

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE



- (1) **CALL TO ORDER**
We are privileged to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Quatsino First Nations.
- (2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for February 12, 2025, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.
- (3) **DELEGATIONS:**
a.) Island Health
Delegation with Lesly Duchar
- Pg 3-4
(4) **MINUTES:**
a.) *THAT the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2025, be approved.*
- Pg 5-12
(5) **COMMUNICATIONS:**
a.) Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post
January 16, 2025, Letter from Jan Simpson, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- Pg 13
(6) **REPORTS:**
a.) Fire Chief's Report for January 2025
February 4, 2025, Report from Jerry Rose, Fire Chief
- (7) **BYLAWS:**
- (8) **QUESTION PERIOD:**
- (10) **ADJOURNMENT:**
THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held February 12, 2025, be adjourned

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a.) January 23, 2025, Invitation from Chris Alemany to join SocialBC.ca – A BC alternative to Twitter/Facebook wants to help your community connect
- b.) January 30, 2025, Letter from Philip Perras, re Unified Municipal Action Needed – Reform Emergency Dispatch & Policing in BC

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE



Present
Mayor Kevin Cameron
Councillor Russell Murray
Councillor Sean Watson – arrived late
Councillor Holly Aldis

Absent
Councillor David Stewart

Staff
Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO
Tanya Spafford, Admin Assistant

Call to order 6:00pm

05/25
Adoption of
Agenda

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for January 22, 2025, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.

DELEGATION:

MINUTES:

06/25
Minutes of
January 8,
2025

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes from the Council Meeting of January 08, 2025, be approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

Economic Development Update
January 15, 2025, Report from Ryan Nicholson, Ec Dev Officer

Fire Chief's Report for December 2024
January 8, 2025, Report from Jerry Rose, Fire Chief

CEPF Emergency Support Services Grant
January 17, 2025, Report from Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO

07/25 CEPF-
ESS Stream
funding

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Village of Port Alice apply to the CEPF-ESS Stream for \$40,000 to purchase and install a propane generator for the Community Centre and FURTHER THAT grant management and any overages be provided by the Village of Port Alice.

BYLAWS:

QUESTION PERIOD:

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING

08/25
Resolution to
go to Closed
meeting

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to the following sections of the Community Charter:

Section 90 1 (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

RECONVENE:

ADJOURNMENT: 6:31pm

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

09/25
Adjournment

THAT the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held January 22, 2025, be adjourned at 6:32pm.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held January 22, 2025.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

BY EMAIL AND MAIL

January 16, 2025

Kevin Cameron, Mayor
Village of Port Alice
Box 130 1061 Marine Dr
Port Alice, BC V0N 2N0

Dear Kevin Cameron:

RE: Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post

As you may know, the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*. What many do not know is that under Section 108, he also created an Industrial Inquiry Commission led by William Kaplan that will work with CUPW and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office with a very broad scope.

The Commission has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements, as well as making recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post. The Commission has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government.

While time is extremely short, the good news is that there is an opportunity for you to make a submission as part of the Commission's public review. CUPW would like to ensure that the views of municipalities are considered. Therefore, if at all possible, we would like you to provide input to the Commission.

During the last public review on the mandate of Canada Post in 2016, the active engagement of municipalities was critical in the decision to maintain door-to-door delivery and immediately stop the further rollout of community mailboxes. However, there is nothing to stop the Commission from making recommendations to bring that back or to suggest other cutbacks.

We have enclosed a sample resolution that your municipality can adopt about making a submission to the Commission, expanding services at the public post office, and the need for more robust public stakeholder consultation. We have also included a document with some suggested themes to consider for your written submission. If you can, please let us know if you plan to participate, pass a resolution, and can send us copies of the materials you submit.

Upcoming Federal Election

We also find ourselves in a period of federal political uncertainty, with the possibility of a federal election only months away. This will raise public discussion and debates on many issues affecting the public and all municipalities.

In all likelihood, it will be the next federal government that will determine what will be done with the Commission's report.

