

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
Community Safety Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, December 10,
2013.

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Mayor and Councillors

From: JAG PSD Crime Reduction Project JAG:EX [crimereduction@gov.bc.ca]
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Subject: Blue Ribbon Panel for Crime Reduction invite feedback
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Pc: Phyllis Carlyle - Fy

Dear Stakeholder,

I am writing to request your input and feedback into the work being done by the Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction (see invitation attached). A template is attached for your feedback.

Chaired by Darryl Plecas, Parliamentary Secretary for Crime Reduction to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Blue Ribbon Panel is looking for opportunities to reduce crime in British Columbia. Further details regarding the mandate of the Blue Ribbon Panel may be found in the terms of reference attached.

The information you provide will help to inform the future of crime reduction in British Columbia.

If you are interested in attending a regional roundtable event, we ask that you RSVP to CrimeReduction@gov.bc.ca by the December 23, 2013. A further email will be sent to you with details of venue.

Please email CrimeReduction@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Justine Herman

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December 4, 2013

Dear Mayor and Council:

As you may be aware, on June 7, 2013, I was appointed as the Parliamentary Secretary for Crime Reduction to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General - with a responsibility to chair a blue-ribbon panel which has a mandate to look at what more can be done to reduce crime in British Columbia. The panel is of course also particularly concerned with the successes experienced and challenges faced by stakeholders across the province in their efforts to reduce crime. It is to this end that we request a written submission from yourself on the template attached.

In addition, the panel will be holding a number of stakeholder roundtables around the province in January 2014 and you are very welcome to join us as a participant at one. The roundtables will include representatives from local and provincial governments, police agencies, First Nations and other relevant groups and organizations. If you would like to participate in a roundtable discussion being held in your region, please indicate this in your response to receive information on date, time and location.

The work of the panel will ultimately result in a report to the Minister of Justice, and this report will include:

- Results from the stakeholder consultation;
- Opportunities for effective, evidence-led crime reduction initiatives;
- An overview of current crime reduction initiatives in B.C. and other jurisdictions; and,
- Recommendations for crime reduction opportunities.

Please respond with your written submission to: CrimeReduction@gov.bc.ca before December 19, 2013. You will receive a return e-mail confirming receipt and event details as required.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email CrimeReduction@gov.bc.ca.

Many thanks,

Darryl Plecas
Parliamentary Secretary for Crime Reduction to the Minister of Justice
MLA Abbotsford South

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City of Greenwood	Mayor Nipper Kettle and Council
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District of Highlands	Mayor Jane E. Mendum and Council
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District of Hudson's Hope	Mayor Karen M. Anderson and Council
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District of Kent	Mayor John Van Laerhoven and Council
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Village of Lumby	Mayor Kevin Acton and Council
Village of Lytton	Mayor Jessoa Lightfoot and Council
District of Mackenzie	Mayor Stephanie Killam and Council
District of Maple Ridge	Mayor Ernie Daykin and Council
Village of Masset	Mayor Andrew Merilees and Council
Village of McBride	Mayor Michael Frazier and Council
City of Merritt	Mayor Susan S. Roline and Council
District of Metchosin	Mayor John Ranns and Council
Village of Midway	Mayor Randy S. Kappes and Council
District of Mission	Mayor Ted Adlem and Council
Village of Montrose	Mayor Joe Danchuk and Council
Village of Nakusp	Mayor Karen E. Hamling and Council
City of Nelson	Mayor John A. Dooley and Council
Village of New Denver	Mayor Ann Bunka and Council
District of New Hazelton	Mayor Gail Lowry and Council
City of New Westminster	Mayor Wayne Wright and Council
District of North Cowichan	Mayor Jon Lefebure and Council

