

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee - Priorities



Executive Summary

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee was established with a goal to take a proactive approach to community safety and crime prevention in the local and surrounding rural area. The emphasis of a proactive strategy is to implement an approach driven by intervention as opposed to reaction. Improved safety is a key deliverable and committee initiatives will serve to compliment and enhance the effectiveness of municipal and provincial services.

Committee Members:

Martin Johansen, Oliver Mayor
 Aimee Grice, Oliver Councillor
 Sue Mckortoff, Osoyoos Mayor
 Jim King, Osoyoos Councillor
 Rick Knodel, Area C Director
 Mark Pendergraft, Area A Director
 Veronica McGinnis, Osoyoos Indian Band

Jill Pascoe, Interior Health Authority
 Debby Rempel, Okanagan Correctional Centre
 Beverly Young, School District #53
 Brian Evans, Oliver RCMP
 Jason Bayda, Osoyoos RCMP
 Bob Graham, Oliver Fire Chief
 Bill Morrison, Oliver Crime Watch

Christine Dolbec, Oliver Bylaw Enforcement
 Brendan Gojevic, Osoyoos Bylaw Enforcement
 Robert Halishoff, Oliver Resident
 Vacant, Oliver Resident
 Michael Guthrie, Oliver Resident

Through a facilitated workshop, the Committee identified **4 key priorities** with **recommended actions**:

Facilitator (Jason Johnson)

1
Support Services

2
**Coordination
 between Agencies**

3
RCMP

4
Property Crime

Next Steps:

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee will work to implement the actions identified in this Priorities Document. The priorities cannot be turned into a reality without the support of Oliver and Osoyoos residents. The Committee will rely on engagement with the community to move forward.

Review:

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee will review the Priority Document semi-annually.

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Priority 1 – Support Services

Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
Victim Services				
Provide additional support to Victim Services (i.e., full time positions for Towns of Oliver and Osoyoos)				
	Meet jointly with Ministers at UBCM (all local government partners (Oliver, Osoyoos, RDOS Area A & C)	✓	September 2019	MC/CAO
		Fall meeting scheduled at UBCM with Minister		
	Recommend to Oliver Council to allocate funding in 2020 to support Victim Services	✓	January 2020	CSCP
	Advocate for Victim Services funding from RDOS Area A & C	✓ Request ongoing funding for 2021	Summer 2019 Ongoing	CO/CFO
		Correspond with RDOS to request ongoing funding for 2021 budgeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area C - increased funding through bylaw from \$5,000 to \$8,000 • Area A – Osoyoos in discussion with RDOS/OIB • OIB – waiting on communication to Chief and Council 		

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Priority 1 – Support Services, continued

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Addiction Services				
Advocate for additional support services for those dealing with mental health and addiction issues				
	Lobby the Provincial Government and IHA for support services	✓	Spring 2020	MC/CAO
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports established for the vulnerable population due to COVID-19 		
	Encourage local agencies and residents to lobby for additional support services	☺	Spring 2020	CSCP/Staff
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For discussion with South Okanagan Situation Table Agencies 		
Okanagan Correctional Centre – Inmate Release Support				
Advocate for a change to existing practices in the release of inmates into the community and the need for additional support services				
	Meet jointly with Ministers at UBCM to incorporate a more holistic approach with coordinated services	✓	September 2019	MC/CAO
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCC has developed an internal program and services respecting release of inmates 		
	Advocate for enhanced addiction support services for inmates on release	✓	Ongoing	CSCP OCC Community Advisory Committee
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCC Warden advises that a comprehensive program is in place for inmates on release 		

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Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
Bed Services in Town				
Identify churches and organizations that may provide bed services (i.e., "in" from the cold)				
	Identify churches and organizations and coordinate a brainstorming meeting	☺	Ongoing	CSCP/CAO
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cold Weather Committee established to determine potential locations for a cold weather shelter, develop terms of reference 		
	Advocate for RDOS Area A and C as joint partners for support services	☺	Ongoing	CSCP

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Priority 2 – Coordination between Agencies

Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
Nuisance Properties				
Manage nuisance properties with a coordinated approach between all agencies				
	Develop comprehensive, and cross-jurisdictional, municipal and regional district bylaws to address nuisance properties	☺	Spring 2021	CAO/DDS/CO
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town will share Safe Premises Bylaw with RDOS/Town of Osoyoos 		
	Review bylaws for response on either a reactive or proactive service	☺	Ongoing	DDS
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bylaw Enforcement Officer to review bylaw enforcement bylaws and policies 		
	Ensure that local governments have the authority to enter properties	✓	Spring 2020	DSS/CO
		Safe Premises Bylaw 1388		
	Enhance nuisance bylaws and educate the public on the implications of not meeting standards for inspection and safety	✓ ☺	Fall 2020	DSS
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education component to be further developed with Bylaw Enforcement Officer 		

