

## Hrenyk, Alyssa FIN:EX

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** June 12, 2019 10:20 AM  
**To:** Hrenyk, Alyssa FIN:EX; Liu, Ange FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: The need for gender equality to protect BC children

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April-01-19 5:48 PM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: The need for gender equality to protect BC children

Hi Molly

are you able to send a response on our behalf? Thanks. Mitzi

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**From:** Rob Kruyt <rkruyt@equalitycanada.com>  
**Sent:** April-01-19 2:15 PM  
**To:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX  
**Subject:** The need for gender equality to protect BC children

Dear Ms. Dean, Secretary for Gender Equity,  
The issue of gender bias is still an acute problem for children in BC family courts. Kids are regularly forced away from abundant access to a good parent by family court orders that don't work. We have asked the Attorney General to provide an "equal parenting presumption law" to the BC Family Law Act. The Ministry of Justice is dragging its feet for no good reason. Right now, only 10% of judicial outcomes are for shared parenting when an avalanche of research states that is harmful and that (equal) shared parenting is clearly in the best interest of the child. This is an ongoing disaster for kids that can easily be changed.

Currently BC FLA, Section 40, para. 4 states:

"In the making of parenting arrangements, no particular arrangement is presumed to be in the best interests of the child and without limiting that, the following must not be presumed:

- (a) that parental responsibilities should be allocated equally among guardians;
- (b) that parenting time should be shared equally among guardians;
- (c) that decisions among guardians should be made separately or together."

It must be changed to read:

"In making of parenting arrangements, equal parenting time and responsibility is presumed to be in the best interests of the child and without limiting that, a presumption of equal parenting time will be the starting place upon separation. The court may deviate from that if there is evidence of violence, neglect, incapacity, inability or disinterest by a parent towards the child."

The problem with the current reading of the FLA S.4, p.4 is:

- a) It's contrary to all the social science research on the matter,

- b) that it leaves opportunity for the historic gender bias that hurts children,
  - c) it leaves custody/parenting open to emotional, protracted litigation
- that devastates families while lining the pockets of lawyers.

The only opposition to an "equal parenting presumption law" is the Canadian Bar Association and other lawyers who have only advanced empty reasoning. They are in a conflict of interest because a family lawyer's primary concern is to their client (the litigious parent), then, presumably their livelihood comes before the child's best interest.

The supporting data for our proposed change is compiled on-line at this link: [LW4SP.org/research](http://LW4SP.org/research)  
The current state is a disaster for children, and you have the power to change that. A simple piece of legislation can help thousands of BC children right now. We are happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time to discuss and create strategy for moving forward.

Sincerely,  
Rob Kruyt  
CAFE Vancouver Branch Director  
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**Subject:** Fw: CONSENT\_RELEASE.pdf

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From: Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
Sent: April-07-19 12:44 PM  
To: Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX  
Subject: Re: CONSENT\_RELEASE.pdf

Thanks. Cassidy signed it. I'll send pic when I get it.

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> On Apr 6, 2019, at 11:03 PM, Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX <Carolyn.Jack@gov.bc.ca> wrote:  
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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** June 12, 2019 10:19 AM  
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**Subject:** Fw: IMG\_3992.JPG  
**Attachments:** IMG\_3992.JPG

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April-07-19 3:51 PM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: IMG\_3992.JPG

Hi there,

this is Cassidy who I met with today - with Charla Huber who will be doing the column for next Sunday's TC. She has signed a picture consent form. I haven't used the picture yet - tho I did see Charla had posted it on FB and I've commented on it.

Cheers, Mitzi

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**Subject:** Fw: Photo with Cassidy Scott

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April-08-19 11:30 AM  
**To:** Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Photo with Cassidy Scott

I'll get it scanned over to you later - she's 17. I had it signed by the adult witness present. M

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**From:** Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April-08-19 11:29 AM  
**To:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Photo with Cassidy Scott

Thanks!

Do we have the consent form w signature?  
And... depending on Cassidy's age, we may need to reach out to her parents for signature.

