



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 19, 2024

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 5:41 pm in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall. This meeting was convened in person and via electronic means as authorized under section 14.14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT:

Marcus Tse, Chair
Seerit Boparai
Winston Chow
Joseph Dunn*
Wah Gee
Amy He*
Alicia Li
Melanie Li
Ryan Li*
Katie Manning
Miles Molhoj
Jack Molnar
Julia Molnar
Esther Moreno
Arezoo Paterson*
Freddie Zhang*

ABSENT:

Madisen Butterfield
Kaylee Chou
Eavan Morrison (Leave of Absence)
Kazja Wallberg
Andre Yeh (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner Laura Christensen, Vancouver Park Board
Liaison
Trustee Suzie Mah, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Gina Gaudet, Head Librarian, Children's Library;
Vancouver Public Library Liaison
Inspector Sally Davies, 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

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.

The Chair also welcomed the new Vancouver Policy Department Liaison.

Modified Procedures

MOVED by Seerit Boparai
SECONDED by Melanie Li

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
(Arezo Paterson absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Eavan Morrison and Andre Yeh, for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Arezo Paterson absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, July 18, 2024, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Arezo Paterson absent for the vote)

1. Healthy City Strategy Refresh

The Committee received a presentation from Arts, Culture and Community Services staff and an external guest from Vancouver Coastal Health. Following the presentation, the Committee engaged in discussion.

Following discussion, the Committee put the following resolution forward:

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee invites the Arts, Culture and Community Services Staff to consider returning in 2025 to provide an update to the

Committee on the results of the Healthy City Strategy Refresh through further presentations or workshop engagements.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Joseph Dunn absent for the vote)

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Following the completion of Item 1. Healthy City Strategy Refresh, the Committee recessed at 6:41 pm and reconvened at 6:53 pm.

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2. Subcommittee Restructure

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

The Committee agreed to further explore focusing subcommittee work on “Middle Years and Youth Development.”

3. Liaison Updates

The Park Board Liaison provided updates on the following reports to be considered at the September 23, 2024, Park Board Meeting:

- [Improving Disc Golf at Vancouver Parks](#)
- [Inclusive and Accessible Sensory Park](#)

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison provided updates on the following:

- [Virtual Field Trip: Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#)
- [Create and Collab Program](#)
- [Community service hours](#)
- Children’s Library (Central Branch) closed October 1 – 15, 2024, with temporary space on L2.

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the [Building Safer Community Programs Grant](#).

The Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver School Board Liaisons agreed to provide updates on Internet Safety for Youths at a future Committee meeting.

4. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

(Joseph Dunn, Amy He, Ryan Li and Freddie Zhang absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2024
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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