



SUNSHINE COAST POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, October 17, 2019
SCRD Boardroom, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2. Rob Michael, Gibsons Fire Chief and Rick Ruth, Fire Prevention Officer
re: Cannabis and Fire Safety Discussion

MINUTES

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NEW BUSINESS

ROUNDTABLE

ADJOURNMENT

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

July 18, 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	Mark Hiltz
Director, Electoral Area A	Leonard Lee
Director, Electoral Area B	Lori Pratt
Director, Electoral Area D	Andreas Tize
Director, Electoral Area E	Donna McMahon
Mayor, District of Sechelt	Darnelda Siegers
Councillor, District of Sechelt	Tom Lamb
Councillor, Sechelt Indian Government District	Alvina Paul
Mayor, Town of Gibsons	Bill Beamish

ALSO PRESENT:

(Non-Voting)

RCMP Staff Sergeant	Poppy Hallam
RCMP General Duty Watch Commander	Philip Atoui
RCMP Constable	Jackson McIntosh
Vancouver Coastal Health	Susann Richter
Vancouver Coastal Health	Shannon Starrs
SCRD Interim Chief Administrative Officer	Mark Brown
Executive Assistant / Recorder	Tracey Hincks
Alternate Director, Electoral Area A	Marianna Bekei
Media	1

CALL TO ORDER

1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as amended to include the following:

- Sunshine Coast RCMP Strategic Plan 2019-2021

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Mental Health and Addictions, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH)

Susann Richter and Shannon Starrs, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), facilitated a discussion on the mental health and substance abuse. VCH provides a range of health care and support services to adults and older adults struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues by

providing acute and short term treatment services provided through assessment, stabilization, hospitalization and community or home environments.

VCH programs serve diverse populations, including young children, children in school and young adults. Programs are geared to build a system where public health, primary care, mental health and substance use programs work together as an interdisciplinary team to improve outcomes for children, youth and their families requiring these services.

Addictions and drug use support is available for those struggling with substance use or addiction, include detox, group therapy, counselling and medication.

VCH works with the RCMP to help those who require service get the assistance they need. Often the RCMP is the first line of contact. Services provided by VCH are not for “locals” only.

The Chair thanked Ms. Richter and Ms. Starrs for their attendance.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 Minutes

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

REPORTS

Sunshine Coast RCMP Strategic Plan 2019-2021

RCMP Staff Sergeant Poppy Hallam presented the Sunshine Coast RCMP Strategic Plan 2019-2021. The 2019-2020 Strategic Plan is the result of a collaborative process, with input from the Sunshine Coast management team, partners, stakeholders, and community members. This plan is prepared and guided by local, provincial, and national policing priorities. This plan is supported with the Annual Performance Plan which is a fluid document that captures performance and regularly reviewed by RCMP senior management.

The guiding principles and priorities were identified as Enhanced Public Safety, Accountability and Good Governance, Engagement In Our Communities & Collaborative Partnerships and Organizational Excellence – Investing in our People.

The following operational context and challenges were identified as Geography of the area – prioritizing calls for service, partner resourcing challenges – hospital, ECOMM, Social issues – homelessness, Transportation – highways and ferry traffic, Cannabis Legalization, Emergency & Disaster Response and Organizational Challenges – resourcing & housing prices.

Sergeant Hallam outlined the four strategic priorities for the plan as follows:

- 1. Crime Reduction*
- 2. Road Safety*
- 3. Community Outreach & Engagement and Indigenous People*
- 4. Investing in Our People*

Objectives for Road Safety are to reduce the number of impaired drivers, reduce the number of distracted drivers and reduce collisions.

Objectives for enforcement are to document the number of violation tickets with focus on distracted driving, increase the number of check stops and targeted enforcement action and increase the number of impaired driving enforcement actions.

Objectives for Community Engagement and Indigenous People is to increase police visibility, increase cultural awareness training and increase accountability to stakeholders.

Investing in employee wellness, human resourcing and education and training was also identified as an important objective.

The Chair thanked Staff Sergeant Hallam for the presentation.

Recommendation No. 2 *Sunshine Coast RCMP Strategic Plan 2019-2021*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that Sunshine Coast RCMP Strategic Plan 2019-2021 be received.

