

STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DISCUSS
THE CLOSURE OF THE **VICTORIA YOUTH CUSTODY SERVICES CENTRE**

Here's what people are saying:

“Appalling.”

– Richard Schwartz,
Past chair, youth justice section, Canadian Bar Association

“Closing the Victoria Youth Custody Centre is an almost
indescribably foolish
idea.”

– Les Leyne, Times Colonist

“That’s a dangerous thing,

because young kids will be exposed to others who may
be more serious offenders.”

– Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond,
BC Representative for Children and Youth

“As a...longtime volunteer in the educational program there,
I am very disturbed by the closure.”

– Tom Ferris,
School District 61 trustee Victoria

“It’s absolutely
unconscionable

that the government would contemplate doing this.”

– Grand Chief Stewart Phillip,
Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs

“I saw firsthand the rehabilitative advantage to youth
and the community in having youth held in custody
in or near their communities, enabling access to their
families and loved ones...”

Justice cannot always
be measured only in
dollars and cents.”

– Fred Green,
Retired provincial court judge, Victoria

“Costs can’t be the only driving factor here. As a dad, I just think
police holding cells
are not the answer.”

– Victoria Police Chief Frank Elsner

“Closing this centre puts
children and youth at risk.

It is bad for vulnerable young people and their families,
bad for our justice system, and bad for the people of B.C.”

– BCGEU president Darryl Walker

COMMUNITY MEETING

REYNOLDS SECONDARY SCHOOL (THEATRE), 3963 BORDEN STREET, VICTORIA
TUESDAY MAY 20, 7-9 PM

This meeting is being organized by the BC Government and Service Employees Union.
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