In the run-up to the federal election, we urge you to question the political parties on their intentions for Canada Post, and insist they make clear their public commitments regarding the following issues:

- Preserving our universal and public postal service;
- Maintaining the moratorium on post office closures;
- Maintaining door-to-door mail delivery; and,
- Establishing postal banking to offset the loss of financial services in many communities.

Thank you very much for considering our request. There's a lot at stake and we appreciate anything you can do to help. CUPW is confident that we can build on our past success and convince the Commission to recommend against service cuts, to maintain good jobs in our communities, expand services that generate additional revenues to keep Canada Post self-sustaining and allow us to build a universal, affordable and green public postal system for future generations.

For more information, please visit deliveringcommunitypower.ca or contact Brigitte Klassen at bklassen@cupw-sttp.org.

Sincerely,



Jan Simpson
National President

Encl.

c.c. National Executive Committee, Regional Executive Committees, Regional and National Union Representatives, CUPW Locals, Specialists





Canada Post is Under Review through Section 108 of the *Canada Labour Code*

As you may know, the Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the resumption of mail service at Canada Post just before the holiday break, ordering CUPW members to return to work under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*. What many do not know is that under Section 108, he also created an Industrial Inquiry Commission lead by William Kaplan that will work with CUPW and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office with a very broad scope.

It will review Canada Post's financial situation, the possible diversification or alteration of delivery models, Canada Post's viability as it is currently configured, as well as bargaining issues, including full-time employment, health and safety and job security and produce a report not later than May 15, 2025. Accordingly, Kaplan's "recommendations may include amendments to the collective agreement, and any other changes to be implemented, including the structures, rights and responsibilities of the parties in the collective bargaining process."

The Commission is Seeking Input

We have an incredibly short timeline to follow. Hearings will begin January 27 with statements from both CUPW and Canada Post. The good news is that there is an opportunity for third parties to send in a written submission to the Commission as part of its public review. CUPW and Canada Post must have their bilingual submissions in to the commission by end of day Monday, January 20. We do not have a date or mechanism yet for third-party submissions, but it could be very soon. CUPW would like to ensure that the views of community groups, municipalities, allied organizations and labour are also considered. Therefore, if at all possible, we would like you to provide input to the Commission.

Please let us know if you will be making a submission. Please contact Brigitte Klassen at bklassen@cupw-sttp.org, so we can provide you with more details on how to send it to the Commission as soon as we have more information.

As time is of the essence and to help get you started on your submission, here are some suggested themes to consider that are important supplements to CUPW's bargaining demands.

- Keep Canada Post a Public Service
- Maintain universal service at a uniform price
- Expanded services to diversify and generate new revenue streams, no service cuts
 - add financial services
 - maintain the moratorium on post office closures to enable community hubs (meeting spaces, sales of local crafts, community gardens, government services for all levels of government)
 - maintain door-to-door delivery and increase where financially viable
- Major changes to Canada Post should not be made without full public consultation conducted through a mandate review involving all stakeholders

Keep Canada Post a Public Service

The Commission will examine the financial situation at Canada Post. Currently, the Crown Corporation is required only to be self-sufficient. It is completely user-funded and does not rely on taxpayer dollars. Canada Post still tends to prioritize major, high-profit customers over the public and providing a public service. Canada Post must not lose sight of its public interest objectives.

Major changes to Canada Post and the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* should not be made without full public consultation and hearings conducted through a mandate review involving all stakeholders. There is simply not enough time to do this under the Labour Minister's *Canada Labour Code* Section 108 order.

Maintain universal service at a uniform price

There have also been calls in the media and by various think tanks to privatize or deregulate Canada Post with little regard for the impact on public service or working conditions. Though transaction mail has been in decline, there are still over 2 billion letters delivered every year to an increasing number of addresses. Canada Post has an exclusive privilege (a monopoly) to handle letters so that it is able to generate enough money to provide affordable postal service to everyone, no matter where they live, be it a large urban centre or a rural or isolated community. There is no comparison in the world of a deregulated or privatized post office that serves anything near Canada's vast size and geography.