District of North Saanich	Mayor Alice Finall and Council
City of North Vancouver	Mayor Darrell R. Mussatto and Council
District of North Vancouver	Mayor Richard S. Walton and Council
Northern Rockies Regional Municipality	Mayor Bill Streeper and Council
District of Oak Bay	Mayor Nils Jensen and Council
Town of Oliver	Mayor Ronald Hovanes and Council
Town of Osoyoos	Mayor Stu Wells and Council
City of Parksville	Mayor Chris Burger and Council
District of Peachland	Mayor Keith Fielding and Council
Village of Pemberton	Mayor Jordan Sturdy and Council
City of Penticton	Mayor Dan C. Ashton and Council
City of Pitt Meadows	Mayor Deb Walters and Council
City of Port Alberni	Mayor John Douglas and Council
Village of Port Alice	Mayor Jan Allen and Council
Village of Port Clements	Mayor Wally Cheer and Council
City of Port Coquitlam	Mayor Greg Moore and Council
District of Port Edward	Mayor David I. MacDonald and Council
District of Port Hardy	Mayor Bev Parnham and Council
Town of Port McNeill	Mayor Gerry Furney and Council
City of Port Moody	Mayor Mike Clay and Council
Village of Pouce Coupe	Mayor Larry Fynn and Council
City of Powell River	Mayor David Formosa and Council
Town of Princeton	Mayor Fred Thomas and Council
Town of Qualicum Beach	Mayor Teunis Westbroek and Council
Village of Queen Charlotte	Mayor Carol J. Kulesha and Council
City of Quesnel	Mayor Mary Sjostrom and Council
Village of Radium Hot Springs	Mayor Dee J. Conklin and Council
City of Revelstoke	Mayor David Raven and Council
City of Richmond	Mayor Malcolm Brodie and Council
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Village of Salmo	Mayor Ann Henderson and Council
City of Salmon Arm	Mayor Nancy Cooper and Council
Village of Sayward	Mayor John MacDonald and Council
District of Sechelt	Mayor John Henderson and Council
Sechelt Indian Government District	Chief Garry Feschuk and Council
District of Sicamous	Mayor Darrell Trouton and Council
Town of Sidney	Mayor Larry Cross and Council
Village of Silverton	Mayor Kathy Provan and Council
Village of Slocan	Mayor Madeleine Perriere and Council
Town of Smithers	Mayor Taylor Bachrach and Council

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District of Squamish	Mayor Rob Kirkham and Council
District of Stewart	Mayor Galina Durant and Council
District of Summerland	Mayor Janice D. Perrino and Council
Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality	Mayor Al Raine and Council
Village of Tahsis	Mayor Judith Schooner and Council
District of Taylor	Mayor Fred D. Jarvis and Council
Village of Telkwa	Mayor Carman Graf and Council
City of Terrace	Mayor David Pernarowski and Council
District of Tofino	Mayor Perry Schmunk and Council
City of Trail	Mayor Dieter Bogs and Council
District of Tumbler Ridge	Mayor Darwin Wren and Council
District of Ucluelet	Mayor Bill Irving and Council
Village of Valemount	Mayor Andru McCracken and Council
District of Vanderhoof	Mayor Gerry D. Thiessen and Council
City of Vernon	Mayor Robert Sawatzky and Council
Town of View Royal	Mayor Graham Hill and Council
Village of Warfield	Mayor Bert Crockett and Council
District of Wells	Mayor Robin Sharpe and Council
District of West Kelowna	Mayor Doug Findlater and Council
District of West Vancouver	Mayor Michael Smith and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler	Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden and Council
City of White Rock	Mayor Wayne Baldwin and Council
Village of Zeballos	Mayor Edward Lewis and Council

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THESE RESPONSES WERE PROVIDED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF

1. Identify and rank in priority order the top 3 or 5 crime reduction and public safety goals you feel would help to drive crime down in British Columbia.

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2. Identify the most pressing crime problems that your communities face and describe how the current level of crime is affecting the community.

CRIME PROBLEMS

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EFFECTS OF CRIME

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3. Describe the work being done in your jurisdiction to address the crime problems previously identified.

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4. What actions appear to be having success and what are the key factors that have led to success?

SUCCESSSES

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KEYS FACTORS

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5. What are the main challenges that have impeded success?

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6. Describe any efforts that you are planning to implement or you would like to implement in your jurisdiction to address crime problems.

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7. Provide any suggestions that you feel could be implemented across the province to reduce crime further and achieve the crime and public safety goals you identified in question 1.

