

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

October 17, 2019

MINUTES OF THE SUNSHINE COAST POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC.

PRESENT:

(Voting Members)

Director, Electoral Area F, Chair
 Director, Electoral Area A
 Director, Electoral Area B
 Director, Electoral Area E
 Mayor, District of Sechelt
 Councillor, District of Sechelt
 Mayor, Town of Gibsons
 SD46

Mark Hiltz
 Leonard Lee
 Lori Pratt
 Donna McMahon
 Darnelda Siegers
 Tom Lamb
 Bill Beamish
 Sue Girard

ALSO PRESENT:

(Non-Voting)

RCMP Staff Sergeant
 RCMP Sergeant
 Gibsons Fire Chief
 Fire Prevention Officer
 SCRD Interim Chief Administrative Officer
 Executive Assistant / Recorder
 Media

Poppy Hallam
 Michael Hacker
 Rob Michael
 Rick Ruth
 Mark Brown
 Tracey Hincks
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CALL TO ORDER 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

INTRODUCTIONS**PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS*****Cannabis and Fire Safety***

Rob Michael, Gibsons Fire Chief and Rick Ruth, Fire Prevention Officer, attended the meeting to discuss cannabis and fire safety.

On October 17, 2018, the Cannabis Act, SC 2018, c.16 came into force in Canada which creates a strict legal framework for controlling the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis across Canada. Cannabis edible products and concentrates will be legal for sale soon. The licensing requirements for the production, distribution and consumption of cannabis is a multi-jurisdictional licensing scheme involving federal, provincial and municipal governments. Issues arise regarding zoning restrictions, bylaw requirements, privacy issues and use of

cannabis in the workplace where employers and employees have responsibilities under the Occupational Health and Safety Act to ensure a non-hazardous environment.

The Act aims to accomplish 3 goals:

- *keep cannabis out of the hands of youth*
- *keep profits out of the pockets of criminals*
- *protect public health and safety by allowing adults access to legal cannabis*

Municipal Authority

Municipalities can govern cannabis businesses through zoning bylaws, development permits, building permits and business licenses.

- *For example, in Vancouver, to operate a non-medical cannabis store businesses must meet municipal requirements:*
- *The location must be in a commercial zone*
- *It must be at least 300 meters away from schools, community centres, youth facilities, etc. that serve vulnerable youth*
- *They must obtain a municipal development permit*
- *They must obtain a provincial retail license*
- *They must apply for and obtain a municipal business license, building permit and occupancy permit*
- *They must pass a City inspection*

Standards or Codes that may be helpful

- *Provincial Building and Electrical codes as can be applied...*
- *Fire Code*
 - *Marijuana Growing, Processing, or Extraction Facilities*
 - *Basic requirements for permitting facilities*
 - *Guidance on grow operations, fumigation, signage, temporary walls and tarps, pesticides, CO2 Enrichment*
 - *Extraction Room set-ups, hydrocarbon, CO2, flammable/combustible liquids extractions*

General Safety Requirements

- *Must be in control of all plants and products access restricted to responsible individuals*
- *Outdoor plantings must be secure and away from schools or playgrounds where underage public may get access*
- *Indoor production facilities properly ventilated and approved electrical installations*
- *All structural and electrical work to be in compliance with provincial/territorial Building Codes through accepted permitting processes*

The Chair thanked Chief Michael and Mr. Ruth for their attendance.

Recommendation No. 1 Cannabis Regulatory Gaps

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that staff identify the gaps in legislation, bylaws, permits and licencing pertaining to the regulatory jurisdiction within the scope of the Regional District.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 2 *Minutes*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that the minutes of July 18, 2019 be received.

REPORTS

Recommendation No. 3 *Monthly Crime Statistics – July 2019*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that the RCMP Monthly Crime Statistics for July 2019 be received.

Recommendation No. 4 *Monthly Crime Statistics – August 2019*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that the RCMP Monthly Crime Statistics for August 2019 be received.

Recommendation No. 5 *Monthly Crime Statistics – September 2019*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that the RCMP Monthly Crime Statistics for September 2019 be received.

RCMP Update

Staff Sergeant Hallam gave an update on local policing.

- *RCMP statistics show a spike in break and enters that continued through September with 12 reported to police in the Sechelt area, bringing the total since July 1 to 28. There were 14 break-ins in the other jurisdictions on the Coast over the same time period.*
- *Crystal Meth use has increased on the Sunshine Coast.*
- *The Youth Liaison Officer has been visiting the Elementary Schools as part of the RCMP outreach.*

Cameras Capturing Images from Public Spaces – Video Surveillance

Collection and use of personal information through video surveillance must be done in accordance with BC privacy laws, otherwise may lead to other costly liabilities.

Before implementing video surveillance, two things must happen to mitigate privacy concerns with Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA).

