



February 14, 2025

Attention: Mayors and Councils

Local Governments Participating in the Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee

Please find attached the [2024 Annual Report](#) of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (VFCYJC). It was approved by our membership of appointed municipal councillors, school board trustees and citizen appointees at our Annual General Meeting on January 23, 2025.

I would appreciate if this cover letter and the Annual Report be placed on an upcoming council agenda for informational purposes.

The Victoria Family Court Committee was created in 1966 under what is now the [Provincial Court Act](#). In the late 1980s, the Committee was designated as a "Youth Justice Committee" by the Attorney General under the now-[Youth Criminal Justice Act](#). The VFCYJC became a delegated commission of the Capital Regional District through [CRD Bylaw No. 4453](#) in February, 2022.

As you'll read, the Annual Report spotlights our education and advocacy work in 2024:

* Grant funding support for three youth-serving applicants, namely the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society, the Umbrella Society and the Human Nature Counselling Society;

* Our continued multi-year campaign to secure stable funding for Greater Victoria's Mobile Youth Services Team, which in 2024 featured a [VFCYJC-commissioned report](#) from Dr. Rebeccah Nelems (titled *MYST: Critical Status Report and Recommendations*) and an editorial published in the [Victoria Times Colonist](#);

* Presentations by the Hon. Grace Lore, Minister of Children and Family Development, the Be Amazing campaign's Cathy Peters and representatives from the University of Victoria's The Law Centre;

* And a [panel presentation and discussion](#) on issues impacting the capital region's vulnerable youth, notably gang recruitment, sextortion and the importance of the [School Police Liaison Officer Program](#).

Please learn more about our work at the [Committee's website](#).

Sincerely,

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Chair, Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
Mayor, District of Metchosin
Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District

cc The Hon. David Eby, Premier of British Columbia
cc The Hon. Niki Sharma, Attorney General
cc Cliff McNeil-Smith, Chair, Capital Regional District