



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 21, 2024

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:32 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:

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

ABSENT:

Madisen Butterfield
Julia Molnar (Leave of Absence)
Esther Moreno
Eavan Morrison (Leave of Absence)
Andre Yeh

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council 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.

Reviewing Consensus Process

MOVED by Melanie Li
SECONDED by Miles Molhoj

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
(Seerit Boparai, Amy He and Arezoo Paterson absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

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

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Seerit Boparai, Amy He and Arezoo Paterson absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 19, 2024, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Seerit Boparai, Amy He and Arezoo Paterson absent for the vote)

1. Subcommittee Restructure

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

Following discussion, the Committee put the following resolution forward:

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee rescind the previous Subcommittees enacted on [September 7, 2023](#), and replace them with the following Subcommittees for the current term to better align with the [2023-2026 Committee Work Plan](#):

- Youth Mental Health and Wellness Subcommittee; and

- Childcare and Middle Years Development Subcommittee.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Ryan Li absent for the vote)

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Following the completion of Item 1. Subcommittee Restructure, the Committee recessed at 6:26 pm and reconvened at 6:38 pm.

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2. Liaison Updates

The Council Liaison shared updates with the Committee regarding:

- City of Vancouver's adoption of [housing regulations](#) in compliance with [Bill 44: Housing Statutes \(Residential Development\) Amendment Act, 2023](#); and
- Initiatives regarding neighbourhood-friendly home-based childcare.

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison provided updates on the following:

- [Teen Programming for ages 13-18 with an Arts Instructor](#);
- [Programs for Tweens on days school is closed](#);
- Lower Level Children's Library closure – targeting late 2025 reopening; and
- [Available resources for Teens inclusive of Mental Health](#).

The Arts, Culture, and Community Services Staff Liaison shared an update on [Building Safer Community Programs Grant](#) with the Committee.

The Vancouver Police Department Liaison provided an update on Internet Safety for Youths. Discussions held in schools occur when the schools extend an invitation to the Vancouver Police Department.

3. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair provided a summary of the October working session and the Committee engaged in discussion.

Following discussion, the Committee put the following resolution forward:

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recommend that Council consider developing a Youth Mental Health and Wellness Strategy.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Ryan Li absent for the vote)

4. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Ryan Li absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2025
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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