1. *A privacy impact assessment must be conducted*
2. *A policy must be drafted (in progress)*

The SCRD's guiding document for the development of a Corporate Surveillance Policy is the Office of Information and Privacy Commissioner's guidance document on overt video surveillance.

ADJOURNMENT 2:30 p.m.

Committee Chair



Sunshine Coast RCMP - Oct 2019

PROPERTY CRIME	Oct 2017	Oct 2018	Oct 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Curfew Checks	74	32	29	45	-9
Proactive: Street Checks	20	7	17	15	143
Proactive: Foot Patrols	505	200	206	304	3
Theft From Motor Vehicle Files					
District of Sechelt	2	17	4	8	-76
shishalh Nation	0	1	1	1	0
Town of Gibsons	1	1	0	1	-100
Sunshine Coast Regional District	3	3	4	3	33
Break and Enter Files					
District of Sechelt	2	4	11	6	175
shishalh Nation	0	1	1	1	0
Town of Gibsons	2	2	1	2	-50
Sunshine Coast Regional District	1	1	3	2	200

ROAD SAFETY	Oct 2017	Oct 2018	Oct 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Roadchecks	1	6	0	2	-100
Violation Tickets Issued	60	63	32	52	-49
Impaired Driving Files	16	26	9	17	-65
Collisions: Non-Fatal Injury	11	6	9	9	50
Collisions: Fatal	1	0	0	0	n/a

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Sunshine Coast RCMP - Nov 2019

PROPERTY CRIME	Nov 2017	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Curfew Checks	56	27	55	46	104
Proactive: Street Checks	20	10	11	14	10
Proactive: Foot Patrols	501	148	212	287	43
Theft From Motor Vehicle Files					
District of Sechelt	2	8	8	6	0
shishalh Nation	0	0	0	0	n/a
Town of Gibsons	0	1	2	1	100
Sunshine Coast Regional District	3	1	0	1	-100
Break and Enter Files					
District of Sechelt	1	8	8	6	0
shishalh Nation	2	0	1	1	n/a
Town of Gibsons	5	2	1	3	-50
Sunshine Coast Regional District	1	2	2	2	0

ROAD SAFETY	Nov 2017	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Roadchecks	0	1	2	1	100
Violation Tickets Issued	44	57	36	46	-37
Impaired Driving Files	6	13	8	9	-38
Collisions: Non-Fatal Injury	9	7	7	8	0
Collisions: Fatal	0	0	0	0	n/a

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Sunshine Coast RCMP - Dec 2019

PROPERTY CRIME	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Curfew Checks	155	33	55	81	67
Proactive: Street Checks	21	10	5	12	-50
Proactive: Foot Patrols	437	104	119	220	14
Theft From Motor Vehicle Files					
District of Sechelt	5	4	4	4	0
shishalh Nation	0	3	1	1	-67
Town of Gibsons	1	0	7	3	n/a
Sunshine Coast Regional District	2	1	3	2	200
Break and Enter Files					
District of Sechelt	3	2	12	6	500
shishalh Nation	0	1	3	1	200
Town of Gibsons	4	1	2	2	100
Sunshine Coast Regional District	5	3	6	5	100

ROAD SAFETY	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Roadchecks	5	8	5	6	-38
Violation Tickets Issued	62	48	28	46	-42
Impaired Driving Files	17	18	18	18	0
Collisions: Non-Fatal Injury	4	3	6	4	100
Collisions: Fatal	0	0	0	0	n/a

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Sunshine Coast RCMP - Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2019

PROPERTY CRIME	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Curfew Checks	285	92	139	172	51
Proactive: Street Checks	61	27	33	40	22
Proactive: Foot Patrols	1443	452	537	811	19
Theft From Motor Vehicle Files					
District of Sechelt	9	29	16	18	-45
shishalh Nation	0	4	2	2	-50
Town of Gibsons	2	2	9	4	350
Sunshine Coast Regional District	8	5	7	7	40
Break and Enter Files					
District of Sechelt	6	14	31	17	121
shishalh Nation	2	2	5	3	150
Town of Gibsons	11	5	4	7	-20
Sunshine Coast Regional District	7	6	11	8	83

ROAD SAFETY	Q4 2017	Q4 2018	Q4 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Roadchecks	6	15	7	9	-53
Violation Tickets Issued	166	168	96	143	-43
Impaired Driving Files	39	57	35	44	-39
Collisions: Non-Fatal Injury	24	16	22	21	38
Collisions: Fatal	1	0	0	0	n/a

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Police Based Victim Service (PBVS) Programming Update

Denis Woodley, Director of Programs and Staff Development, at the Sunshine Coast Community Services Society, will be appearing as a delegation to the Corporate and Administrative Services Committee on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Police Based Victim Services Programming.

