

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA

DATE: February 5, 2024
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Enderby City Hall

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1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2024

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THAT the January 15, 2024 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Royal Canadian Legion Branch #98

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Lindsay Gowin, President and Rene Verwey, 1st Vice President

**5. CONTINUING BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES
AND DELEGATIONS**

6. REPORTS

6.1 Mayor and Council Reports

6.2 Area F Director Report

6.3 Chief Administrative Officer Report

6.3.1 Council Inquiries

- 6.4 Vernon North Okanagan Detachment: 4th Quarter (October to December) 2023 Page 15
THAT Council receives and files the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment: 4th Quarter (October to December) Report 2023.
- 6.5 Bylaw Enforcement Statistics for Third Period of 2023 (September – December) Page 37
Memo prepared by Planner dated January 30, 2024
THAT Council receives the Bylaw Enforcement Statistics for Third Period of 2023 (September – December) for information.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Disclosure of Contracts - Council Page 40
Memo prepared by Chief Financial Officer dated January 29, 2024
THAT Council receives and files the memorandum titled Disclosure of Contracts – Council dated January 29, 2024.
- 7.2 Community Resiliency Investment Program – 2024 Firesmart Community Funding and Supports Page 41
Memo prepared by Planner dated January 31, 2024
THAT Council directs Staff to submit an application under the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports stream of the Community Resiliency Investment Program in order to fund the following activities:
- 1) *Adding FireSmart responsibilities to an existing Staff position;*
 - 2) *Developing a Community Resiliency Plan;*
 - 3) *Creating, coordinating and participating in a Community FireSmart and Resiliency Committee;*
 - 4) *Undertaking FireSmart education activities and hosting FireSmart events;*
and
 - 5) *Attending the Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit.*

AND THAT Council confirms its support for the proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management for the project.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mayor or Chair will provide an opportunity for any Council member to request that a Correspondence and Information Item be discussed separately.
THAT Council receives and files all Correspondence and Information Items.

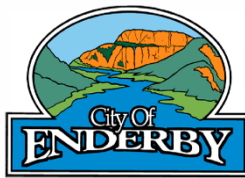
- 8.1 Call For Immediate Action to Prevent Invasive Mussel Introduction to B.C. Page 43
Correspondence from Sue McKortoff, Chair, Okanagan Water Board dated January 18, 2024
- 8.2 Legislative Reform Initiative Update Page 46
Correspondence from Vanessa Craig, Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo dated January 19, 2024
- 8.3 Support for Bill-34 Page 57
Correspondence from Colleen Anderson, Mayor, District of Sicamous to the Honourable David Eby, MLA, Premier of the Province of British Columbia dated January 26, 2024

9. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

10. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

THAT pursuant to Section 92 of the Community Charter, the regular meeting convene In-Camera to deal with matters deemed closed to the public in accordance with Section 90 (1) (a) and (c) of the Community Charter.

11. ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council held on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present: Acting Mayor Tundra Baird
Councillor Roxanne Davyduke
Councillor David Ramey
Councillor Brian Schreiner
Councillor Shawn Shishido
Councillor Sarah Yerhoff

Absent: Mayor Huck Galbraith

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer – Tate Bengtson
Chief Financial Officer – Jennifer Bellamy
Planner – Kurt Inglis
Clerk-Secretary – Andraya Holmes

Other: Press and Public

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
“THAT the January 15, 2024 Council Meeting agenda be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
“THAT the December 18, 2023 Council Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

New Event Discussion, Vallerie Byrne, Event Coordinator

Ms. Byrne gave a brief overview of the work she has been doing and explained that community events have been very successful and continue to grow.

Ms. Byrne explained that she would like to bring back Enderbeer & Wine Festival as a new event for 2024 and requested Council's support. Noted that this event has been requested by many members of the community and that, specifically, the community would like to see an event that includes live music and local vendors.

Councillor Davyduke asked when this event might be held.

Ms. Byrne responded that when Enderbeer & Wine Festival was last held, the event took place in June, but a date for the event in 2024 has not yet been decided. Once Council indicates its support, dates and logistics will be pulled together.

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff
"THAT Council directs the Events Coordinator to proceed with implementing the Enderbeer & Wine Festival event."

CARRIED

Fire Department Fleet Adjustment, Cliff Vetter, Fire Chief

Chief Vetter gave an overview of the proposed changes to the fleet.

Councillor Ramey asked if this change will result in any loss of capability.

Chief Vetter responded that it will not result in any loss of capability and will allow fire fighting equipment and fire fighters to access locations that are challenging to access with the current fleet.

Councillor Shishido asked what type of vehicle the command/utility vehicle would be.

Chief Vetter responded that it would be a one-ton single axel truck with four-wheel drive, lights, sirens and a canopy with a pull-out equipment drawer.

Councillor Davyduke asked how Rescue 17 would be disposed of.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that it would be put out to the public for bids. While Rescue 17 is not suitable for public roads, he believes it may serve a useful purpose on private property such that there is some market value in it.

Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Davyduke
"THAT Council authorizes the following adjustment to the Enderby & District Fire Department fleet:

- 1) Dispose of Tender 16;*
- 2) Transfer Engine 12 to the third duty line rather than dispose, upon receiving Rescue Engine 18 from the manufacturer; and*
- 3) Obtain a Command/Utility Vehicle and then dispose of Rescue 17."*

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND RELATED BYLAWS**Development Variance Permit #0064-23-DVP-END**

The Planner gave an overview of the application.

Acting Mayor Baird invited the public to make representations on this matter.

Robert Jeglum, 108 West Enderby Road, Enderby BC

- Concerns about the structure shading his property.
- Concerns about the pitch of the roof, and snow and ice falling onto vehicles parked in his driveway.
- Concerns about the structure detracting from the character of the neighbourhood.
- Concerns about the proximity of the structure to the property line, and a road realignment or expansion in the future.

Ed Hagman, GEM Quality Homes (Applicant)

- Explained that the homeowners have had difficulty clearing snow and that this carport will allow them to stay in their home longer.
- Noted that the structure will not have walls, and for this reason will have minimal sightline impacts.
- The roof of the structure would be of the same pitch and material as the existing roof of the home.
- Asked if there is a solution that might be more likely to receive approval, for example, a shorter carport.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the applicant and/or owners could speak to the Planner about possible alternatives that may mitigate some of the concerns.

Councillor Ramey noted that there is a significant distance between the constructed road and the end of the proposed carport and asked why the setback variance poses an issue in light of this.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that West Enderby Road is designated for expansion related to future growth and would likely be widened in the future with a sidewalk added. Noted that there are also utilities within the road dedication beside the constructed road and there are concerns about access if the structure is built that close to the property line.

Councillor Davyduke asked if the depth of the carport could be reduced within the allowable setback.

The Planner noted that the home is already close to the allowable front yard setback and that, to construct any carport, it is likely that the owner would require a variance.

Councillor Shishido asked if this variance allows an owner, either current or future, to extend the actual dwelling closer to the property line in accordance with the variance.

The Planner explained that this development variance permit would be valid for future owners, but that the permit would contain a schedule of plans for the carport. If the owner planned to depart from those plans, they would need to receive further approval from Council.

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff

“THAT Council NOT authorize the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for the property legally described as LOT 9 SECTIONS 26 AND 27 TOWNSHIP 18 RANGE 9 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 28806, and located at 110 West Enderby Road, Enderby BC, to permit variances to the following sections of the City of Enderby Zoning Bylaw No. 1550, 2014:

- Section 602.10.b by reducing the minimum front yard setback for a single-family dwelling from 6 m (19.68 feet) to 0.15 m (0.49 feet), as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’; and*
- Section 308.5.a.i by reducing the minimum special building setback from the centreline of West Enderby Road from 15 m (49.21 feet) to 10.3 m (33.79 feet), as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’.”*

CARRIED

OPPOSED Councillor Ramey

Development Variance Permit #0063-23-DVP-END

The Planner gave an overview of the application.

Acting Mayor Baird invited the public to make representations on this matter.

Jonathan Sabottka, 1380 Mckinley Road, Kelowna BC (Representative of the Applicant)

Mr. Sabottka gave an overview of the plans for the building at 809 George Street. Noted that there are other residences fronting George Street and that their plan includes removing the exterior staircase and increasing the utility and aesthetic of the building.

Acting Mayor Baird asked if the proposed garage bays will be enclosed.

Mr. Sabottka responded that they will be enclosed garage bays.

Councillor Davyduke asked if there is a posted speed limit for the lane.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that there is not, but that the nature of the lane being relatively narrow limits driver speed.

Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Davyduke

“THAT Council authorizes the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for the property legally described as LOT 1 BLOCK 13 DISTRICT LOT 150 KAMLOOPS (FORMERLY OSOYOOS) DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 211A EXCEPT THE SOUTH 8 FEET THEREOF, and located at 809 George Street, Enderby BC, to permit variances to the following sections of the City of Enderby Zoning Bylaw No. 1550, 2014:

- Section 401.11.d.i by not requiring dwelling units to be located entirely above and/or behind a commercial use, as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’;*
- Section 401.11.d.vi by increasing the maximum percentage of the total floor area of residential dwelling units on the ground floor level as compared to the total floor area of the first storey level of the building, from 40% to 41.22%, as shown on the attached Schedule ‘A’; and*

- *Section 901.2.b by reducing the minimum length of an unobstructed maneuvering aisle for right-angle parking from 8m (26.25 feet) to 4.64 m (15.22 feet),*

subject to the owner registering a covenant on the title of the property which releases, indemnifies, and holds harmless, including litigation costs, the City of Enderby for all matters related to or arising from the issuance of the Development Variance Permit.”

CARRIED

Development Variance Permit #0065-23-DVP-END

The Planner gave an overview of the application.

