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Town of View Royal
Attention: Sarah Jones, Corporate Officer
Via email: sjones@viewroyal.ca

Dear Ms. Jones:

RE: CRD REVIEW OF YOUTH AND FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE SERVICE

On November 18, 2020, the CRD Board directed staff to engage with the Victoria Youth and Family Court Committee (the "Committee") on its delegation and governance structure, and to provide a copy of the enclosed staff report to service participants, such as your municipality, discussing the history of and potential improvements to the Committee's governance.

Since the late 1960s, the Committee has provided elected official and volunteer-run youth and family justice services, including grant-making, community coordination among family and justice groups, and until the closure of the Southern Vancouver Island Youth Custody Centre, supervision of youth remand care and facilitation of family member visitation. The Committee's focus is on ensuring youth and family interests in the family court system are adequately represented and understood by local government, and on diverting youth from negative involvement with the justice system. The Capital Regional Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth, also funded by the service's requisition, provides programming in schools.

Discussion and consultation with the Committee's membership is scheduled for January 27 and February 3, 2021, from 10 a.m. to noon. CRD staff will collaborate with the Committee's membership on what they see as areas for improvement, and discuss whether the Committee and participants would be better served by the creation of an independent entity, such as a society.

Should you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Steven Carey, Manager, Legal Services by e-mail, scarey@crd.bc.ca, or at the direct line, 250-360-3128.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristen Morley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kristen Morley, J.D.
General Manager, Corporate Services and Corporate Officer

Attachment: November 18, 2020 Staff Report and Appendices, YFCC Constitution and Terms of Reference

cc: Cynthia Day, Chair, Victoria Youth and Family Court Committee
View Royal Mayor and Council