It will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide universal postal service if the exclusive privilege is eroded or eliminated. The exclusive privilege funds its universality. If parts of the service are deregulated or privatized, competitors will leave it to Canada Post alone to provide increasingly expensive delivery service to rural and remote communities, while they compete in profitable urban areas.

Providing Canada Post with an exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters is a form of regulation. Reducing or eliminating this privilege is deregulation. We have this regulation for a reason.

Expanded services to diversify and generate new revenue streams, no service cuts

For years, CUPW has been advocating for new and expanded services to help diversify and create new revenue streams as a direct means to handling decline in letter volumes. Many of these services, such as postal banking, already exist in many other post offices around the world and they generate significant revenue. Around the world, more than 1.2 billion people hold postal bank accounts.

Providing new services through the existing corporate retail network ensures that good jobs remain for workers and their families in the communities in which they live.

Financial Services

Given Canada Post's vast retail network, postal banking would offer in-community service for those who are underbanked or who have had their financial institutions close and leave town. Today, there are many rural communities with post offices, but no banks or credit unions. Very few Indigenous communities are served by local bank branches. Hundreds of thousands of low-income Canadians don't have bank

accounts at all, and almost 2 million Canadians rely on predatory payday lenders for basic financial services.

Postal banking is relatively straightforward. Like commercial banks, post offices would provide everyday financial services like chequing and savings accounts, loans and insurance. Postal banking could also be used to deliver government loans, grants and subsidies to boost renewable energy projects and energy-saving retrofits.

In many countries, postal banking is also mandated to provide financial access for all citizens and to play a role in addressing social inequalities. Postal banking could provide reliable financial services that everyone needs at affordable rates.

Community Hubs and Moratorium on Post Office Closures

We have also advocated community hubs (provide government services for all levels of government, meeting space, sales of local crafts, community gardens) and EV charging stations.

One of Canada Post's demands during Negotiations was to have the *flexibility* to close more than 130 of the 493 corporate Retail Post Offices that are protected under the current CUPW-Canada Post Urban Postal Operations collective agreement. These are post offices that are run by Canada Post and are not franchises located inside another host business.

While about three-quarters of these are also covered by an additional 1994 moratorium on closures, for those that are not, they could end up being privatized or disappear altogether if we lose this contract language. Residents may then have to travel further for their postal needs. No franchise host business is going to give up retail space for community hubs, nor parking space for charging stations that generate revenue for Canada Post. Longstanding, good-paying, full-time jobs in our communities could be replaced with low-wage, part-time work.

You can find a list of the post offices under the moratorium and how they are protected here: <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/examendepostescanada-canadapostreview/rapport-report/bureaux-outlets-eng.html>

Senior Check-Ins

We have proposed creating a senior check-in service as well. Senior check-ins could bring peace of mind to loved ones and relatives who don't live nearby. Japan, France and Jersey in the British Isles currently offer effective and successful senior check-in services through their national postal services. Door-to-door postal workers are already watchful for signs that something isn't quite right. They could be allotted extra time on their routes to simply check in on seniors or people with mobility issues who sign up for the service to make sure everything is okay and deliver peace of mind.

Find out more about our service expansion proposals at <https://www.deliveringcommunitypower.ca>

Canada Post and the Industrial Inquiry Commission

Whereas the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*.

Whereas the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an *Industrial Inquiry Commission* under Section 108 of *Canada Labour Code*, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

Whereas Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service.

Whereas the *Commission* has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers.

Whereas the *Commission* only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post.

Whereas while there is room for written input, the *Commission* process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments.

Whereas it will be crucial for the *Commission* to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability.

Therefore, be it resolved that (name of municipality) provide input to the *Commission* in the form of a written submission.