Acting Mayor Baird invited the public to make representations on this matter.

The Planner read one written submission.

Sharen Berger, Columbia Shuswap Regional District

- Noted that there should be no parking or storage of snow on Rail Trail lands from this development.

Council discussed the application and the differences between the normal wear and tear of a road and additional impact attributable to increased density as a result of a development.

Council discussed the reasons why cash-in-lieu would be collected as an alternative to requiring a developer to construct the road to centreline.

Chief Administrative Officer explained that it is generally much more cost effective to build the entire road at one time.

Councillor Ramey asked what kind of development would not have this requirement.

The Planner explained that whenever there is a subdivision, this requirement is triggered. If there is no subdivision, it may also be triggered at building permit stage depending on the nature of the development.

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff

“THAT Council NOT authorize the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for the property legally described as LOT 2 DISTRICT LOT 150 KAMLOOPS (FORMERLY OSOYOOS) DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 15492, and located at 171 Brickyard Road, Enderby BC., to permit a variance to Section 2.0 of Schedule “A” of City of Enderby Subdivision Servicing and Development Bylaw No. 1278, 2000 by not requiring Brickyard Road adjacent to proposed lots to be constructed to the centreline of the road in accordance with the Local Road Standards, or to provide a cash-in-lieu payment equal to the cost of those works.”

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Barnes Park Outdoor Pool Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1781, 2023

Moved by Councillor Schreiner, seconded by Councillor Ramey

“THAT Council adopts the bylaw cited as Barnes Park Outdoor Pool Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1781, 2023.”

CARRIED

City of Enderby Lane Naming Bylaw No. 1784, 2023

Moved by Councillor Schriener, seconded by Councillor Shishido

“THAT Council adopts the bylaw cited as City of Enderby Lane Naming Bylaw No. 1784, 2023.”

CARRIED

REPORTS

Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Shishido

Nothing to report.

Councillor Davyduke

Intake for the Community Futures Enterprize Challenge closes on February 6, 2024. This program offers some valuable mentorship and training to business owners.

The lab in Enderby is open 5 days a week, walk-in only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and appointments and walk-ins on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The One to One reading program facilitated by the Literary Alliance of the Shuswap currently has 132 volunteers and the Shuswap program is placed second in the province for volunteer participation.

Councillor Yerhoff

Attended a curling rink fundraiser.

Councillor Schreiner

Nothing to report.

Councillor Ramey

There is a book sale ongoing at the Arts Centre.

There will be a Coffee House at the Seniors Centre this Friday.

Reported that he has been speaking with the Village of Chase and their Lions Club about the dog park that was built there. Noted that there was some initial opposition from the public, but that the amenity is now well used and appreciated by the community.

Acting Mayor Baird

There will be a Christmas wrap up meeting next week.

Chief Administrative Officer

Reported that there will be an inspection of the chiller at the Arena this week that will help inform next steps and financial strategy for getting the Arena back up and running.

An evaluation of Construction Manager proposals for the new pool has been completed, and a recommendation for the proposed contract will be made to the Enderby & District Services Commission.

Fortis BC has given notice that they will be completing some works this year that will require the temporary removal of the entrance sign on the south side of town. FortisBC will reinstate the sign after its works have been completed, which may take up to 10 weeks.

Reported that he will be reaching out to Council after the following week to set dates for strategic planning.

Staff are pursuing a grant that would enable the City to obtain several speed radar signs to help warn and measure traffic speeds. The speed radar sign that is shared with Armstrong and Spallumcheen is past end of life and is time consuming to deploy. This grant would allow the City to get some improved technology and be more responsive to speed concerns from the community. Thanked the Planner for his initiative in pulling this application together quickly. The grant fully funds the costs of the signs.

Has received an invitation to speak again at a meeting of a parliamentary committee on ride sharing. Requested that Council appoint one of its members to join as a representative.

Council appointed Councillor Schriener to speak at the meeting of the parliamentary committee on ride sharing.

The dog park survey will be available to the public tomorrow at 10am, and posters and flyers have been prepared.

Councillor Davyduke asked how decisions surrounding the repair of the Arena will be made, and asked about plans to manage other ageing assets in Enderby.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that the proposed repairs for the Arena will be presented to the Commission, who will decide on a path forward. Also explained that the Commission is working on building its reserves for the eventual replacement of ageing assets in the community. A condition assessment of the existing arena was completed several years ago, which is helping to inform planning; while it cannot predict component failures, it helps to gain insight into expected life expectancy, with the understanding that the risk of failure increases with age. Staff are having internal discussions on how to make choices for the arena today that best positions it for the future.

Councillor Schriener asked if there is any update on the possibility of adding additional staff.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that he plans to have a discussion about this at strategic planning.

Councillor Ramey asked how Armstrong has been able to build the newer facilities that it has in the past few years.

Chief Administrative Officer responded that there are a combination of factors, including the larger tax base, and that these projects have required significant borrowing. He noted that the City also has some newer facilities and that a decision to build a new facility depends on the age of existing assets and their ability to meet community needs.

RDNO Building Permit Report – December 2023

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Yerhoff

“THAT Council receives and files the RDNO Building Permit Report – December 2023.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Events Budget 2024 – Easter

Councillor Schreiner asked if the \$1,000 to be funded through sponsorships would be paid by the City if that sponsorship value is not found.

Chief Financial Officer responded that if there were not enough sponsorships the decision would be brought to Council on if the City should fund the remaining cost through other funding sources, or if an alternate approach should be taken. Noted that there has been a lot of community interest in sponsoring events and that being unable to fund \$1,000 through sponsorships is unlikely.

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Schreiner

“THAT Council authorizes a \$2,000 expenditure for the 2024 Easter celebrations, with \$1,000 to be funded through sponsorships and the remaining \$1,000 to be funded through revenues from the Riverside RV Park.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Audit Planning Report to the Mayor and Council for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Moved by Councillor Shishido, seconded by Councillor Davyduke

“THAT Council receives and files the Audit Planning Report to Mayor and Council for the Year Ended December 31, 2023.”

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

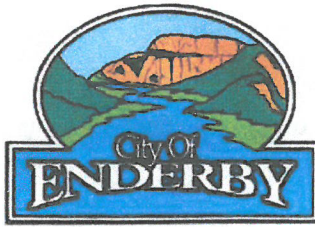
Moved by Councillor Ramey, seconded by Councillor Davyduke

“THAT the regular meeting of January 15, 2024 adjourn at 6:17 p.m.”

CARRIED

ACTING MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER



REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

On 5 February 2024
 Day Month Year

Date of Request 23 January 2024

Name of Person Making Request Rene Verwey - RCL Branch 98 Enderby

Name and Title of Presenter(s) Rene Verwey - 1st Vice President
Lindsay Gowin - President

Contact Information Rene Verwey

Details of Presentation Request for council support and financial assistance to
facilitate infrastructure repairs and upgrades to the Enderby Legion's building
located at 909 Belvedere Street, Enderby per the attached letter.

Desired Action from Council (check all that apply)

- ☐ Information Only
- ☐ Proclamation
- ☒ Funding Request
- ☐ Policy or Resolution

Please describe desired action in detail _____

Financial assistance, written support for grant applications, advice concerning
available grants and other sources of funding.

Please attach any supporting documentation or presentation materials related to your delegation request. Please provide to staff at least one day in advance a digital copy of any presentation materials that you wish to have projected onto the conference screen.



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January 26, 2024

To the Mayor & Council of the City of Enderby,

Thank you for taking the time to review this request. The Enderby Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has been serving the community of Enderby and surrounding area for nearly 100 years. We are now in need of your help to continue the important work of serving Veterans, their families and our entire community. The roof structure and electrical system of our building are failing need to be replaced. We have had 'patch work' done, here and there, to extend the life of our facility but, 'patch work' will no longer suffice. Thus, we are asking you for financial support to help get the roof and electrical of our building fully re-done so that we may continue to serve Enderby, while also ensuring the safety of all who come to the Legion.

We are, of course, looking into other funding resources, i.e. grants, local fundraisers, gaming income and local business support, but it is our hope that you will be able to contribute to our cause as well. Over the past year we have returned approximately \$50,000 back into the community through donations, bursaries, other events and prizes. We believe that the Legion is a staple in our community and we hope that you see the value in our contributions throughout the years.

For both the roof and electrical we are estimating needing \$100,000, a huge undertaking, but we believe in our community and partners like yourself. We know that when we all come together, we can achieve any goal we set.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to review this request. We hope to hear back from you soon with positive news that will enable us reach our goal and allow us to continue serving the Veterans, their families and the entire community of Enderby well into the future.

Yours Sincerely,

Rene Verwey



VERNON NORTH OKANAGAN DETACHMENT

4th Quarter (October to December) 2023

QUARTERLY POLICING REPORT

Committed to preserve the peace, uphold the law and provide quality service in partnership with our communities.

Superintendent Shawna BAHER

Officer in Charge

POLICING ACTIVITY REPORT ~ 4th Quarter 2023

The Vernon North Okanagan Detachment is committed to our four priorities of *Public Safety*, *Vulnerable Victims*, *Community Outreach* and *Employee Excellence* to ensure our communities remain a safe place to live. We are dedicated to providing an outstanding police service by developing strong mental health and resiliency in our members. We build and maintain trust through timely and accurate communication. We work collaboratively with our partners to assist vulnerable persons in the community. And, most importantly, we foster safer communities through evidence based, targeted and collaborative enforcement. This report is a synopsis of some of the recent investigations conducted by the Vernon North Okanagan Detachment and does not reflect all the tasks our police officers are working on, nor does it include information that could impact the integrity of ongoing police investigations. I have been honoured to have been chosen to lead the Vernon North Okanagan since July of 2018 and know we have been successful in our work which makes our communities safer and amazing places to live. It is with sadness that I will depart in early February, but know there are so many capable people remaining that will continue to provide excellent policing services to our communities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

With the holiday season upon us, the Vernon North Okanagan RCMP attended to many events in the community. In October frontline officers attended Cultural Safety Education with representatives from the Okanagan Indian Band. In November officers donned the red serge to participate in Remembrance Day events throughout our communities. December was busy with police participating in a Coffee with a Cop hosted at OKIB, the Christmas luncheon at the Senior's Center in Enderby, assisting with Sunshine Deliveries at the Vernon Jubilee Hospital and a Cram the Cruiser at Kidston Elementary which raised over 1100 lbs of food for the Salvation Arm Food Bank.



