

**h) Response to Peter Milburn's Forensic Audit of the Vancouver School Board**

MOVED by Aaron Leung  
SECONDED by Fiona Fan

WHEREAS

1. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee has reviewed Peter Milburn's Forensic Audit of the Vancouver School Board;
2. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee is concerned about multiple recommendations included in the Audit Report.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee reject the following recommendations from the Auditor's Report and include these points in letters to Vancouver City Council, the Board of Education, Vancouver MLAs, the Minister of Education, and the Premier of BC:

R2: "The VSB update and clarify its policies relating to governance to ensure that Trustees are bound to conduct themselves in accordance with their role as stewards rather than advocates."

R9: "Consistent with best practices at other School Districts, the VSB designate committee meetings as in camera in an effort to depoliticize discussions and allow Trustees to focus on providing effective oversight."

R10: "The VSB delegate stakeholder consultation to VSB management with the results presented to Trustees at relevant Committee meetings."

R19: "The VSB immediately update the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to reduce facility costs and align the space requirements per pupil with other comparable school districts."

R25 "The VSB conduct a strategic review of the real estate assets by a qualified professional regarding (i) the existing market value of the surplus lands (by way of sale or lease); and (ii) the closed and pending closed school annexes, proposed school closure associated with the LRFP, and non-school assets. This is consistent with EY recommendation BR15."

R26: "The VSB retain real estate professionals to assess the market rental potential and highest and best use of each of the school facilities proposed for closure in the LRFP, and adopt those recommendations that result in the best financial outcome. This is consistent with EY recommendation BR16."

R27: "The VSB work with the Province to develop viable options for achieving early value (revenue) from the transfer of a partial interest in the Kingsgate Mall to the Province."

AND FURTHER THAT without additional information, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee take a neutral position on the remaining recommendations in the Auditor's Report.

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**4. VPD Access without Fear**

Tasha Nijjar provided an update on the consultation process and status of the Vancouver Police Department's draft Access without Fear policy.

**5. Impact of City Policies on Race and Ethnic Relations**

Eric Wong noted the importance of being aware of the unintentional impacts that City policy may have on specific ethnic groups. This will be discussed further at the Committee's Working Session.

**6. 2016 City Budget Discussion**

Janet Douglas noted that she attended the 2016 City Budget Discussion and expressed the importance of invitations being sent with advance notice so that the Committee is able to discuss the topic prior to sending a representative.

**7. New Business**

**a) Fresh Voices Awards**

Tasha Nijjar reminded the Committee about the Fresh Voices Awards. The link to the nomination form will be circulated.

**b) Education Subcommittee Town Hall Meeting**

Aaron Leung noted that the Education Subcommittee will hold a town hall meeting in January. Committee members interested in helping with this event should let Aaron know.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Lena Hozaima  
SECONDED by Wenying Wu

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY