

Mayor's Task Force on Crime Reduction *Recommendations*

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Objective

- ▶ To provide Council an overview of recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on Crime Reduction

Background

▶ Task Force Purpose

- ▶ Established in 2023 to align with Council's priority of Crime & Safety
- ▶ To review relevant, existing programs and services locally and in other relevant jurisdictions
- ▶ To listen to the community and identify positive actions underway, gaps, challenges and issues
- ▶ To develop actionable recommendations on community-driven initiatives to reduce crime

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Methodology

1. Orientation, and brainstorming exercise

2. Six priorities identified:

- Additional Housing Resources
- Complete Care Housing
- Neighbourhood Safety Initiatives
- Prolific Offending
- Community Training
- Policing Presence

3. Specific projects and strategies

4. Alignment with existing programs

5. Prioritization

Recommendations

1. Enhance Business Improvement Area (BIA) community safety programs
2. Increase resident engagement and education in crime prevention/reduction
3. Increase support for treatment and recovery
4. Establishment of Sobering & Assessment Centres
5. Multi-Care site creation
6. Tiered Response Advocacy
7. Repeat Offenders Provincial Advocacy

1. Enhance Business Improvement Area (BIA) community safety programs

- ▶ Support and enable BIA Ambassador/On Call Programs
- ▶ Expand the KGM Business Coaching Workshop
- ▶ Increase the use of CPTED through BIA Ambassadors
- ▶ Renew and expand the Business CCTV Registry Program
- ▶ Increase RCMP visibility in business districts
 - ▶ Especially foot patrol during peak periods
- ▶ Enhance support for Restorative Justice programs

2. Increase resident engagement and education in crime prevention/reduction

▶ Expand community programs

- ▶ Block Connector Program
- ▶ Neighbourhood Association focus on community safety
- ▶ Explore residential CCTV Registry Program
- ▶ Auxiliary Police & Speed Watch Programs

▶ Promote CPTED principles

- ▶ Increase accessibility for Neighbourhood Associations, Block Connectors & Building Stratas





3. Increase support for treatment and recovery

- ▶ Expand City social development grant programs to support existing recovery programs
- ▶ Establish an incentive program to encourage and enable the development of treatment and recovery facilities



4. Establishment of Sobering & Assessment Centres

- ← Establish through partnerships with regional & provincial governments and NGO's

5. Multi-care Site

- ← Explore the creation of a full continuum site with supports to transition from streets to self-sustainability



6. Tiered Response Advocacy

- ▶ Advocate for continued follow through on the 2022 Provincial Government Report *“Transforming Policing and Community Safety in BC”*
 - ▶ Enabling responses to community concerns by different categories of police and public safety professionals



▶ 7. Repeat Offenders Provincial Advocacy

- ▶ Advocate for measures that address repeat (property) offending
- ▶ Need to increase public confidence in the justice system
- ▶ Advocate for an interior region site like the Redfish Healing Centre
- ▶ Need for significantly more BC Prosecution Service Crown Counsel in the Kelowna office
- ▶ More effective bail outcomes

Recommendations

- ▶ Receive the report for information
- ▶ Accept the recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on Crime Reduction
- ▶ Direct staff to report back on the costs and implications of implementing the recommendations, as appropriate



Questions?

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