VERNON/COLDSTREAM

OPERATIONS

The table below highlights the total number of calls for service with Criminal Code offences and property crime extracted for the 4th quarter as well as the cumulative number for year to date. The percentage change is compared to the same quarter from the previous year.

Category	Vernon		Coldstream		Vernon Rural	
	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD
Calls for Service	4189	18,686	321	1332	381	1761
% change	-8.8	-4.6	0	-5.7	-7.7	+1.7
Criminal Code	1346	6051	58	293	63	314
% change	+2.4	+3.3	+16	-6.6	+16.6	+26.6
Property Offences	795	3437	22	147	36	182
% change	+13.8	+1.1	-21.4	-21.8	+33.3	+15.9

The below table indicates the total reports forwarded to Vernon Crown Counsel, total prisoners held in the Vernon cell block and total Mental Health calls for service.

Category	Vernon/Coldstream	
	Q4	YTD
Report to Crown Counsel	194	781
Prisoners	198	987
Mental Health Calls	360	904

FRONT LINE POLICING

Vernon

On October 6th an alert neighbor noticed a man pushing a wheelbarrow full of items down a residential street on East Hill in the middle of the night. Frontline officers attended the area and located a 37-year old man in possession of stolen property. The matter is before the courts.

On October 14th frontline officers executed a search warrant at a residence in the 1600 block of 33rd Street and recovered stolen property including bicycles, a motorcycle and trailer. In addition, police seized firearms, a large quantity of cash and items related to drug trafficking. Police continue to investigate the incident.

On October 16th a frontline officer was seated in a police vehicle stationary on Old Kamloops Road, investigating an abandoned vehicle when a vehicle driving in the opposite direction crossed the centre line and collided head-on with the abandoned vehicle which caused a collision with the police vehicle. Minor injuries were sustained by all involved. Police located open liquor in the vehicle and the 61-year old driver refused a roadside screening device. The driver was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

On October 29th a frontline officer was seated in a police vehicle stopped at a red light on 30th Avenue when a vehicle made a right hand turn from 32nd Street and collided with the police vehicle. The suspect vehicle then fled the scene in an attempt to evade police. The vehicle was located a short distance away and the driver was arrested. The 28-year old driver is charged with impaired driving and received a 90-day driving prohibition.

On October 30th a frontline officer conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle observed driving dangerously and, while arresting the driver, the police officer was assaulted. A 24-year old man faces numerous charges including resisting arrest, fail to comply to a recognizance and possession of stolen property. In addition, the driver received a 90-day driving prohibition, a 30-day vehicle impound and charges under the Motor Vehicle Act.

On November 5th police investigated a pedestrian motor vehicle incident which resulted in the death of a 54-year old man. A suspect vehicle was quickly identified and the 31-year old driver was arrested. The investigation continues.

On November 28th police responded to suspicious activity at a construction site in the 3000 block of 18th Street and arrested two suspects in possession of stolen property. A 52-year old man and a 31-year old woman are charged with numerous offences including break, enter and theft, resisting arrest and breach of a release order. The matter is before the courts.

On December 1st frontline officers attended a two-vehicle collision in the 4400 block of 25th Avenue resulting in minor injuries. Police entered into an impaired driving investigation and a 48-year old woman is charged with refuse to provide a breath sample.

On December 8th police responded to a suspicious vehicle travelling on 32nd Avenue with no front tire and sparks flying from the vehicle. Police located the vehicle stopped and noted extensive damage to the vehicle. The 28-year old driver failed a roadside alcohol screening device and was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and 30-day vehicle impoundment. In addition, the driver was charged under the Motor Vehicle Act for no insurance, defective motor vehicle and open liquor in a motor vehicle.

On December 9th frontline officers responded to a single vehicle collision on Pleasant Valley Road after a vehicle struck a tree. Police located the 36-year old driver and, when attempting to take him into custody, the man resisted arrest. The man was transported to the cellblock where he failed the breath test taken by a qualified technician. The matter is before the courts.

On December 12th police were advised of a suspicious man in a vehicle in the 2800 block of 43rd Avenue. When frontline officers responded, they located what is believed to be a homemade explosive device in the vehicle and police cordoned off the area while awaiting the arrival of the RCMP's Explosive Disposal Unit. A 28-year old man was taken into custody and charged with failing to comply with a release order.

On December 15 frontline officers investigated a robbery at a business in the 1500 block of 32nd Avenue. The suspect had fled the scene prior to police arrival, however, was identified through video surveillance. The 31-year old man was later arrested by police.

On December 25th police arrested a 61-year old man breaking into a vehicle in the 3100 block of 30th Avenue after he was observed loading contents from the vehicle into a shopping cart. He is charged with mischief and possession of stolen property.

On December 31st frontline officers observed a stolen utility trailer on a residential property located in the 3500 block of Okanagan Avenue. Police obtained a search warrant and recovered a stolen trailer. The investigation continues.

Coldstream

On October 6th frontline officers responded to a single vehicle roll-over on College Way after the vehicle collided with the curb. The 47-year old driver refused a roadside screening device, was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30-days. The four passengers were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On November 7th police investigated a report of a firearm on school property. A hold and secure was put in place while police located the suspects. Two youths, a 16 and an 18-year old, were arrested and the firearm, believed to be a pellet gun, was recovered.

On November 13th frontline officers attended to a single vehicle collision on Aberdeen Road after the vehicle left the roadway and collided with a power pole. Police were unable to locate the driver or any occupants of the vehicle on scene and the Police Dog Section conducted a thorough search of the area with negative results. Police later located the 23-year old driver at the hospital. The investigation continues.

On December 4th frontline officers responded to a suspicious vehicle which was stationary in the northbound lane of Hwy 97 south of Vernon. On arrival police located the vehicle running and discovered an intoxicated person in the driver's seat. The 36-year old man refused an ASD demand and was issued a 90-day driving prohibition, the vehicle was impounded for 30-days and the driver was charged under the Motor Vehicle Act for not having a driver's licence.

On December 8th a police officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle speeding in a school zone on Kalamalka Road and upon learning that the 52-year old driver was unlicensed, the vehicle was impounded.

GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

The following is a synopsis of some of the recent investigations conducted by the General Investigation Section and does not reflect all the tasks the officers are working on, nor does it include information which could impact on-going police investigations.

Serious Crime Unit (SCU)

The Serious Crime Unit investigates serious person victim crimes including homicide. This unit consists of a Corporal and four Constables. The Serious Crime Unit continues to conduct follow up investigation on previous files and assisted with other complex investigations which occurred outside of this reporting period.

This quarter, the Serious Crime Unit had conduct of the following investigation:

On October 28 Vernon SCU assisted with an investigation into the death of an infant who was taken to hospital and pronounced deceased. No criminal offences were identified during the course of the investigation which has been turned over to the BC Coroners Service.

On November 6 Vernon SCU assumed conduct of an investigation into the death of a toddler who was taken to hospital and later died in the BC Children's Hospital. No criminal offences were identified during the course of the investigation which has been turned over to the BC Coroners Service.

On December 19 Vernon SCU assisted with an investigation into the suspicious sudden death of a vulnerable person living a high-risk life-style. During the course of the investigation, foul play was ruled out and the investigation was turned over to the BC Coroner's Service.

Special Victim Unit (SVU)

The Special Victim Unit investigates crimes relating to vulnerable victims. The SVU is comprised of a Corporal and two Constables who are responsible for high-risk investigations relating to domestic violence, sex crimes and missing persons.

Domestic Violence Unit (DVU)

For high-risk intimate partner violence investigations, the Domestic Violence Unit assist frontline investigators, conduct file reviews as well as facilitates Integrated Case Assessment Team (ICAT) meetings to support a high-risk victim through the process. Currently, DVU has six ICAT files requiring file management, monitoring and victim support.

Sex Crimes

During this quarter, the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Unit (BC ICE) advised of six reports of possession of child pornography. Each investigation requires a significant amount of time to complete production orders, execute search warrants and, where the evidence supports, prepare charge packages for Crown Counsel.

As a highly trained interviewer, the Sex Crimes investigator conducts all interviews with vulnerable child victims of crime. From October to December Sex Crimes conducted four victim interviews with regards to sexual assault or sexual interference crimes against children.

TARGETED POLICING

Targeted Policing works closely with partner agencies and stakeholders including Interagency, Integrated and Mentally Disordered Offenders. Targeted Policing continues to participate in a policing priority of identifying, profiling, selecting and targeting individuals or groups that are involved in criminal activity and, because of their association to gangs or organized crime, pose a safety risk to the community. There are currently five individuals/groups identified in the Vernon area.

Repeat Violent Offender Initiative (ReVOII)

ReVOII is a newly established Provincial initiative directed at repeat offenders that are committing violent offences in public places against strangers. There are currently two subjects identified in the Vernon area and one is currently in custody.

Drug Section

The Drug Section continues to complete tasks on numerous large-scale investigations including working with the RCMP laboratory regarding drug, firearm and phone exhibits seized during the execution of search

warrants. Each investigation requires the preparation of lengthy disclosure to Crown Counsel to ensure successful prosecution in court.

