



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 20, 2025

A meeting of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 5:39 pm in the Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Swapna Antony, Chair*
Winston Chow
Joseph Dunn
Wah Gee
Amy He
Alicia Li*
Ryan Li
Katie Manning*
Julia Molnar
Arezoo Paterson*
Betty Seto
Andre Yeh

ABSENT: Kaylee Chou (Leave of Absence)
Marcus Tse (Leave of Absence)
Seerit Boparai
Melanie Li
Miles Molhoj
Freddie Zhang

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Suzie Mah, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Inspector Sally Davies, Vancouver Police Department Liaison
Gina Gaudet, Vancouver Public Library Liaison
Lanny Libby, Social Planner, Arts, Culture and Community Services; Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Julie Emmerson, 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.

Modified Procedures

MOVED by Winston Chow
SECONDED by Andre Yeh

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
(Kathryn Manning, and Alicia Li absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Kaylee Chou, and Marcus Tse, for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Approval of Minutes

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, September 25, 2025, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Appointment of Chair

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee appoint Joseph Dunn as Chair for the second portion of this meeting

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

1. Gastown Public Spaces Presentation

Staff from Engineering Services provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments.

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At this point in the meeting, Joseph Dunn assumed the Chair.

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2. Building Safer Communities

The Staff Liaison, along with members from the Building Safer Communities Youth Program, provided a presentation and led the committee in brainstorming activities.

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The Committee recessed at 6:59 pm and reconvened at 7:07 pm.

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3. Working Session Updates

The Committee discussed providing an agenda in advance of the Working Sessions to encourage attendance and engagement.

4. Liaison Updates

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the following:

- [Quality of Life Survey](#)
- [HCS Randing - Mentimeter](#)
- [Youth Workers/Sector Open Call: Child & Youth Sector](#) at City Hall.

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison submitted a written update prior to the meeting and delivered a presentation during the meeting on the following topics:

- Welcome Guides
- *Ink* Vol. 8

5. Subcommittee Updates

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

6. New Business

The Committee discussed Councillor Dominato's motion entitled, ""[National Child and Youth Mental Health Day Actions](#)" scheduled for consideration by the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities on November 26, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Joe Wai Room, Ground Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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