



## Volunteer Opportunity Description

### **MEMBER – JOINT FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

*The Joint Family Court and Youth Justice Committee focuses on family and youth justice issues. The Committee has representatives from the City of Port Coquitlam, City of Coquitlam, City of Port Moody, Village of Anmore and the Village of Belcarra.*

#### **Description:**

Committee members participate as voting members to identify and raise awareness about family and youth justice issues, analyze legislation about these issues, provide opinions and recommendations to municipal councils, the Attorney General and other legislative bodies.

The family court committee must do the following:

- meet at least 4 times a year to consider and examine the resources of the community for family and children's matters, to assist the court when requested and generally, and to make the recommendations to the court, the Attorney General or others it considers advisable;
- assist the officers and judges of the court, if requested, to provide a community resource or assistance in individual cases referred to the committee;
- report annually to the municipalities involved and to the Attorney General respecting their activities during the past year.

#### **Skills, experience, qualifications required:**

- The members of a family court committee must include persons with experience in education, health, probation or welfare.
- Education or experience related to community services programs, youth justice or social services or law would be an asset.
- Fluent in spoken English.

#### **Traits, qualities and skills desired:**

- A commitment to participating cooperatively and objectively in contributing to the achievement of youth justice principles.

#### **Time commitment:**

- Should attend Committee meetings held monthly – approximately two hours in length.

#### **Working conditions:**

- Meetings are held at Port Coquitlam City Hall.
- The Board operates in accordance with the *Provincial Court Act*.

#### **Benefits:**

Opportunity to:

- participate in and influence matters related to youth justice principles.
- gain valuable experience.

#### **Volunteer Services**

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