Crime Reduction Unit (CRU)

The Crime Reduction Unit encompasses the plainclothes investigators in our Prolific Offender Unit and the uniformed officers in our Downtown Enforcement Unit. CRU performs a significant role in the bi-weekly comparative statistics meeting where emerging crime trends, hot spots of criminal activity, problem premises, priority prolific offenders and social chronic offenders are identified and tasks are assigned to various units to help reduce crime.

In November Crime Reduction investigated a suspect believed to be responsible for several commercial break and enters. The team worked closely with investigators from neighbouring jurisdictions which resulted in the approval of numerous criminal charges. The 35-year old man is currently in custody in another province on unrelated matters.

In December Crime Reduction assisted in several investigations related to a string of stolen vehicles and a robbery in Vernon. The two men, aged 32-years and 22-years, were arrested in a stolen vehicle and are currently in custody.

Prolific Offender

A Prolific Offender is identified as an adult or youth offender with an established pattern of persistent Criminal Code and/or Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences, identified by current intelligence to be criminally active and assessed by police and partner agencies as medium to high risk to re-offend. These offenders reside within our detachment area and are capable of causing a disproportionate amount of crime in the community. At the conclusion of this reporting period, there were 14 Prolific Offenders identified for monitoring in the Vernon North Okanagan. Of those, seven are currently in custody and seven are not in custody. Of the seven not in custody, three reside or are known to frequent the City of Vernon, one resides in Enderby and three relocated outside of our jurisdiction.

Downtown Enforcement

During this reporting period the Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU) liaised with the street entrenched population, provided referral information and conducted enforcement action. During the course of their duties, DEU executed 22 warrants of arrest and recommended seven investigations for charge approval including several incidences of failure to comply with release conditions and driving while prohibited.

Integrated Crisis Response Team (ICRT)

The Integrated Crisis Response Team was created in November as a response to an increase in Mental Health related occurrences in the Vernon North Okanagan. The unit consists of a police officer partnered with nurse from Interior Health and respond to calls for service where there is a mental health component. Of the 360 Mental



Health Occurrences in the Vernon area from October to December, the ICRT team were the lead on 88 files and conducted follow up requests from frontline officers. ICRT attends to check the well being of persons with mental health concerns, apprehends persons in crisis under the Mental Health Act and connects persons in need with the appropriate community resources. In addition, the ICRT teams meet with partner agencies to ensure valuable working relationships are cultivated.

Toxic Drug Crisis Response

Frontline officers in the Vernon North Okanagan work to improve service for people suffering from addiction issues, which often leads to their involvement in criminal behaviour. Partnered with Interior Health, Mental Health and Substance Use, and the BC Centre for Disease Control, the Vernon North Okanagan RCMP offer Naloxone kits to those at risk of overdose. In addition, frontline officers provide referrals to and information regarding local harm reduction services. The goal of the project is to save lives and reduce crime associated to addiction.

Month	Card given	Referral made	Video shown	Nurse to Cells	Kit provided
October	55	0	0	0	40
November	39	0	0	0	61
December	14	0	0	0	15
Total (Quarter)	108	0	0	0	116
Year to Date	503	9	8	8	766

NORTH OKANAGAN RURAL

OPERATIONS

The below tables are the total number of calls for service with Criminal Code offences and property crime extracted for the 4th quarter of 2023. The totals are for the community and surrounding area.

Category	Armstrong		Spallumcheen		Enderby	
	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD
Calls for Service	267	1113	282	1319	406	1876
% change	+5.1	+1.6	-14.5	-9.0	-12.8	-20.9
Criminal Code	69	257	49	216	64	383
% change	+15	-22.5	-28.9	-36.4	-48.3	-45.2
Property Offences	11	54	17	94	13	96
% change	-60.7	-60.5	-45.1	-36.4	-67.5	-57.5

Category	Falkland		Lumby		Westside	
	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD	Q4	YTD
Calls for Service	189	843	237	1064	85	489
% change	+58.8	+27.7	-0.8	-1.4	-61.1	-56.9
Criminal Code	24	115	42	223	24	271
% change	+9.0	-10.8	-42.4	-30.9	-65.2	-12.8
Property Offences	11	54	17	94	13	96
% change	+37.5	+8	-22.7	-22.3	-56.6	-31.4

Below is a table of the total charges forwarded to Crown Counsel, the total prisoners held in the North Okanagan cellblock and the total mental health calls for service.

Category	North Okanagan	
	Q4	YTD
Report to Crown Counsel	51	209
Prisoners	24	95
Mental Health Calls	76	257

FRONT LINE POLICING

Armstrong

On October 25th frontline officers conducted a traffic stop of a new driver on Smith Drive and determined the driver had consumed alcohol in contravention of the license restrictions. The driver was issued a 12-hour driving suspension and arrangements made for a sober adult driver to attend to operate the vehicle.

On November 13th police responded to a report of a possible impaired driver where a passerby was preventing the vehicle from leaving the parking lot. Once on scene, police determined the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and demanded a breath sample. The driver refused and was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30-days.

On November 18th police investigated a break and enter to a business in the 3100 block of Smith Drive. The unknown suspects caused significant damage to the building and stole numerous items. The investigation continues.

On December 11th police conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver's ability to operate the vehicle was impaired by alcohol. The 72-year old driver provided a sample of breath and was issued a three-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded.

Enderby

On October 19th frontline officers investigated a report of intimate partner violence which resulted in the execution of a search warrant and the seizure of evidence. The matter is before the courts.

On October 27th police responded to a report of a suicidal man armed with a firearm. Frontline officers located the man at his residence and requested the Southeast District Emergency Response Team assist. With

the use of crisis intervention and de-escalation tactics, the man surrendered to police and was apprehended under the Mental Health Act.

On November 21st a police officer on patrol on Old Vernon Road conducted a traffic stop which lead to the arrest of the 40-year old prohibited driver and the arrest of the 52-year old passenger on outstanding warrants. The driver was issued charges under the Motor Vehicle Act for no insurance, the vehicle was impounded and was released from custody with a future court date. The passenger was held for court.

Falkland

On October 29th frontline officers attended to a single vehicle incident when a vehicle went off road and down an embankment in the 4400 block of Hwy 97. The 22-year old driver exhibited signs of alcohol impairment and failed a road side screening device test. The driver was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle impounded for 30-days.

On November 7th police responded to a single vehicle collision on Chase-Falkland Road after a truck and trailer hauling an excavator went off road into the lake. The driver was uninjured.

Lumby

On October 10th police initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle travelling 126 km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone. The 28-year old driver was charged with excessive speeding and the vehicle was impounded.

On October 24th a 41-year old hiker became disorientated and contacted police for assistance. Police attended to the area and located the hiker who happened to be wanted on numerous outstanding criminal warrants. In addition, the hiker was in possession of firearms and ammunition contrary to court-imposed conditions. The matter is before the courts.

On November 16th police assisted with a structure fire on Creighton Valley Road. Two persons were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

On December 21st frontline officers attended to a single vehicle fatal collision on Hwy 6 near Dure Meadow Road. The vehicle failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and went down an embankment. The 66-year old driver was pronounced deceased on scene.

Spallumcheen

On October 8th police attended to a single vehicle incident on Otter Lake Cross Road where a vehicle was located in field. The vehicle's airbag was deployed and all four tires were flattened. A witness reported seeing an intoxicated man leave with two other people. Police located the registered owner and issued fines under the Motor Vehicle Act.

On October 10th frontline officers responded to a single vehicle collision after a vehicle went off road and rolled numerous times, coming to rest on the side on Swanson Mountain Road. The 60-year old driver was extracted from the vehicle with the assistance of the Armstrong Spallumcheen Fire Department and taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On October 19th police conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle with inactive licence plates on Hwy 97A at Wagner Road and suspected the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol. The driver failed two roadside screening device tests and was issued a 90-day driving prohibition and the vehicle was impounded for 30-days.

On November 19th police investigated the theft of a vehicle parked roadside overnight in the 4700 block of Hwy 97A. The vehicle was not licenced and was not located. This incident is still under investigation.

On November 20th police investigated a vehicle abandoned in the bush off Jackpine Road. It appears the vehicle had been stolen from a gravel lot two-days prior and had become stuck in the bush. No suspects were identified.

On November 22nd frontline officers attended to a three-vehicle motor vehicle incident on Hwy 97A after a pick-up attempted to cross the highway at Pleasant Valley Road. All occupants of the vehicles received non-life-threatening injuries, however, a small dog was deceased on scene and a second small dog was transported to the vet with life threatening injuries.

Westside

On October 10th police received a report of an overdue hunter in Whiteman's Creek. An extensive search of the area was conducted with the assistance of the RCMP Air Services who successfully located the 66-year old hunter who was found safe and uninjured.

On October 15th frontline officers attended to a single vehicle motor vehicle incident on Westside Road where the vehicle went off road and sheared off a power pole. Police formed the opinion the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and read a breath demand. The 44-year old driver provide breath samples in excess of the legal limit and was issued an Administrative Driving Prohibition. The driver was issued a future court date with regards to the criminal charges.

On November 12th a police officer on patrol stopped to assist a motorist who appeared to be having vehicle issues on the side of Westside Road. It was apparent the motorist did not want assistance since he yelled profanities at the officer and then walked away. The officer recognized the man and, after a search of the police data system, learned the individual had outstanding warrants of arrest. When police attempted to stop the man, he fled over a fence and through a field. Despite numerous patrols, the individual was not located. Police towed the vehicle which did not have valid registration or insurance.

NORTH RURAL (PROVINCIAL) GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

The North Rural (Provincial) General Investigation Section is comprised of a Corporal and a Constable and are responsible for serious, complex incidents that occur in Armstrong, Enderby, Falkland, Lumby, Spallumcheen, and Westside. The North Rural GIS continues to complete tasks on numerous large-scale investigations as well as prepare lengthy disclosure to Crown Counsel to ensure successful prosecution in court.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Vernon/Coldstream

- Impaired Drivers taken off the road by way of suspension or charge: **59**

Area	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Vernon	297	1185	425	1837
Coldstream	95	337	80	375
Vernon Rural	1	53	1	127

North Okanagan Rural

- Impaired Drivers taken off the road by way of suspension or charge: **26**

Area	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Armstrong	17	78	43	128
Enderby	20	46	35	83
Falkland	6	25	9	39
Lumby	5	37	6	99
Spallumcheen	71	308	31	98
Westside	59	81	85	117

Reserve Constable Traffic Enforcement

The Reserve Constable Program consists of retired police officers in good standing who supplement the detachment's resources with enhanced traffic enforcement, scene security and other police related duties.

Area	Patrols	Violation Ticket	YTD	Warning	YTD
Vernon	21	109	467	27	180
Coldstream	20	82	294	44	207

FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SECTION

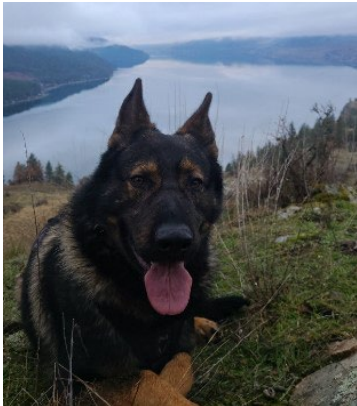
The Vernon North Okanagan Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS) is operating with three members in a full-time rotation. During the fourth quarter, IFIS provided investigative assistance for 34 files, identified 9 fingerprints and supplied 8 preliminary associations. As well, IFIS collected 27 friction ridge impressions, 72 DNA swabs, 1 footwear impressions, 6 tire impressions and 2 tool mark.

Call for Service	Vernon/Coldstream	North Rural
Break and Enter	8	3
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	10	0
Theft from Vehicles	2	0
Mischief	2	0
Impaired Driving	1	0
Firearms Offences	1	1
Arson	1	0
Drug Offences	1	0
Other investigations	2	1
Total		

Vernon FIS Calls for Service encompass Vernon, Vernon Rural and Coldstream.

The North Rural calls for service include Armstrong, Enderby, Falkland, Lumby & Westside.

POLICE DOG SERVICE (PDS)



The Vernon Police Dog Service unit consists of two handlers and their police dogs who attended to 23 calls for service within the Vernon North Okanagan; 8 calls within Vernon/Coldstream and 15 calls for the Rural. Cpl Kyle and PDS 'Phantom' conducted a successful track and apprehension of a prolific offender in December and assisted Vernon Serious Crimes with numerous area searches regarding a high-risk missing person. In addition, the team successfully completed an avalanche course and has progressed for further assessment. The photo is of PDS Phantom stopping for a rest and to enjoy the views during regularly scheduled training session.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

Due to staffing shortages on the frontline, the School Resources Officer is deployed to a general duty position in order to assist with the response to calls for service. Nonetheless, the Vernon North Okanagan detachment remain committed to providing a presence in the schools with impromptu visits and plans are underway to offer the Constable Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Youth Academy in the spring.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Community Safety Office

The ten active volunteers of the Community Safety Office (CSO) assisted 764 members of the public, fielded 92 phone calls and returned over 250 Police Information Checks. The coordinator conducted presentations on fraud prevention, personal safety, drug awareness and digital citizenship. In addition, the volunteers were involved in community events including the Senior's Fair and the Trick or Treat Trail. The coordinator conducted one audit regarding Crime Prevention through Environment Design (CPTED).

Vernon RCMP Volunteers

During this past quarter, the 29 volunteers participated in 895 hours with the Vernon RCMP Volunteer Program. The volunteers drove 2863 kilometers, worked 34 Community Safety Patrol shifts and ran 1886 licence plates on the Stolen Auto Recovery program. Over the past three months volunteers spent 32 hours conducting 8 Speed watch operations to slow down 301 vehicles. To celebrate our volunteers, a Winter Volunteer Appreciation Event was held and two volunteers recognized for five years of service, one was presented with Speed Watch Volunteer of the Year and numerous volunteers recognized for milestone achievements including 1000 and 1500 hours of service.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

The following pages contain the police statistics for the 4th quarter of 2023, October to December, with a comparison for the same month of the previous year. The activity types selected are a sampling of the 15 most commonly reported Crime Codes which have the greatest impact on communities and provide police with valuable insight into crime activities and trends. Currently, there are over 700 Crime/Survey Codes utilized by Canadian policing agencies in the reporting of crime to the Canadian Centre for Justice in Ottawa.

4 th Quarter Statistics – City of Vernon						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	1670	1486	1521	1315	1403	1388
Robbery	2	2	3	-	2	2
Assault (Includes DV)	48	62	58	60	53	56
Domestic Violence	18	7	20	6	15	7
Sex Offence	8	5	3	8	10	10
B&E Residence	8	3	8	5	5	6
B&E Commercial	8	5	4	6	8	9
Theft of Vehicle	14	15	13	12	20	22
Theft From Vehicle	30	29	21	21	14	22
Theft Over \$5000	2	6	1	1	3	5
Theft Under \$5000	101	99	75	86	94	97
Drug Offence	21	7	51	17	11	12
Liquor Offences	4	8	9	7	9	11
Impaired Driving	11	7	13	8	11	16
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	7	5	6	3	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	39	36	58	32	62	32

4 th Quarter Statistics – Vernon Rural						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	132	145	144	117	137	119
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	3	6	6	5	3	1
Domestic Violence	2	1	3	1	-	-
Sex Offence	-	2	1	1	-	3
B&E Residence	-	2	-	1	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	1	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	4	-	-	1	1
Theft From Vehicle	2	-	-	3	1	1
Theft Over \$5000	-	1	-	-	1	-
Theft Under \$5000	2	2	-	4	-	-
Drug Offence	-	-	1	-	1	-
Liquor Offences	1	-	-	1	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	2	1	1	1	2
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	5	11	5	12	10

4 th Quarter Statistics – Silver Star						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	7	2	10	5	12	11
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	-	1	-	2	-
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	-	-	1	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	1	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	1	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	1	1

4 th Quarter Statistics – District of Coldstream						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	130	95	105	129	86	97
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	2	7	1	4	1	3
Domestic Violence	-	2	1	1	-	1
Sex Offence	-	2	-	2	-	-
B&E Residence	1	-	-	2	1	-
B&E Commercial	1	-	-	1	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	1	1	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	1	1	3	3	-	1
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	1	-	1
Theft Under \$5000	3	1	5	2	-	1
Drug Offence	-	1	1	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	1	1	1	-	-	1
Impaired Driving	2	2	2	3	1	3
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	1	-	2	1	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	4	7	2	9	3

4 th Quarter Statistics – City of Armstrong NR4100 and NR4101						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	97	91	67	88	80	83
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (includes DV)	1	2	2	6	2	6
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sex Offence	1	3	-	1	1	1
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	1
B&E Commercial	1	-	-	1	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	3	1	-	1	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	2	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	4	-	2	2	2	1
Drug Offence	-	1	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	1	-	1	-	1	-
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	1	-	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	7	2	7	2	8

4 th Quarter Statistics – Spallumcheen NR4200						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	123	121	85	76	90	82
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	2	4	-	2	2	2
Domestic Violence	1	1	-	1	-	2
Sex Offence	-	-	-	1	1	1
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	2
B&E Commercial	3	-	1	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	1	1	1	2	1
Theft From Vehicle	2	1	1	-	-	1
Theft Over \$5000	-	1	-	-	-	1
Theft Under \$5000	2	1	2	3	-	2
Drug Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	3	1	-	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	6	9	6	8	3

4 th Quarter Statistics – Spallumcheen Hwy 97/97A						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	21	22	13	13	10	15
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Suspension	1	-	1	-	-	-
Drug Offences	1	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	3	3	1	1	-
Collision over \$10000	1	-	-	-	1	-
Collision non-fatal injury	-	-	1	1	-	-
Collision Fatal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Traffic moving offences	13	11	6	9	6	10
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-

4th Quarter Statistics – City of Enderby NR1200 and NR1201

ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	64	81	64	67	75	62
Robbery	-	-	-	-	2	-
Assault (Includes DV)	1	6	3	-	4	8
Domestic Violence	-	2	-	-	1	1
Sex Offence	-	1	-	-	-	1
B&E Residence	1	-	-	-	-	1
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	2	2	1	-
Theft From Vehicle	2	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	1	2	-	2	1
Drug Offence	1	-	-	1	-	-
Liquor Offences	3	-	-	1	1	2
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	-	-	1	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	2	1	1	1	-

4th Quarter Statistics – Enderby Rural NR1202 to NR1204

ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	53	69	50	74	56	56
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	3	3	2	-	2
Domestic Violence	-	1	1	2	-	-
Sex Offence	-	-	1	2	1	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	2	-	2	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	1	-	1	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	3	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	1	1	1	-	-
Drug Offence	-	-	1	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	1	-	1	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	3	4	4	7	8

4 th Quarter Statistics – Village of Falkland NR1300 and NR1301						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	7	9	7	6	6	16
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	-	-	-	-
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	1
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 th Quarter Statistics – Falkland Rural NR1302 and NR1303						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	40	67	40	47	25	41
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	1	2	-	-	-	-
Domestic Violence	-	1	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	1	1	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	1	-	-	-	1
Theft From Vehicle	1	-	-	-	-	1
Theft Over \$5000	1	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	1	2	-	1
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	1	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	6	4	3	2	7

