices and perspectives
- Prioritization of accessibility
- Social justice awareness in schools (how are anti-racism and anti-oppression addressed in schools)

## **5. New Business**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Katherine Moore  
SECONDED by Sara Giron

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, January 27, 2022  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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