



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 19, 2022

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 5:34 pm in Cascadia Room, City Hall and via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Joseph Dunn (Co-Chair)
Ariel Collins English
Kaylee Chou
Winston Chow
Janice Douglas
Sara Giron
Stephanie Howell
Stephen Kosar
Kiara Lambert
Mike Lang
Mab Oloman
Niki Taromi

ABSENT:

Alex Bonnesen (Leave of Absence)
Maeve Downing (Leave of Absence)
Josie Driedger (Co-Chair) (Leave of Absence)
Ceilidh Flattes (Leave of Absence)
Rakshin Kandola
Julia Kyi
Grace Li

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
Trustee Carmen Cho, School Board Liaison
Gabe Dennis, Recreation Services Coordinator,
Vancouver Park Board, Staff Liaison
Gina Gaudet, Children's Library, Vancouver Public Library,
Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Brian Fukushima, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

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

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Stephanie Howell
SECONDED by Mab Oloman

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Alex Bonnesen, Maeve Downing, Josie Driedger, and Ceilidh Flattes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Janice Douglas
SECONDED by Niki Taromi

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, March 31, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the meeting the Committee decided by consensus to hear Liaison Updates first. For clarity, items are recorded in chronological order.

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2. Liaison Updates

Councillor Dominato provided an update on the Broadway Plan, including taking back curbside lanes, the capital amenities package upgrades, and renewals for community centres.

Trustee Cho provided updates on the following:

- Vancouver School Board Budget;
- Anti-Racism and Non-Discrimination Advisory Committee;
- Equity Statement development;
- Graduations and sports day celebrations now happening in schools.

Gina Gaudet provided an update on the Vancouver Public Library's summer programs for youth, including the [Teen Summer Challenge: Touch Grass](#), [All Together Now 2022](#) and [Writing & Book Camp](#), for which bursaries are available.

Gabe Dennis provided updates on the following:

- Park Board Youth Week Initiatives;
- Indigenous youth initiatives in inner-city parks and spaces;
- Hiring four community youth workers;
- Safe and Caring Schools Department; and
- Community youth workers are looking forward to a meeting with VSB safe and caring schools workers.

Stina Hanson circulated an update on the Vancouver Plan, noting the public engagement team is working on the final engagement report, following youth participation in surveys and workshops.

1. CYFA Priorities

The Committee continued work on drafting the letter to Mayor and Council regarding housing and livability for families.

3. Subcommittee Updates

None.

4. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Janice Douglas
SECONDED by Mike Lang

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, July 21, 2022
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, City Hall / Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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