4th Quarter Statistics – Village of Lumby NR1400 and NR1401

ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	58	41	34	38	33	32
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	2	-	-	1	1	1
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	2	1	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	1	1	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	-	1	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	1	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	1	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	1	-	3	-	-	-
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	1	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	1	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	2	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	-	1	-	-

4th Quarter Statistics – Lumby Rural NR1402 and NR1403

ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	43	51	34	37	33	32
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	4	1	2	1	1
Domestic Violence	-	1	-	1	-	-
Sex Offence	-	-	-	1	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	-	-	1	2	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	1	1	-	-	1	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	3	-	-	3	-	1
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	1	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	1	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	1	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	4	4	6	-	3

4 th Quarter Statistics – OKIB NR8000, NR8001, NR8101, NR8102						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	60	60	43	45	31	48
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	4	2	-	-	1	1
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sex Offence	1	-	1	1	-	1
B&E Residence	-	1	1	-	1	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	2	2	-	-	-	2
Theft From Vehicle	1	1	-	-	-	1
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	2	-	-	1	-	1
Drug Offence	1	-	-	1	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	1	1	-	1	-	1
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	1	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	4	3	3	2	2

4 th Quarter Statistics – Splatsin NR8100 and NR8200						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	39	27	29	26	36	36
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	-	2	-	-	1	1
Domestic Violence	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sex Offence	1	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	2	-	-	-	-	1
Theft From Vehicle	-	1	-	-	-	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft Under \$5000	-	-	1	1	-	1
Drug Offence	3	-	3	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	1	-	-	1	-
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	1	1	2	1	2

4 th Quarter Statistics – Westside Road NR1000						
ACTIVITY TYPE	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Total Files	26	29	35	24	24	35
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault (Includes DV)	5	2	-	1	3	1
Domestic Violence	1	-	-	-	2	-
Sex Offence	-	1	-	-	-	-
B&E Residence	-	-	-	-	-	-
B&E Commercial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft of Vehicle	1	3	-	2	-	-
Theft From Vehicle	-	-	-	-	1	-
Theft Over \$5000	-	1	-	-	-	6
Theft Under \$5000	3	-	-	1	1	1
Drug Offence	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Hour Driving Suspension	1	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	4	2	1	2

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

AGENDA

MEMO

To: Tate Bengtson, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Kurt Inglis, Planner
Date: January 30, 2024
Subject: Bylaw Enforcement Statistics for Third Period of 2023 (September - December)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives this memorandum for information.

BACKGROUND

The bylaw enforcement statistics for the third period of 2023 (September - December) are attached to this memorandum as Appendix "A"; the highlights of these statistics are as follows:

- A total of 37 complaints were received between September 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, which is a decrease from the 69 complaints that were received for the third period of 2022.
- The most common complaints were related to excessive barking, unlawful parking, and unsightly properties (combined 45.9% of complaints).
- Of the 37 complaints, 27 (73.0%) were resolved through voluntary compliance or were already compliant upon investigation.
- The following enforcement measures were undertaken:
 - 8 warnings issued;
 - 2 Bylaw Notices issued; and
 - 1 vehicle towed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kurt Inglis
Planner

Appendix "A" - BYLAW COMPLAINT STATISTICS FOR THIRD PERIOD OF 2023 (SEPT-DEC)

BREAKDOWN OF COMPLAINTS		
Category	No. of Complaints	Percentage of Complaints
Dogs	11	29.7%
Parking	11	29.7%
Property	10	27.0%
Nuisance	3	8.1%
Public Spaces	1	2.7%
Zoning	1	2.7%
TOTAL	37	
Identified By	Bylaw Enforcement / Staff	Public
	16 (43.2%)	21 (56.8%)

DOG COMPLAINTS		
Type	No. of Complaints	Percentage of Dog Complaints
Excessive barking	7	63.6%
Dog at large	2	18.2%
Failure to remove feces	2	18.2%
TOTAL	11	
Complaints Per Jurisdiction	Enderby	Area 'F'
	6 (54.5%)	5 (45.5%)

PARKING/TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS		
Type	No. of Complaints	Percentage of Parking/Traffic Complaints
Unlawful parking	6	54.5%
Parked vehicle interfering with snow plowing operations	2	18.2%
Deposit material on boulevard	1	9.1%
Deposit material on roadway	1	9.1%
Vegetation overhanging on to sidewalk	1	9.1%
TOTAL	11	

PROPERTY COMPLAINTS		
Type	No. of Complaints	Percentage of Property Complaints
Unightly property	4	40%
Derelict vehicle	3	30%
Failure to remove animal attractant	3	30%
TOTAL	10	

NUISANCE COMPLAINTS		
Type	No. of Complaints	Percentage of Nuisance Complaints
Excessive noise	3	100.0%
TOTAL	3	

PUBLIC SPACES COMPLAINTS		
Type	No. of Complaints	Percentage of Public Spaces Complaints
Taking abode in a public space	1	100.0%
TOTAL	1	

ZONING COMPLAINTS		
Type	No. of Complaints	Percentage of Zoning Complaints
Unlawful use	1	100.0%
TOTAL	1	

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

MEMO

AGENDA

To: Tate Bengtson, CAO
From: Jennifer Bellamy, CFO
Date: January 29, 2024
Subject: Disclosure of Contracts - Council

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and files this memorandum.

BACKGROUND

Section 107 of the *Community Charter* requires that any contract entered into by the City, that would provide a member of Council with a direct or indirect financial interest, be reported at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

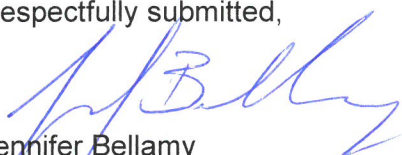
It is the responsibility of each elected official to inform the Corporate Officer of any contracts that must be reported. Section 107(3) of the *Community Charter* states that a person who does not report their contracts will be disqualified from holding office, unless the contravention was done inadvertently, or an error of judgement was made in good faith. Staff will prepare this disclosure report based on the information provided by the elected official; however, if there any contracts missing from this report that should be included, the elected official is to let the Corporate Officer know as soon as possible so this can be reported correctly.

During the said period, the City of Enderby entered into the following contracts:

October 01, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Council Member	Supplier	Amount
Councillor Baird	Baird Bros Ltd	\$ 32,551.49

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Bellamy
Chief Financial Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

AGENDA

MEMO

To: Tate Bengtson, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Kurt Inglis, Planner

Date: January 31, 2024

Subject: Community Resiliency Investment Program - 2024 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council directs Staff to submit an application under the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports stream of the Community Resiliency Investment Program in order to fund the following activities:

- 1) Adding FireSmart responsibilities to an existing Staff position;
- 2) Developing a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan;
- 3) Creating, coordinating and participating in a Community FireSmart and Resiliency Committee;
- 4) Undertaking FireSmart education activities and hosting FireSmart events; and
- 5) Attending the Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit.

AND THAT Council confirms its support for the proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management for the project.

BACKGROUND

The Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program was announced by the provincial government in 2018 and is intended to reduce the risk of wildfires and mitigate their impacts on BC communities. As of July 2023, CRI includes two streams:

- Stream 1: FireSmart Community Funding and Supports, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities.
- Stream 2: Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction, administered by the Ministry of Forests.

The FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program provides funding to First Nations and local governments in BC to increase community resiliency by undertaking community-based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire. As the City of Enderby has a high wildland urban interface risk classification, it is eligible to receive 100% of the costs of eligible activities to a maximum of \$200,000 per year (for up to two years).

Staff are proposing to submit an application under the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports stream of the Community Resiliency Investment Program in order to fund the following activities:

- 1) Adding FireSmart responsibilities to an existing Staff position;
- 2) Developing a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan;
- 3) Creating, coordinating and participating in a Community FireSmart and Resiliency Committee;
- 4) Undertaking FireSmart education activities and hosting FireSmart events; and
- 5) Attending the Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit.

It should be noted that items #1-3 above are required for the City to be eligible under the 'allocation-based' component of the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program in subsequent years, which has a much wider range of eligible activities, including:

- Emergency planning, including the purchase of structural protection equipment;
- FireSmart training and cross training;
- FireSmart projects for critical infrastructure, community assets, culturally significant sites and green spaces; and
- FireSmart activities for residential areas (home assessments, rebate programs, off-site vegetative debris disposal).

The City of Enderby's FireSmart program is in its infancy stages with a strong focus on education and awareness. It is anticipated that the proposed activities will help to bolster the City's FireSmart program and increase the community's resilience to the threat of wildfire.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kurt Inglis
Planner

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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January 18, 2024

AGENDA

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Re: CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PREVENT INVASIVE MUSSEL INTRODUCTION TO B.C.

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Ministers,

It has come to our attention that federal funding to support B.C.'s Invasive Mussel Defence Program may be reduced or cancelled this year, and further, that other funding partners are citing a lack of federal leadership as justification to cancel or reduce their funding. This is just as the threat of invasive mussels has dramatically increased, with a confirmed infestation in the transboundary Columbia Basin. In addition to the actions we called for in [our letter](#), dated Oct. 18, 2023 and which included a temporary moratorium on boats coming into B.C., we are calling for immediate, long-term federal funding assistance for the Province of B.C. to support invasive zebra and quagga mussels prevention efforts. The Government of Canada should provide funds to at least match provincial government efforts across the West, or plan for significant higher management costs in the near future.

In September, Idaho announced that quagga mussels had been found in the state's Snake River, a tributary of the Columbia River, less than a day's drive to the border of B.C. and Alberta. Idaho's pre-planned rapid response was to spread more than 116,000 litres of toxic copper chelate into Snake River, killing almost

seven tonnes of fish, and poisoning a 26 km stretch of the river. Wholesale killing of fish, invertebrates, amphibians, and plants in the river was considered better than letting these mussels take hold. We won't know until this coming spring if the treatment has worked. Also in September, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) declared zebra mussels were discovered in New Brunswick. And then in November, Parks Canada declared zebra mussels had spread another 100km west to Clear Lake in Manitoba's Riding Mountain National Park.

DFO has a mandate to sustainably manage fisheries, work with Indigenous communities to enable their continued prosperity from fish, ensure aquatic ecosystems are protected from negative impacts, and protect the environment when emergencies arise. If invasive mussels arrive in B.C., they will severely impact Pacific salmon by depleting the food web in their spawning and rearing habitats in the Fraser and Columbia River systems. First Nations in B.C. have spent decades restoring these systems and their salmon populations, and an infestation will undermine the recovery of these fisheries. Knock-on effects will be seen in marine environments, where reductions in Pacific salmon populations will reduce a key food source for Orcas and other marine species. Protecting B.C.'s freshwaters from invasive mussels is squarely within the mandate of DFO.

The Canada Border Services Agency also has a responsibility to enforce the prohibition against importation of invasive mussels under the federal Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations. While we applaud the work of border service officers to intercept infested watercraft at many land crossings, CBSA is not fulfilling its responsibility for enforcement. Instead, it relies on provincial inspectors to follow up and decontaminate high-risk watercraft once they are identified.

The new Canada Water Agency has a mandate to improve freshwater management in Canada by providing leadership, effective federal collaboration, and improved coordination and collaboration with provinces, territories, and Indigenous Peoples to proactively address national and regional transboundary freshwater challenges and opportunities. Invasive mussels represent one of the biggest national and regional transboundary threats, yet none of the [\\$750 million](#) allocated to the Canada Water Agency addresses this threat. The Great Lakes region alone will receive more than \$420 million in funding over 10 years to deal with issues such as algae blooms which have been exacerbated by invasive mussels. It would take only \$4 million/year allocated to B.C. invasive mussel inspections to protect the Canadian Columbia Basin, the Fraser Basin, Peace Region, and other major western river systems. The Province of B.C. already allocates over \$1 million/year to this program, but without federal and other partner funding, these efforts will likely fail.


In addition to the threat to Pacific salmon, these mussels are known to stimulate toxic algae blooms, killing migratory birds and contaminating drinking water. They hurt local economies, requiring ongoing maintenance to remove them from in-water infrastructure such as bridges and docks, as well as water systems used to deliver water for agriculture, domestic, industrial, and commercial use. And of course, they degrade the quality of the shoreline environment for human enjoyment.

We view it as unacceptable and unjustifiable, given all the resources and responsibilities of the federal government and your departments, that no federal funding has been allocated to protect freshwater ecosystems from the extreme threat of invasive mussels in Western Canada. Protecting the west from these

mussels is of national importance, and it will take federal leadership to meet this inter-provincial and transboundary threat.

Understanding that protection of freshwater ecosystems and prevention of invasive species falls within federal mandates, regulations, and laws, we hope your departments will work together to find the resources to properly support western provinces in this important work. This is truly a case where a small investment now will prevent massive costs for years to come.

Yours truly,



Sue McKortoff, Chair
Okanagan Basin Water Board

CC:

- British Columbia MPs
- British Columbia MLAs
- British Columbia Assembly of First Nations
- Okanagan Nation Alliance, Chiefs Executive Council
- Okanagan First Nations Chiefs and Councils
- B.C. Local Government Chairs and Mayors
- Pacific NorthWest Economic Region: Matt Morrison, Chief Executive Officer
- Invasive Species Council of B.C.: Gail Wallin, Executive Director
- B.C. Chambers of Commerce
- Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association
- Union of BC Municipalities
- Shuswap Watershed Council
- Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society

January 19, 2024

Re: Legislative Reform Initiative Update

Dear Local Government Colleagues:

On September 21, 2023, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN), Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, Fraser Valley Regional District (City of Chilliwack), and Don Lidstone, K.C., hosted an interactive, discussion-based panel session (Legislative Reform Initiative) focused on reform of the *Local Government Act (LGA)* at the UBCM Annual Convention in Vancouver. While the lack of powers for regional districts in the *Act* was a major spark for this initiative, the session was intended for both municipal and regional district officials because many aspects of municipal operations are contained in the *LGA* and municipal issues with the *Act* have been the subject of numerous UBCM resolutions over the years. Similar workshops have been held previously at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' Annual Conventions in 2022 and 2023. Approximately 80-85 people attended the September 2023 UBCM session, indicating a broad interest in this evolving topic.

Concerns about the dated *Local Government Act* have been widespread for some time among local governments. Although the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has made significant incremental changes in the legislation over time, without a comprehensive modernization of the *LGA* regional districts are left without sufficient tools or authority to meet expanding responsibilities or to legislate in key areas in comparison with municipalities. Moreover, the evolving social, political, and economic environments that both municipalities and regional districts operate within, such as climate change, environmental stewardship, and a recognition of the importance of First Nations' participation in regional governance, should be reflected in updated and modernized legislation. A key component of our discussions is that any additional powers or tools granted to local government are opt-in so that local governments can choose to implement tools based on what is best for their area.

The goals of the September 2023 UBCM interactive panel session were:

- to provide context and background about the Legislative Reform Initiative
- to discuss whether to proceed with the Legislative Reform Initiative
- to discuss options for the best path forward to steer the process

Prior to the session, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs provided some background information and several questions to consider during the group's discussion. This material was useful and very much appreciated.

The RDN committed to sending UBCM members a "What We Heard" document summarizing discussion at the session and next steps. We are attaching that document to this letter for your information, as well as the material provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that was considered as part of the September 2023 panel discussion at UBCM. In addition, we are attaching the slide deck presented at the UBCM session.

We encourage other local governments to participate in this important initiative. As indicated in the "What We Heard" document, the RDN is currently following up with UBCM on the possibility of requesting that the UBCM Executive form a working group on this topic. Having letters of support from local governments across the province would be helpful in demonstrating interest. Should you wish to send a letter of support, have any questions, or wish to share examples of legislative challenges stemming from the *Local Government Act*, please contact RDN Chief Administrative Officer Douglas Holmes at dholmes@rdn.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa Craig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vanessa" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Craig".

Vanessa Craig
Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo

Encl.

Background and Discussion Questions

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MUNI) is committed to listening to local governments about their evolving needs and how the existing legislated framework accommodates new responsibilities and challenges. Much of the legislative agenda sponsored by MUNI in recent years has responded to critical local government needs uncovered as a result of the pandemic and in response to UBCM resolutions. The development of legislative change is a lengthy, complex, and resource intensive process. Therefore, it must be rooted in and supported by a clear gap in existing tools and authorities to fix an identified problem that the current legislation or other tools don't resolve. The mere desire for regional district (RD) legislation alone needs to be tested against a real need, with a clear path on policy development for the province to consider.

Government Priorities

The province has been clear in its priorities and focus on pressing issues of affordability and housing supply – allocating significant resources from both the Ministry of Housing and MUNI to initiatives in this space. That scarce allocation is determined by elected decision makers. The priority on affordability and housing supply also presents an opportunity and recognizes that issues of housing availability and affordability are not just urban issues – and that there is a role for regional approaches to support this work that may require new thinking of how RDs are better able to participate in solutions that will have direct implications for RD regulatory authorities.

In addition, MUNI along with other agencies and ministries, are working on other initiatives that have a direct impact on RD authorities, these include:

- The local government financial review working group, made up of staff from the province and UBCM, where work has been underway to review the local government finance system in B.C., analyzing the recommendations in the 2021 UBCM report, and discussing matters of mutual interest;
- Inclusive regional governance to explore First Nations' interests on RD boards (explore issues such as geographic implications/boundaries of the current RD system and alignment with First Nation territories, election mechanics, and service provision);
- Consideration of business licensing and enforcement authorities for RDs, as previously requested by RDs.

Discussion questions – Are there specific RD challenges and legislative concerns that align with the current provincial priorities? What are the clearly defined problem statements/lack of authority for RDs not already accommodated for?

Other Approaches and Tools

In the past, RD officials have expressed a range of concerns such as lack of regulatory authority – in some cases the authorities in question may exist or it may be facilitated through regulation (recent examples include fireworks and source separation regulations). Other identified concerns relate to some of the fundamental foundations of RD structures and principles – such as the principle that cost-recovery for services being matched with the beneficiaries of the service, or the unique ability of RDs to balance rural and urban interests. Any changes contemplated need to be evidence-based and targeted

and not be change for “a nice to have” versus a particular business or governance need for which a policy rationale exists and no other tools exist.

Discussion questions – given the inherent flexibility in the RD system, are there other tools or approaches that may address challenges that could support RDs in the absence of legislative changes?

Process for further engagement

Given the key and pressing priorities that the province is currently engaged on (e.g., housing and homelessness, climate change and emergency planning, health, and the opioid crisis) there are practical considerations about how the local government system (including municipalities and RDs) will partner and collaborate with the province to address these issues. MUNI remains committed to understanding the broad views and perspectives of local government officials (both regional and municipal) across BC on the issues facing their regions and communities including the need for legislative change. We will take under consideration the results of this session.

Discussion questions – Have inclusive, broad meaningful conversations about RD outcomes and authorities occurred across all RDs? And have those been shared with MUNI? How will RDs organize themselves to ensure that all voices will be heard?

LEGISLATIVE REFORM INITIATIVE: NEXT STEPS
UBCM ANNUAL CONVENTION, September 21, 2023
Summary of Session and What We Heard

SUMMARY OF SESSION

On September 21, 2023, the Regional District of Nanaimo, Fraser Valley Regional District (City of Chilliwack), Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, and Don Lidstone, K.C., hosted an interactive, discussion-based session on legislative reform. The session was intended for both municipal officials as well as regional district officials because many aspects of municipal operations are contained in the *Local Government Act*.

The goals of the session were:

- to provide context and background about the Legislative Reform Initiative
- to discuss whether to proceed with the Legislative Reform Initiative
- to discuss options for the best path forward to steer the process

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs provided background and several questions to consider during the group's discussion (Attachment 1).

Approximately 80-85 people attended the session, indicating a broad interest in this evolving topic.

Concerns with the dated *Local Government Act* include restrictions on taxation and revenue sources, complexities in establishing services, and the lack of provisions in comparison with Section 8 of the *Community Charter* which gives municipalities powers to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements by bylaw without provincial approval or establishing bylaws. Regional districts are limited in their legislative authority in comparison with municipalities in several key areas such as business licensing authority (which the province is now addressing as part of its efforts around short-term rental housing), subdivision approval, regulation of fireworks discharge, parking enforcement, tree management, and taxation and funding models. Further, social, political, and economic environments that local governments operate within continue to evolve in areas such as climate change, environmental stewardship, and a recognition of the importance of First Nations' participation in regional governance. These realities should be reflected in a modernized legislative framework.

During the session, Slido polls were used to conduct two "straw polls" of the participants, on these questions: 1) whether or not to proceed with the Legislative Reform Initiative, and 2) whether a UBCM working group or a joint local government project is the best path forward to steer the process.

The majority of participants indicated support for the Legislative Reform Initiative, and indicated their preference would be for a UBCM working group to steer the initiative. These polls were conducted to gain a sense of the sentiments of the session participants only, and are not assumed to represent the views of the UBCM membership as a whole.

WHAT WE HEARD

WHY A COMPREHENSIVE MODERNIZATION EFFORT IS NEEDED

- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has made important incremental changes in the legislation over time, but a more comprehensive modernization project is needed.
- Extensive downloading of responsibilities from the Province to local governments has exacerbated the problems local governments face; outdated legislation prevents local governments from addressing these issues effectively.
- Over 90% of the province is rural and is not under the *Community Charter*; these areas should not be governed by legislation that was drafted in 1966.
- Regional districts and municipalities have restricted powers where they have delegated authority only, are not constitutionally protected, and have few tools or resources to address local problems.
- Particular challenges with the *Local Government Act* (LGA) raised by participants at this session:
 - responding effectively to emergencies and natural disasters
 - taking measures to mitigate the effects of climate change
 - dealing with old infrastructure and the ability to fund these projects solely through property taxes
 - population growth and migration from cities during the pandemic is rapidly changing the character of rural areas; incoming residents have higher expectations for services
 - incorporation should not be the only other governance option for rural areas; there should be an intermediate step available
 - Electoral Areas lack power and resources
 - business licensing authority¹ and subdivision approval are difficult for regional districts
 - small municipalities and regional districts are unable to fund necessary projects costing millions, such as recycling, dikes, etc., to continue to provide the quality of life that residents cherish in these communities.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PURSUING LEGISLATIVE REFORM RAISED AT THIS SESSION

- The background and questions provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs were very helpful in this discussion.
- Need to identify and list specific, concrete, local community issues and distill them from a 10,000-foot level to provide the Ministry of Municipal Affairs with evidence for the need to modernize the *Local Government Act*.
- Legislative reform should be viewed as supporting the Province, not in conflict with the Province.
- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs should be involved from day one.
- The Ministry should provide funding for this initiative's research and policy work, as they have done for the Northwest Benefits Alliance.

¹ The Province is addressing this as part of its efforts around short term rental housing. Amendments to the *Local Government Act* allow Regional Districts to regulate and licence short-term rentals and other businesses in similar ways to municipalities [see link](#)

- What is working well in the legislation should be left as is.
- If legislative reform is successful in providing new powers and tools for local governments, that does not mean all local governments must use them.
- Islands Trust has an even smaller toolbox than municipalities and regional districts.
- Metro Vancouver has excellent models and best practices, especially in the area of climate change; we can borrow good ideas.
- Local governments need a legislative framework that recognizes the importance of, and facilitates working together with, First Nations in a respectful, effective, and inclusive manner.
- When First Nations participate at the Board level, it changes the conversation and the votes. Local governments often are not well informed regarding Indigenous rights and title.
- The inclusive governance goals in UNDRIP legislation and provincial action plans can be reinforced and worked on concurrently with the Legislative Reform Initiative.
- Need to consider 7 generations into future when modernizing the LGA.
- Planning and land use issues should not be included in this initiative.
- Several participants stressed the need to draft a new charter rather than revise portions of the LGA in a continuation of the “band aid” approach.
- Area associations of UBCM should be included in the conversation.
- A retired CAO or Chair could be a primary resource person for this project, conducting research and policy work and keeping the project on track.

DECIDING WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE REFORM INITIATIVE

- **Slido poll #1:** Is there an interest in proceeding with the Legislative Reform Initiative? (96% yes, 4% no)

OPTIONS FOR STEERING AND MANAGING THE LEGISLATIVE REFORM INITIATIVE

Option 1: UBCM Executive could form a working group on legislative reform, comprised of representatives from municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, UBCM, and ministerial staff

Option 2: This could be structured as a joint local government project, with local governments contributing funding to form a working group on legislative reform, comprised of representatives from municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, UBCM, and ministerial staff

Considerations for Option 1:

Pros:

- UBCM has an efficient network, broad reach, consistency, research capacity, and impact with the province.
- UBCM can be representative.
- UBCM has already been doing some work on legislative reform, and has experience.
- UBCM can allocate resources if legislative reform is identified as a priority.
- Reporting back will happen at UBCM.

Cons:

- Last UBCM working group report in 2010 did not meet expectations.
- Some uncertainty on the part of some participants as to how a UBCM working group functions.
- A UBCM working group may be more distant from local governments than is ideal.

Considerations for Option 2:

Pros:

- May insulate the project from getting sidetracked, if the Province does not assist with resources for UBCM.
- With a group of passionate people committed to working together on the project, the Legislative Reform Initiative may not need UBCM.

Cons:

- Challenges with resources and capacity: initiative will require significant buy-in and continued long-term commitment from local governments in terms of funding and staff time.
- Difficult to achieve forward momentum “off the side of the desk”.
- The complex coordination required for the project will be a challenge.

➤ Slido poll #2:

- **Option 1:** UBCM Executive forming a working group (85% in favour)
- **Option 2:** Joint local government project (15% in favour)

NEXT STEPS

- A “What We Heard” document summarizing the session will be distributed to UBCM members.
- It is noted that although there was significant enthusiasm for the initiative, including from areas outside the AVICC region, some representatives indicated they would like additional information on the initiative.

UPDATE: December 2023

Following the UBCM Annual Convention, Douglas Holmes, CAO of the Regional District of Nanaimo had the opportunity to discuss the Legislative Reform Initiative and the September 21, 2023, interactive panel session with Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM. Mr. MacIsaac is in the process of seeking direction on this matter from the President’s Committee.

Attachment 1: Ministry of Municipal Affairs background and discussion questions

Legislative Reform Initiative: Context and Background

- Community Charter replaced Municipal Act 2003
 - Excellent piece of municipal legislation in Canada
- Local Government Act (LGA) created in 1966
 - Not overhauled in early 2000s as planned
- Comprehensive modernization of LGA has not been done
 - Accountabilities of RDs continuing to increase
 - RDs lack tools and authority to meet expanded responsibilities
 - Many aspects of municipal operations that need updating are in the LGA (planning)

Challenges with the Local Government Act

- Limits on legislative authority no longer supported by policy rationales
- Demographics/population growth/increased development/sparsely populated areas
- Business licensing, subdivisions, fireworks, parking, tree management
- Is such a distinction between authority of regional districts and municipalities still supportable?
- Revenue generation, models of taxation, funding for services – lack of flexibility in current paradigm

Challenges with the LGA (continued)

- Establishing services to optimize scale, cost distribution, fair participation
- Urban/rural friction
- Social, political, economic values have shifted significantly since legislation was drafted
- *The Province has implemented incremental legislative change over time - which is welcome and beneficial - but it is time for a comprehensive review and update.

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AGENDA

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Re: Support for Bill-34

Dear Premier,

District of Sicamous council would like to express its support for Bill 34 and the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act*.

We are disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision to grant a temporary injunction against Bill-34, which would protect children and youth from being exposed to illicit drug use and impose fines on those who choose to use drugs openly in public parks, sports fields and beaches.

Council urges the Province to appeal the Supreme Court decision.

When decriminalization came into force, council saw that the pilot program lacked guardrails and undermined provincial legislation regulating the possession and consumption of alcohol, tobacco and cannabis in public spaces.

For Sicamous, it was important to ban drug use in our parks, aligning with existing prohibitions for smoking, alcohol and cannabis. We knew we had to keep parks safe and welcoming for families. Amending our parks regulation bylaw allowed the District to implement its own guardrails and we were pleased to see the Province taking a similar approach.

Public spaces should continue to be enjoyed and used for their intended purpose.

Decriminalization aims to reduce the stigma that prevents illicit drug users from accessing lifesaving supports and services. We fear decriminalization will not solve the toxic drug crisis. Many of us have either lost a friend or loved one from toxic drugs or know someone who has lost a friend or family member. The number of overdoses, the lives lost, in our Province is devastating.

Increased funding and immediate access to addiction supports and treatment beds are

needed to help individuals and families suffering from addiction.

When help is sought, and a glimmer of hope exists, it must be available at that moment for there to be healing and change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen Anderson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Colleen Anderson, Mayor
DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

cc. Mel Arnold, MP North-Okanagan Shuswap
Greg Kylo, MLA Shuswap
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