Therefore, be it resolved that (name of municipality) will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post's mandate or the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

PLEASE SEE THE MAILING INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

MAILING INFORMATION

1) Please send your resolution to the Commission:

- We do not have a mailing address at this time. As we understand it, this is the email address that will collect the documents on behalf of the Commission:
edsc.cdi-iic.esdc@labour-travail.gc.ca

2) Please send your resolution to the Ministers responsible for Labour and Canada Post, and your Member of Parliament:

- Steven MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Labour, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Jean-Yves Duclos, Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Your Member of Parliament

Note: Mail may be sent postage-free to any member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by going to the Parliament of Canada website at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

3) Please send copies of your resolution to:

- Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3
- Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5P3

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VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief's Monthly Report For the month January 2025

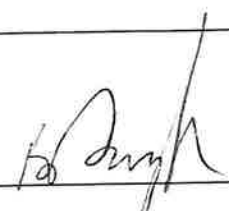
Active Members	14	Rescue Calls	0
On Leave	1	Fire Calls	1
New/Recruits **	1	Lift Assist Calls	0
Total	16	Ambulance Driver Assist Calls	0
Mutual Aid Calls	0	Public Relation Events	0
Number Of False Alarms	0	Training Events	0

Practices / Events:

Date	Attendance	Purpose
Jan 7		Practice: Review Telegraph Cove Fire
Jan 14		Practice: Lucas Practice & Hazmat
Jan 16		CO2 Alarm
Jan 21		Practice: Hazmat
Jan 28		Practice: Month End Checks
PAVFD Updates		
Jan 2025		Received a \$3000 donation from the PA Thrift Store – Used to purchase a New AED Machine

Fire Chief: _____

Administrator: _____





INFORMATION ITEMS

Tanya Spafford

From: SocialBC - SOSSBC <help@socialbc.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 9:53 AM
To: swinton@nelson.ca
Subject: *****SPAM***** SocialBC.ca - a BC alternative to Twitter/Facebook wants to help your community connect.

Dear Elected Chiefs, Mayors, Councillors, Directors, and Staff,

Good Morning,

My name is Chris Alemany. I am a former City Councillor at the City of Port Alberni (2014-2018). I respect that you are extremely busy. Please contact me if you have any questions at all.

I am here to introduce you to [SocialBC.ca](https://socialbc.ca), an alternative to the Twitter/X platform. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Open Social Servers of BC.

Many people, communities, and organizations are looking for other options to X, Meta/Facebook, and TikTok.

SocialBC (<https://socialbc.ca/about>) is a grassroots, non-profit, Society-run, Twitter/X alternative right here in British Columbia. We use the Mastodon network, accessing millions of people in BC, Canada, and around the world. While many people are jumping to Bluesky, we urge you to consider that Bluesky has the same fundamental financial and control structure that is now compromised by US and Chinese government restrictions in the traditional social media platforms. It is reminiscent of the Patriot Act after 9/11; local control of your message, and your data, is now critical and may become even more-so with the threatened trade war with the USA.

Our platform is public, it is free (though we do request donations/subscriptions), it is moderated, and it is controlled by regular people from around the province. We are not billionaires. We have no plans for world or even BC domination. We have created SocialBC.ca to make something more community-focused. There is no algorithm that we control. We just want people to have reliable access to information and interaction from and about their communities. Your "feeds" can also be embedded on your local webpages (a feature Twitter took away a few years ago) so that **anyone**, no matter if they have an account on socialbc or not, can see your information all the time as soon as you post it.

There are already some BC-related information sources using Mastodon generally, including publications like the [Tye](#) and community related news from [CivicInfoBC](#) but they are spread out. We're trying to create a space where everyone in BC can come together and get reliable, factual, information. Perhaps in time, organizations will create their own community spaces as well. We want to encourage that network.

We, like you, believe in the strength of building local communities and we hope that in this time of upheaval and change, you will consider using this platform for part of your communications with your residents and constituents. And by the way, we even created [an emoticon for every flag of every municipality, First Nation, and regional district in BC!](#) But you can only use them on SocialBC.ca! :)

Thank you very much for your time and commitment to serving your communities.

