



## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**March 21, 2024**

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 5:32 pm in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Freddie Zhang, Chair  
Seerit Boparai  
Kaylee Chou  
Winston Chow  
Joseph Dunn  
Wah Gee  
Amy He  
Alicia Li  
Ryan Li  
Katie Manning  
Miles Molhoj  
Jack Molnar  
Julia Molnar  
Esther Moreno  
Eavan Morrison  
Marcus Tse  
Kazja Wallberg\*

**ABSENT:** Madisen Butterfield  
Melanie Li  
Arezoo Paterson  
Andre Yeh

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Suzie Mah, Vancouver School Board Liaison  
Detective Ben Stevens, Vancouver Police Department Liaison  
Lanny Libby, Social Planner, Arts, Culture, and Community Services; Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together. Following the Chair's welcome, liaisons from the Vancouver School Board (VSB) and Vancouver Police Department (VPD) provided brief introductions to the Committee.

## **Reviewing Consensus Process**

The Staff Liaison provided a summary of the consensus decision-making process.

Subsequently, it was

MOVED by Amy He  
SECONDED by Winston Chow

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee suspend the rule of section 15.13 of the *Procedure By-law* in order to allow modified decision-making methods during the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Kazja Wallberg absent for the vote)

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

None.

## **Approval of Minutes**

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, January 11, 2024, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

### **1. Burrard Slopes Park Project**

The Committee reviewed a presentation from Parks and Recreation staff and engaged in discussion.

Following discussion, the following resolution was put forward:

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee invites Parks and Recreation staff to consider providing progress updates to the Committee through further

presentations or engagements on a semi-annual to annual basis, or whenever there are any major updates to the project.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

## **2. Future Reorganization of the Parks Board**

At the regular Committee meeting on January 11, 2024, a Committee member brought forward the above-noted motion.

Subsequently, the Committee member introduced the item and the Committee engaged in discussion.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to discuss the item further at a future meeting.

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*Following the completion of Item 2. Future Reorganization of the Parks Board, the Committee recessed at 6:18 pm and reconvened at 6:30 pm.*

*\*Subsequently, following the recess, Kazja Wallberg joined the meeting at 6:31 pm.*

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## **3. Work Plan Development**

The Committee received an update on the Working Session of February 22, 2024, reviewed the 2023-2026 Work Plan and engaged in discussion.

Following discussion, the following resolution was put forward:

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the 2023-2026 Work Plan as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

## **4. Liaison Updates**

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the recently approved [2024 Community Services and Other Social Grants](#) from the [Council meeting on March 12, 2024](#) along with updates on Youth Safety Violence Prevention strategies arising from recent Youth Forums.

The Vancouver School Board Liaison provided an overview on the shortage of childcare and childcare spaces within the city, along with an overview of the [VSB Budget 2024-2025](#) and responded to questions.

Subsequently, the Staff Liaison shared with the Committee the City's childcare strategy: "[Making Strides: Vancouver's approach to childcare](#)".

The Vancouver Police Department Liaison responded to questions on youth violence prevention.

## **5. Subcommittee Updates**

The Chair introduced the item and the Committee engaged in discussion.

Following discussion, the Subcommittees agreed to revisit the structure and themes of subcommittees to better align with the 2023-2026 Work Plan.

## **6. New Business**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, May 23, 2024  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall  
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:23 pm.

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