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Nuisance Properties				
	Develop multi-agency response to issues with coordinated and enhanced coordination nuisance bylaws	☺	Spring 2020	DSS
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a process now that Bylaw Enforcement Officer in place (RCMP, Fire Department) 		

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Priority 3 – RCMP

Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
Officer Staffing Levels				
Advocate with the Provincial Government to increase RCMP staffing levels in Towns of Oliver and Osoyoos				
	Meet jointly with Ministers at UBCM (all local government partners (Oliver, Osoyoos, RDOS Area A & C)	✓	September 2019	MC/CAO
Investigate the cost to fund a full-time officer (potential placement in the Drug Enforcement Unit in the Penticton Detachment)				
	Coordinate a meeting with Superintendent Ted DeJager	✓	Summer 2019	Mayor
Integrated Funding Formula – local access to Drug Enforcement Unit Team to run proactive undercover projects				
	Meet with Ministers at UBCM requesting the Provincial Government to work with south Okanagan municipalities and stakeholders on an applicable funding formula	✓ ☺	September 2019	MC/CAO
		• Waiting for response by Province of BC		

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Priority 4 – Property Crime

Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
CCTV Cameras				
	Capital Rebate Program (similar to Town of Parksville)	✓	Summer 2020	CSCP/MC
		Oliver Council chose not to support CCTV Camera Rebate Program in 2020 Video Surveillance Camera Policy adopted by Council June 2020		
	Young Anderson to present to CSCP Committee	✓	September 11, 2019	CAO/CSCP
See Something – Say Something				
	Develop social media campaign to heighten awareness and reporting of unwanted activities in the community and rural areas	☺	Spring 2021	DDS/CO
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a process now that Bylaw Enforcement Officer in place Coordinate with RCMP 		
Speed Enforcement Camera Request				
	Request camera for Highway 97 and Fairview Road Intersection	✓	Fall 2019	MC
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure do not support speed enforcement camera 		

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Priority 4 – Property Crime, continued

Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
CAST Initiative Program (Community Active Support Table)				
	Extend from Penticton to include Oliver/Osoyoos/RDOS Areas A and C	✓	Summer 2020	MC/CAO
	Application for Grant Funding	✓	Fall 2020	CO
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant approved by Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General Waiting for grant agreement letter from Province 		
	Virtual Training	☺	Winter/Spring 2021	CO
Crime Statistics and Crime Reporting				
	RCMP to develop a Town/Rural “heat” map showing hot spots for property crime, bicycle theft, vehicle break-in/theft, and theft over \$5,000	☺	Spring 2020	CSCP
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest expressed by Oliver RCMP 		
Graffiti and Property Maintenance				
	Review bylaws regarding graffiti and property maintenance	☺	Spring 2021	DDS/CO
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bylaw Enforcement Officer to review bylaw enforcement bylaws and policies 		

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Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
Public Education to Lock Doors and Secure Property Valuables				
	Social media campaign and Oliver News (utility billing inserts)	☺	Ongoing	DDS/CO
		To develop in consultation with Bylaw Enforcement Officer, RCMP and Crime Watch		
Educate landlords on their responsibility to maintain properties				
	Develop fact sheets/brochures to provide information to landlords. Utilize “Oliver News”, social media, and utility bills to distribute information	☺	Ongoing	CO
		April 2019 – Oliver News “Boulevards & Laneways” October 2019 - Oliver News “Puncturevine” January 2020 - Oliver News Are You a Landlord - “Good Neighbor Bylaw” Spring 2020 - Correspondence distributed to all vacant land owners regarding property maintenance and puncturevine control.		
Proactive Bylaw Enforcement				
	Review financial costs to introduce proactive bylaw enforcement (vandalism)	✓	Spring 2020	MC
		In house bylaw enforcement established effective June 2020 One full-time and one full-time (summer) bylaw enforcement officers hired		

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Increase bylaw notice and MTI fines				
	Review bylaw notice and MTI bylaws	☺	Ongoing	DDS
		Bylaw Enforcement Officer to review bylaw enforcement bylaws and policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented submitting tickets to Provincial Court system for collection 		

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Transient Works in Public Parks				
Traffic Issues				
Housing Affordability and Minimum Standards for Living Accommodations				

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