See attached



December 5, 2019

Ms. Siobhan Smith
Arts, Culture & Communications Coordinator
District of Sechelt
PO Box 129
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Dear Siobhan,

Thank you for contacting the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch (the Branch) for additional information regarding funding for police-based victim service (PBVS) programming in your region.

PBVS programs work directly with police throughout the Province to provide crisis intervention, emotional support, access to information, safety planning, and practical assistance to victims, witnesses and their families in the aftermath of crime or trauma. The Branch currently holds a contract with Sunshine Coast Community Services Society (SCCSS) for provision of PBVS to clients in the policing jurisdiction of the Sunshine Coast RCMP Detachment, which includes the Town of Gibsons, the District of Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Band and the small, surrounding communities.

Contracts for PBVS programs identify the Branch's expectation that the programs are cost-shared with the communities they serve:

Police-based Victim Service Programs are cost-shared 50/50 between the Ministry and local governments in communities with a population of 5,000 or more and where they exist in communities with a police-strength of 4 or more. At a minimum, the Ministry expects local governments to match the Ministry's contribution. This cost-sharing approach recognizes the critical role that police-based victim services play in the police response to crime and trauma, particularly in the area of crisis response.

Reference to communities with a population of 5,000 or more, with a police-strength of 4 or more is in keeping with the *Police Act*, which requires communities of that size to contribute to local policing.

The contract between the Branch and SCCSS provides for PBVS covering an area co-extensive with the Sunshine Coast Regional District. While there is a clear expectation for communities of 5,000 or more to match provincial funding for these services, other local governments, including Regional Districts, are encouraged to contribute funding to enable these programs to provide adequate service to less populated areas in the region. As such, the Sunshine Coast Regional District should strongly consider contributing to the costs of the PBVS program that is serving communities throughout the region.

There are a number of Regional Districts in the province that currently fund PBVS programs as part of their mandate to provide local services, including the Regional Districts of North Okanagan, Central Okanagan, East Kootenay and Kootenay-Boundary. In some cases, these Regional District are the

contract holders for PBVS programs however, on the Sunshine Coast, services are already being provided by SCCSS.

I hope this information is helpful as you determine financial support for PBVS programming in your region. As I mentioned in a previous conversation, I would be happy to participate in further discussions with the District of Sechelt and the Sunshine Coast Regional District to ensure communities throughout the district continue to benefit from PBVS services.

Sincerely,



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Ms. Lori Pratt
Chair
Sunshine Coast Regional District
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MASTER FILE CO



Dear Ms. Pratt:

Thank you for your letter, dated October 21, 2019, addressed to my predecessor, the Honourable Joyce Murray, regarding your request for cost of living subsidy for rural communities.

While I recognize the challenges you face, it is important to note that since July 12, 2019, the National Police Federation has been certified as the bargaining agent to represent the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers in collective bargaining. An allowance of this nature would need to be negotiated with the new union.

I am copying my colleague, the Minister of Public Safety, as matters related to Police Services Agreements fall within his responsibility.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Bill Blair, P.C., M.P.

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October 21, 2019

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Dear Honourable Joyce Murray,

Re: Request for Cost of Living Subsidy for Rural Communities

It is generally recognized that police work in BC is heavily urban focused; however increasing the number of general duty municipal officers should not come at the expense of the high cost of living in some rural communities. The cost of housing on the Sunshine Coast is very high and has deterred qualified officers from taking postings on the Coast.

There has been little or no increase in the number of provincially funded general duty officers over the past several years, compromising police service levels in many rural communities throughout BC. The cost of living and affordable housing on the Sunshine Coast is higher than an average rural community.

At the regular Board meeting of October 10, 2019 the following was resolved:

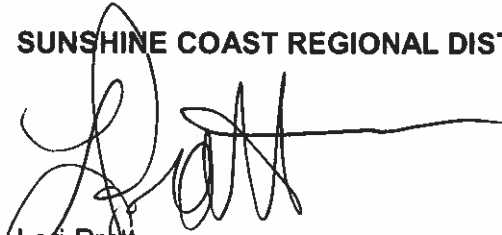
242/19 **Recommendation No. 6** *Letter to Treasury Board for RCMP Living Subsidy*

THAT the SCRD Board send a letter to the Treasury Board to request that RCMP members on the Sunshine Coast receive a cost of living subsidy to mitigate the high cost of housing and transportation costs in order to attract and retain officers.

The Sunshine Coast Regional District requests that the Government of BC review its rural police resourcing models to ensure that adequate resources are available to properly police rural communities. The creation of RCMP-specific regional allowances, as offered in Northern communities, could alleviate the current resourcing challenges in some high cost rural areas.

Sincerely,

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



Lori Pratt
Chair

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