

d) Requesting a Liaison from the Vancouver Board of Education

MOVED by Aaron Leung
SECONDED by Tasha Nijjar

WHEREAS

1. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes that the Vancouver Board of Education has been dismissed by the Minister of Education;
2. Due to the actions taken by the Minister of Education, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee has been informed by the City Clerk's Office that it no longer has a liaison from the Vancouver Board of Education;
3. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes its role in advising Council, Park Board and School Board, and to receive adequate and timely information, requires a Liaison from the Vancouver Board of Education in order to provide sound advice;
4. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes that all other Civic Agencies no longer have a liaison appointed due to the dismissal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send a letter to Dianne Turner, Appointed Trustee for the Vancouver Board of Education, to discuss options regarding the appointment of a staff liaison from the Vancouver School Board to attend the Committee's Regular meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e) Opposing the Disposal of Public Lands by the Vancouver School Board

MOVED by Aaron Leung
SECONDED by Anna Zhang

WHEREAS

1. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes the continued budget shortfalls at the Vancouver School Board over the past decade due to government underfunding;
2. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee strongly supports preserving public lands owned by the Vancouver School Board for future generations to fulfill its educational mandate for all present and future children;
3. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee acknowledges that in June, the Minister of Education allowed the Vancouver School Board to use a

portion of the money received from the sale of Kingsgate Mall to fund the Operating Budget if the Vancouver School Board were to sell the land;

4. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in favour of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation that recognizes the ability of the union to negotiate class size and composition as a part of their Collective Bargaining Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee oppose the disposal of any School Board owned property to balance the Operating Budget including, but not limited to school property and Kingsgate Mall;

FURTHER THAT the funds from the disposal of public property should not be used to fund the Operating Budget of the Vancouver School Board for it is the Province's duty to adequately fund public education and is not permitted through the *School Act*;

AND FURTHER THAT any consideration of the sale of public land be done by a Board of Education elected by Vancouver citizens and not by an appointed trustee from the Provincial Government.

- B. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recommend that Vancouver City Council support this position to preserve public lands for the residents of Vancouver and future neighbourhoods, including the planned growth along the Cambie Corridor.
- C. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee acknowledge that the ruling from the Supreme Court of Canada may result in the need for more classroom space, therefore the process of property disposal should not be considered until the impact of this ruling is assessed and the completion of the negotiation process between the Province and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation on class size and composition is complete.
- D. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send a letter to Dianne Turner, Official Trustee of the Vancouver School Board, the Minister of Education and the Premier of BC, copied to Vancouver City Council, and all Vancouver MLAs, outlining our concerns;

AND FURTHER THAT the above-noted letter be posted to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee's Facebook page.

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