Cheers

Chris

Society of Open Social Servers of BC

socialbc.ca/@chris

txt/mobile: 250-731-7930

help@socialbc.org



socialbc.ca is one of the many independent Mastodon servers you can use to participate in the fediverse.

SOCIAL

This Mastodon instance is intended to serve citizens and residents of British Columbia, Canada. We respectfully occupy this virtual space within the traditional Territories of First Nations peoples.

Approved by: **WVRS STAFF**
 @wvrs-staff
 @wvrs-staff

astodon

Explore
 Live feeds

Mastodon is the best way to keep up with what's happening.

Follow anyone across the fediverse and see it all in chronological order. No algorithms, ads, or clickbait in sight.

Create account
 Login

Shane Ross (@ShaneR_Slave) 1d

B.C. paramedics issue 'public safety alert,' say ambulance staffing 'approaching critical levels'

Amber Caplan/cover for NBC5

"Our members are reporting dozens and dozens of ambulances across the province sitting empty when they show up to work, and it's not getting any better," said union president Jason Jackson in the alert.

Jackson placed the blame on an overtime ban implemented by BC Emergency Health Services and the Provincial Health Services Authority on Jan. 1.



7 replies

B.C. paramedics issue 'public safety alert,' say ambulance staffing 'approaching critical levels'

Reported by NBC 5 on Jan 1, 2023

Continued thread

Chris Anthony (@ChrisA) 1d

How is it good that has a whole bunch more fun hashtags to follow? Don't worry if you don't see any posts when you tap on the hashtag. They're all in your time!

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3854 6th Ave
 Port Alberni BC
 V9Y 4M2
 Canada

Cc:
Subject:

Urgent: Unified Municipal Action Needed – Reform Emergency Dispatch & Policing in BC

Dear Union of BC Municipalities,

The recent decision by the federal and provincial governments to offload the full cost of emergency dispatch services onto municipalities underscores the need for a *fundamental restructuring of law enforcement and emergency services*. I am writing to urge municipalities across British Columbia to take this opportunity to unite and **begin reforming policing in our province by creating locally controlled independent dispatch services**.

The province's sudden withdrawal of funding is not just a budgetary decision—it has placed South Island municipalities in a position where they are effectively being cornered into using and funding E-Comm 911. This move consolidates provincial control over emergency services while quietly eliminating financially viable alternatives for municipalities. If municipalities ever want fairness for their constituents, they must take action now to reform policing and emergency services in a way that keeps matters *as local and accountable as possible*.

Without immediate exploration of alternatives, municipalities risk being locked into a centralized dispatch model that limits their ability to self-govern and make community-driven decisions about emergency response. If municipalities do not act now to create new emergency dispatch services, they risk funding a future where emergency services are entirely dictated by provincial mandates, *stripping communities of any real decision-making power over public safety*.

These concerns are already being raised by municipal leaders. Colwood Mayor Doug Kobayashi stated that local leaders were “blindsided” by the financial burden. Similarly, Tobias, speaking to The Westshore, voiced “grave concerns over service quality and governance over the E-Comm 911 service” and went as far as to call its governance a “dumpster fire” for responsible oversight of new service members such as View Royal. These statements reinforce the growing alarm over how E-Comm operates and how municipalities are being backed into a system with high costs and questionable oversight.

The first step toward breaking free from this unfairly imposed system is establishing locally controlled, independent dispatch services. Creating municipal or regional dispatch centers will not only eliminate reliance on E-Comm's overpriced and opaque service but also lay the groundwork for fully independent municipal police forces. Without an independent dispatch system, policing reforms will remain constrained by centralized control, limiting municipalities' ability to create truly community-focused law enforcement.

Municipalities are now left with two costly options: fund an overpriced dispatch system or develop their own alternative—something that is financially difficult given the abrupt nature of these policy changes. However, by working together, municipalities can pool resources to establish a provincial network of locally controlled dispatch centers, providing better service, greater accountability, and a *clear pathway to policing reform*. Independent dispatch services pave the way for independent policing, ensuring public safety remains in the hands of those *closest to the communities they serve*.

