



News Release

Graffiti Costs Taxpayers Thousands

Sechelt, BC – May 11, 2021 – It comes at an estimated cost of \$5,000 however many of the taxpayers who have had to pay for it won't have a chance to see it.

We're talking about graffiti – recently, Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) facilities and parks are being hit consistently by graffiti vandals. The most recent graffiti 'tagathon' hit the Gibsons and Area Community Centre. As mentioned above, the total bill for the clean up of this graffiti and other recent graffiti at SCRD parks is going to cost an estimated \$5,000 - a cost that is ultimately shouldered by taxpayers.

Some pictures of this graffiti are below – if you recognize this graffiti or have any information that could assist an investigation, the Sunshine Coast RCMP would love to hear from you.



“Sunshine Coast RCMP are looking for anyone with information and/or the identity of the person(s) responsible for the defacing of this property,” says Constable Karen Whitby. “We are confident there is a teacher, a parent or friend who will recognize the initials, drawings or style of the tags and we hope that they come forward with information to assist us in our investigation.”

“This is not where we want to see tax dollars spent”, says Ian Hall, SCRD General Manager of Planning and Development. “We are grateful that the Sunshine Coast RCMP are actively looking into this vandalism and hope that it will stop in the near future.”

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