APPENDIX 1

Blue Ribbon Committee on Crime Reduction – Terms of Reference

Background

Implementation of justice reforms to ensure a cost-effective justice system that has the confidence of the public is a key priority of government. One aspect of that reform agenda is crime reduction.

Crime reduction programs generally have two goals: to reduce crime and disorder, and to increase public confidence in the ability of the justice system to keep communities safe.

In his report *A Criminal Justice System for the 21st Century*, Geoffrey Cowper QC recommended the development of a province-wide crime reduction plan. Crime reduction is identified as a priority item in White Paper Part Two: *A Timely and Balanced Justice System*, as well as in the proposed *British Columbia Policing and Community Safety Plan*.

Specifically, Action Item #8 of the *British Columbia Policing and Community Safety Plan* states: *In support of enhancing community safety, the Ministry of Justice will work with stakeholders to develop strategies to: a) support crime prevention efforts; b) support province-led crime reduction initiatives; and c) support further development of civil/administrative law strategies to enhance community safety*

At present, there are three strands of crime reduction activities in BC:

- Those led by municipalities. For example, the City of Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy, which is based on extensive consultation and collaboration with partners across the government and law enforcement agencies.
- Crime reduction initiatives led by police. Many of these initiatives target ‘hot spots’ or geographic areas with high crime and disorder activities, while others focus on apprehending prolific offenders.
- Crime reduction initiatives led by the provincial government, such as the Prolific Offender Management program and Vancouver’s Downtown Community Court.

Name of Committee

Blue Ribbon Panel for Crime Reduction (referred to as ‘The Panel’)

Purpose and Scope

On June 7, 2013, Dr. Darryl Plecas was appointed as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Crime Reduction. His mandate is to chair a blue-ribbon panel to study crime reduction opportunities. The Blue Ribbon Panel for Crime Reduction will:

- Through consultation with stakeholders, review existing crime reduction initiatives and identify potential gaps, challenges and issues;
- Make recommendations for crime reduction opportunities and next steps including a plan for implementation.
- Deliver a report to the Minister of Justice by June 14th 2014.

Membership

The Panel will be chaired by Parliamentary Secretary for Crime Reduction, Darryl Plecas.

The Panel consists of the following 5 members

Beverley Busson
Gary Bass
Jean Fournier
Yvon Dandurand
Geri Ellen Bemister

Mandate / Responsibilities

The primary functions of panel members are to:

- Conduct a series of roundtables to elicit feedback from around the Province
- Provide advice and recommendations to Parliamentary Secretary for Crime Reduction about possible evidence led crime reduction opportunities.
- Identify individuals with subject matter or other expertise that could assist and provide advice to the panel members
- Liaise with Ministry staff as required
- Create and approve a *report and recommendations regarding crime reduction opportunities*.

The roundtables will bring together relevant stakeholder groups to discuss crime reduction opportunities, as well as current initiatives, approaches (such as environmental design that contributes to crime reduction), successes, gaps or challenges. Roundtable participants will be invited based on their specialized backgrounds and interests in this topic.

The Panel's work will inform the content of a report, from the Chair to the Minister of Justice that includes the following:

- Results from the stakeholder consultation;
- Identification of opportunities for effective evidence-led crime reduction initiatives;

- An overview of current crime reduction initiatives around the province and other jurisdictions and,
- Recommendations for crime reduction opportunities .

Meetings

Regular meetings of the Panel on Crime Reduction will be held at least once a month for the duration of the project until June 2014 at the call of the Chair.

Support such as arranging meeting date and times, agendas, minutes and distribution of documents to Panel members will be coordinated by Ministry staff.

Communication and confidentiality

Unless otherwise authorized Panel members will not publically share sensitive information about the Panel's work. Requests to release information must be directed to Ministry staff.

SUPPORT

The Ministry of Justice will provide appropriate support to the Blue Ribbon Panel for Crime Reduction. The Ministry of Justice will reimburse travel expenses to members of The Panel for their attendance at meetings and roundtables, in accordance with applicable Treasury Board directives.