



# SUNSHINE COAST POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
MINISTERIAL ORDER M192 AND TRANSMITTED VIA  
THE BOARDROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OFFICES AT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, B.C.

**Thursday, April 15, 2021**  
**AGENDA**

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**CALL TO ORDER**      2:00 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

1. Adoption of Agenda

## **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

## **MINUTES**

2. Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee Minutes of  
January 21, 2021 – *for receipt*      Annex A  
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## **REPORTS**

3. RCMP Stats Q1 2021      To Follow

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ROUNDTABLE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**January 21, 2021**

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 D  
 Director, Electoral Area E  
 Mayor, District of Sechelt  
 Councillor, District of Sechelt  
 Councillor, Town of Gibsons  
 SD46

Mark Hiltz  
 Leonard Lee  
 Lori Pratt  
 Andreas Tize  
 Donna McMahon  
 Darnelda Siegers  
 Alton Toth  
 David Croal (Alt.)  
 Sue Girard

**ALSO PRESENT:**

(Non-Voting)

RCMP Staff Sergeant  
 ICBC  
 Chief Administrative Officer  
 Executive Assistant / Recorder  
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 Media  
 Public

Poppy Hallam  
 Louisa Mendonca  
 Dean McKinley  
 Tracey Hincks  
 Jesse Waldorf (part)  
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*\*Directors, staff, and other attendees present for the meeting participated by means of electronic or other communication facilities in accordance with Sunshine Coast Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw 717.*

**CALL TO ORDER**      **2:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**              The agenda was adopted as amended with the following item added:

- cannabis regulation advocacy to the federal government

**DELEGATION**

*Staff Sergeant Hallam addressed the Committee and gave an update on RCMP annual performance planning. She requested input from the SCR D area directors as to what they would like to see the Sunshine Coast RCMP focus on for the 2021-2023 years. She requested Directors email her their top three public safety issues by March 1, 2021.*

Items discussed were as follows:

- road safety / parking in rural areas
- support to vulnerable/homeless people
- property crime
- drugs / opioids
- money laundering
- organized crime
- restorative justice
- victims' services
- mental health and harm reduction
- violence in relationships
- reconciliation
- outreach initiatives

**Recommendation No. 1**     *Sunshine Coast Policing Priorities*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that the SCRD Directors email their top public policing priorities from their areas to the Staff Sergeant prior to March 1, 2021 to be included in the RCMP Annual Performance Planning 2021-2023 document.

**MINUTES**

**Recommendation No. 2**     *Minutes*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that the minutes of October 15, 2020 be received.

**REPORTS**

***RCMP Vehicle Stationed on Gambier Island***

*The Committee discussed the RCMP vehicle which will be parked on Gambier Island and were advised that the RCMP is working to secure the location near the New Brighton dock.*

**Recommendation No. 3**     *2020 Q4 Monthly Crime Statistics – October - December 2020*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that the RCMP Monthly Crime Statistics for October - December 2020 be received.

***RCMP Update***

*Staff Sergeant Hallam gave an update on local policing and reviewed the monthly crime statistics.*

*Highlights include:*

- *Highest number of calls are for disturbance.*
- *Working on property crime and drugs problems.*

- *Experiencing a higher use of firearms used in crimes.*
- *Road checks are down due to COVID-19.*
- *Lots of impaired driving investigations.*
- *Recommends a new support staff position for criminal records checks etc.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Recommendation No. 4**      *Correspondence from Cedar Grove PAC*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that correspondence from Tamara Hedden, Cedar Grove Elementary Parent Advisory Council dated January 12, 2021 regarding Cedar Grove Elementary school zone concerns, be received.

### **Recommendation No. 5**      *Correspondence from DPAC*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that the correspondence from Miyuki Shinkai, School District No. 46 District Parent Advisory Council dated January 13, 2021 regarding support for local infrastructure improvements, be received.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Cannabis Cultivation Control**

The Committee discussed the following Resolution that was adopted at the January 14, 2021 SCRD Board meeting:

Cannabis Cultivation  
Control

**It was moved and seconded**

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WHEREAS the federal government of Canada legislates access to cannabis for medical purposes and the registration with Health Canada to produce a limited amount of cannabis for personal medical purposes and potentially as a designated person to produce for at most one more person;

AND WHEREAS local authorities including the RCMP, local governments and provincial governments have no access to the information as to what amount is permitted to be grown and where it is grown, nor do they have the ability to control and regulate the amount grown;

AND WHEREAS local governments cannot ensure and enforce that local building codes and land use, including plumbing, electrical and ventilation requirements are being adhered to as a result of the cultivation of cannabis, and the human health and safety concerns that result from that inability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SCRD Board write a letter to Member of Parliament, Patrick Weiler, and the federal Minister of Health, Patty Hadju, *request* that local governments and the RCMP be given the ability and authority to adequately enforce and control cannabis cultivation for medical purposes;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual General Meeting as a motion from the Sunshine Coast Regional District;

AND FURTHER THAT the motion adopted at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities also be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**Recommendation No. 6**     *Cannabis Cultivation Control*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that the RCMP be copied on the letter being sent to Member of Parliament, Patrick Weiler, and the federal Minister of Health, Patty Hadju, requesting that local governments and the RCMP be given the ability and authority to adequately enforce and control cannabis cultivation for medical purposes.

**ADJOURNMENT**     3:30 p.m.

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Committee Chair