



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 30, 2025

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 5:37 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:

Swapna Antony
Kaylee Chou*
Winston Chow
Joseph Dunn*
Amy He
Alicia Li
Melanie Li
Ryan Li
Miles Molhoj
Jack Molnar*
Betty Seto
Marcus Tse
Andrew Yeh*
Freddie Zhang

ABSENT:

Seerit Boparai
Madisen Butterfield
Wah Gee (Leave of Absence)
Katie Manning (Leave of Absence)
Julia Molnar (Leave of Absence)
Arezoo Paterson

ALSO PRESENT:

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 Meeting Coordinator 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 Meeting Coordinator also welcomed the new Committee members, who provided brief introductions to the Committee.

Modified Procedures

The Staff Liaison provided an overview of the consensus decision-making process.

MOVED by Miles Molhoj
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
(Kaylee Chou absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Wah Gee, Katie Manning and Julia Molnar, for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Kaylee Chou absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, November 21, 2024, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Kaylee Chou absent for the vote)

1. Selection of Chair(s)

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee maintain the existing Executive Subcommittee to review and prioritize staff engagement requests, consult with members and staff on future meeting agendas, and communicate with Council and other Civic Agencies as needed:

- Seerit Boparai
- Winston Chow
- Joseph Dunn
- Amy He
- Melanie Li
- Marcus Tse
- Freddie Zhang

FURTHER THAT the following members be appointed as rotating Chairs until the end of the term in November 2026:

- Swapna Antony
- Joseph Dunn
- Melanie Li
- Miles Molhoj
- Marcus Tse
- Freddie Zhang

AND FURTHER THAT Miles Molhoj be appointed Chair for the duration of this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Kaylee Chou absent for the vote)

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At this point in the meeting, Miles Molhoj assumed the Chair.

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2. Committee Inclusivity & Accessibility

The Committee discussed the item and agreed to continue discussion at a working session.

3. Healthy City Strategy Refresh Update

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

Committee members requested that staff minimize jargon and use clearer language to ensure goals are actionable.

Staff agreed to continue providing updates to the Committee in the future.

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The Committee recessed at 6:42 pm and reconvened at 6:54 pm.

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4. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the [Building Safer Community Programs](#) report, tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on April 29, 2025.

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison provided updates on the following:

- Launch of sensory kits launched at all VPL Branches
- [Pink Shirt Day awareness and programming](#)
- [Resources for teens at the Vancouver Public Library](#)
- [Teen Art Hive](#)
- Spring Break programming:
 - [Dungeons & Dragons 101](#)
 - [K-Pop social for teens](#)

The Vancouver School Board Liaison provided an update advocacy efforts to ensure Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are accessible in all public schools and school buildings across Vancouver, and province-wide.

The Vancouver Police Department Liaison provided updates on the following:

- School Liaison Officers appointed to 17 high schools to support students
- Mobile mental health units operating with psychiatric nurses (Cars 86 and 87)

Committee members requested that the Council liaison provide a written update on progress toward establishing a Youth Mental Health Awareness Day or Week in the City of Vancouver.

5. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair introduced the item and provided a recap of the November 2024 regular meeting discussions, as no working session was held in December 2025.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to revisit this item at a future working session.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

(Joseph Dunn, Jack Molnar and Andre Yeh absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2025
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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