



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 25, 2025

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 5:37 pm in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Marcus Tse, Chair
Swapna Antony
Joseph Dunn*
Wah Gee
Amy He
Alicia Li
Ryan Li
Miles Molhoj
Julia Molnar
Betty Seto
Andre Yeh

ABSENT:

Seerit Boparai (Leave of Absence)
Kaylee Chou (Leave of Absence)
Winston Chow
Melanie Li
Katie Manning (Leave of Absence)
Jack Molnar
Arezo Paterson
Freddie Zhang

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
Trustee Suzie Mah, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Inspector Sally Davies, Vancouver Police Department Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Julie Emmerson, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

WELCOME

The Clerk 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.

Modified Procedures

MOVED by Miles Molhoj
SECONDED by Wah Gee

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
(Joseph Dunn absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Kaylee Chou, Seerit Boparai, and Katie Manning, for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Joseph Dunn absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, July 17, 2025, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Joseph Dunn absent for the vote)

1. Working Session Updates

None.

2. Liaison Updates

The Vancouver School Board Liaison provided an update.

The Council Liaison provided an update on the following topics and responded to questions and comments:

- Motion titled, "Maintaining and Strengthening CYFAC" passed at the [May 29, 2025](#), Committee meeting.
- Youth Mental Health Day Proclamation and Awareness
- [UBC Alma Matter Society's Open Letter](#)

3. Subcommittee Updates

The Committee discussed the Childcare and Middle Years Development Subcommittee and next steps.

4. New Business

Motion 1 – Invitation to the Women’s Advisory Committee

THAT the Committee invite a representative from the Women’s Advisory Committee to attend a regular meeting to present and update on their work related to childcare and to explore opportunities for collaboration.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

The Committee discussed advancing awareness for youth mental health.

Motion 2 - Youth Mental Health Day Actions Request to Council

WHEREAS

1. National Child and Youth Mental Health Day in Canada is observed annually on May 7th, a day dedicated to raising awareness about youth mental health challenges and encouraging connections between young people and supportive adults.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recommend that Council further support youth mental health awareness in the City of Vancouver by:

- a) Annual recognition of the Youth Mental Health Day Proclamation; and
- b) Directing staff to collaborate with the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee to develop a campaign with actions that reach across Schools, Community Centres, and Public Libraries in anticipation of implementation for National Child and Youth Mental Health Day of May 2026.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Members were reminded to complete the annual Civic Agency Training and completion declaration by the deadline of October 31, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2025
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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