Cheers  
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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 11:26 AM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>; Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX <Carolyn.Jack@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fw: Photo with Cassidy Scott

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi <S.17  
**Sent:** April-08-19 10:35 AM  
**To:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Photo with Cassidy Scott

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**From:** "Mitzi Dean, MLA" <[Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Monday, April 8, 2019 at 10:32 AM  
**To:** Mitzi Dean <[s.17](mailto:s.17)>  
**Cc:** "Herzog, Lawrence" <[Lawrence.Herzog@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lawrence.Herzog@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Photo with Cassidy Scott

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**From:** Charla Huber [<mailto:charla@makola.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 7, 2019 1:10 PM  
**To:** Dean.MLA, Mitzi <[Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Photo with Cassidy Scott

Hi Mitzi,

Thanks for coming today.

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Charla

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** June 12, 2019 10:19 AM  
**To:** Hrenyk, Alyssa FIN:EX; Liu, Ange FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Our Ref. 115182 - Re: Advisory Committee to inform the development of a Framework to Prevent Gender-Based Violence  
**Attachments:** 115182 - Minister Melanie Mark letter to Minister Maryam Monsef.pdf

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April-11-19 2:11 PM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Our Ref. 115182 - Re: Advisory Committee to inform the development of a Framework to Prevent Gender-Based Violence

As info thanks. M

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**From:** Dean.MLA, Mitzi <Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April-10-19 9:42 AM  
**To:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Our Ref. 115182 - Re: Advisory Committee to inform the development of a Framework to Prevent Gender-Based Violence

Good Morning,

Please find attached a letter from Minister Mark to Minister Monsef.

Best,

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**From:** Minister, AEST AEST:EX [mailto:AEST.Minister@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 9:32 AM  
**To:** 'Maryam.Monsef@parl.gc.ca' <Maryam.Monsef@parl.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Dean.MLA, Mitzi <Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Stewart, Melanie FIN:EX <Melanie.J.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Post-



Secondary Policy and Programs, ADM AEST:EX <AEST.ADMPost-SecondaryPolicyandPrgms@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Our Ref. 115182 - Re: Advisory Committee to inform the development of a Framework to Prevent Gender-Based Violence

Attached is a signed letter from Minister Melanie Mark.

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Office of the Minister  
Honourable Melanie Mark  
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training  
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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** June 12, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** Hrenyk, Alyssa FIN:EX; Liu, Ange FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Signed consent form  
**Attachments:** 20190409075914.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April-09-19 8:06 AM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Signed consent form

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**From:** "Dean, Mitzi" <s.17  
**Date:** April 9, 2019 at 8:05:45 AM PDT  
**To:** "Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX" <[Mitzi.Dean@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Mitzi.Dean@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** 20190409075914.pdf

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
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**To:** Hrenyk, Alyssa FIN:EX; Liu, Ange FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Thank you all for your amazing support

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**From:** Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April-16-19 8:51 PM  
**To:** Makenna Rielly  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you all for your amazing support

Thanks Makenna and thanks for all your work. I was honoured to be there and took the opportunity to recognize you and your contribution.

Best wishes.

Mitzi Dean  
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On Apr 11, 2019, at 5:51 PM, Makenna Rielly <[makennar@vwth.bc.ca](mailto:makennar@vwth.bc.ca)> wrote:

Dear Mitzi and Carole,  
Thank you for the invitation for the announcement about the funding for VSAC and I regret I am unable to attend. I do want to thank you both for your ongoing work to support and fund our agencies and the Clinic in particular has made access to very needed services for women who have been sexually assaulted. VWTH hopes to have a building in Langford in the next 3 years and if funding is maintained by then to possibly offer space for a clinic in the West Shore as well.

We can only make headway with people such as yourselves supporting our work.  
Warmest regards, Makenna

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It is with much respect to the Lkwungen and SENĆOŦEN speaking peoples of the W̱SÁNEĆ, Esquimalt, and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories the Victoria Women's Transition House Society is located, that we make this acknowledgement with the expressed shared hope to live in communities free

of intimate partner violence.

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