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

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

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

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

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

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

B & K Homeless Camp

The Committee discussed the homeless camp up the B & K logging road. The camp is under the powerlines and it was noted that there are perhaps a dozen people living there. The camp has been identified as a fire concern. There is a family living there in a bus as well as various tents and campers in the area. VCH Outreach Team and the RCMP have been on site for wellness checks and are monitoring the situation.

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

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended 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.

Recommendation No. 7 *Storage Facility Site for Abandoned RV Campers/Vehicles*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that staff investigate the immediate and mid-term potential storage facility site and disposal options for abandoned RV campers / vehicles that the RCMP requires be towed.

Recommendation No. 8 *Meeting with Ministry Staff*

The Sunshine Coast Policing and Public Safety Committee recommended that a meeting at UBCM with Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Staff be requested to discuss additional RCMP staffing for the rural areas.

ROUNDTABLE

The following issues / concerns were discussed:

- *Increase in grow ops on the Sunshine Coast*
- *Commercial Vehicle Inspectors were on the Sunshine Coast for 3 days and many commercial vehicles were taken off the road or ticketed*
- *VCH staff have noticed an increase in cannabis induced psychoses in both youths and adults*

ADJOURNMENT 2:40 p.m.

Committee Chair



Sunshine Coast RCMP - July 2019

PROPERTY CRIME	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Curfew Checks	58	20	18	32	-10
Proactive: Street Checks	6	11	18	12	64
Proactive: Foot Patrols	306	207	365	293	76
<u>Theft From Motor Vehicle Files</u>					
District of Sechelt	3	5	5	4	0
shishalh Nation	0	0	0	0	n/a
Town of Gibsons	5	2	7	5	250
Sunshine Coast Regional District	3	0	2	2	n/a
<u>Break and Enter Files</u>					
District of Sechelt	3	2	7	4	250
shishalh Nation	1	1	2	1	100
Town of Gibsons	0	2	3	2	50
Sunshine Coast Regional District	0	1	1	1	0

ROAD SAFETY	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Roadchecks	4	1	3	3	200
Violation Tickets Issued	72	40	32	48	-20
Impaired Driving Files	12	13	14	13	8
Collisions: Non-Fatal Injury	8	11	7	9	-36
Collisions: Fatal	0	0	0	0	n/a

** some data not available before 2018*

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Sunshine Coast RCMP - Aug 2019

PROPERTY CRIME	Aug 2017	Aug 2018	Aug 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Curfew Checks	54	18	1	24	-94
Proactive: Street Checks	18	4	16	13	300
Proactive: Foot Patrols	441	151	262	285	74
<u>Theft From Motor Vehicle Files</u>					
District of Sechelt	4	6	8	6	33
shishalh Nation	0	0	0	0	n/a
Town of Gibsons	2	0	4	2	n/a
Sunshine Coast Regional District	1	1	5	2	400
<u>Break and Enter Files</u>					
District of Sechelt	0	4	9	4	125
shishalh Nation	0	0	0	0	n/a
Town of Gibsons	1	1	2	1	100
Sunshine Coast Regional District	3	0	7	3	n/a

ROAD SAFETY	Aug 2017	Aug 2018	Aug 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Roadchecks	0	2	1	1	-50
Violation Tickets Issued	41	44	39	41	-11
Impaired Driving Files	14	15	15	15	0
Collisions: Non-Fatal Injury	8	10	6	8	-40
Collisions: Fatal	0	0	0	0	n/a

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Sunshine Coast RCMP - Sep 2019

PROPERTY CRIME	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Curfew Checks	68	31	9	36	-71
Proactive: Street Checks	20	11	19	17	73
Proactive: Foot Patrols	475	130	164	256	26
<u>Theft From Motor Vehicle Files</u>					
District of Sechelt	3	5	8	5	60
shishalh Nation	0	0	0	0	n/a
Town of Gibsons	1	0	0	0	n/a
Sunshine Coast Regional District	3	1	0	1	-100
<u>Break and Enter Files</u>					
District of Sechelt	0	7	12	6	71
shishalh Nation	0	0	0	0	n/a
Town of Gibsons	2	2	1	2	-50
Sunshine Coast Regional District	3	0	2	2	n/a

ROAD SAFETY	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2019	3-yr Average	% Change 2018-2019
Proactive: Roadchecks	3	1	1	2	0
Violation Tickets Issued	80	27	37	48	37
Impaired Driving Files	8	15	10	11	-33
Collisions: Non-Fatal Injury	4	7	8	6	14
Collisions: Fatal	0	1	0	0	-100

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