One of the most compelling reasons for this shift is the urgent need to protect democratic oversight, particularly in the context of School Liaison Officer (SLO) programs. These programs, designed to support and

safeguard children in educational settings, face significant challenges under the RCMP's current structure. For example, as confirmed in the forwarded response from the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission (CRCC) regarding concerns about E-Comm and the RCMP's inability to properly address potential corruption complaints, "it is unreasonable to expect RCMP employees across the country to be familiar with *all initiatives* the RCMP has in place. The attention of most general duty (contract policing) RCMP officers is *focused on investigating common offences found within the Criminal Code and a variety of provincial and/or municipal laws.*" This incompatibility is particularly evident in the case of SLO programs, where the unique dynamics of schools and the subsequent needs of parents and students require a highly localized and collaborative approach to ensure fairness and transparency.

When school boards or other democratically elected bodies are forced to cede authority over these programs without just cause, the ability to ensure the safety and well-being of students is jeopardized. The BC Human Rights Commissioner and the BC Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) have called for an end to SLO programs in 2022 until civilian-led alternatives could be investigated, in order to protect students and families in the province. Unfortunately, the province's Minister of Education and Child Care has now leveled threats to dissolve the democratically elected Greater Victoria School District 61 purely for adhering to these recommendations at a time when SLO programs were no longer even being funded by police. This threat comes despite the Minister having been *repeatedly requested to adequately fund schools*; the democratically appropriate mechanism for the provincial government to resolve such issues.

I implore municipalities to take action against these systemic power-grabs and to seek guidance from the BC Human Rights Commissioner and the BCCLA to ensure that any such reforms prioritize community rights and protections. By uniting with these institutions, municipalities can reclaim control over emergency services, ensuring a law enforcement model that is fair, cost-effective, and *truly accountable to the communities it serves*—rather than to provincial and federal bureaucracies.

This letter is being carbon copied to every municipality in the province to encourage collective action and dialogue on this critical issue.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and collaborate on strategies for effective policing and emergency services reform.

Sincerely,

Philip Perras

From: Complaints-CRCC <complaints@crcc-ccetp.gc.ca>

Sent: June 12, 2024 2:06 PM

To: philip_perras@hotmail.com <philip_perras@hotmail.com>

Subject: Civilian Review and Complaints Commission R2024-003308 Philip Perras

Good afternoon, Philip Perras.

The Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP (the Commission) acknowledges receipt of your e-mail dated June 7, 2024, in which you state that you wish to lodge a public complaint, apparently about the RCMP not providing you with an e-mail address (natdivanticorruptionpreventioin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) when you wished to

discuss potential corruption issues. You added that your complaint does not involve any specific members of the RCMP but does involve multiple detachments.

Please be advised that according to s. 45.53 (1) of the RCMP Act, "Any individual may make a complaint concerning the conduct, in the performance of any duty or function under this Act of the Witness Protection Program Act, of any person who, at the time that the conduct is alleged to have occurred, was a member or other person appointed or employed under Part I." In other words, the Commission cannot accept a complaint against a detachment in general but rather against individuals (and incidents) who (which) fall within the jurisdiction of the Commission. In order to determine if the incidents, and the individuals with whom you communicated, fall within the jurisdiction of the Commission we would require the dates or approximate dates (and times if available) that you communicated with those individuals, their names (if possible), the method of communication (in person, via telephone - if via telephone, the telephone number you called to speak to that individual) and the location of each interaction.

Keep in mind that public complaints must normally be lodged within one year of the alleged improper behaviour. In each instance were you attempting to report alleged corruption? If so, the Commission would require a brief synopsis about the alleged corruption you were attempting to report.

If your communication with an RCMP employee was only to determine if they knew of the existence of the e-mail address you provided, then it is unlikely the Commission would accept a complaint in those instances. Not being familiar with an internal RCMP e-mail address to report corruption does not necessarily amount to improper behaviour. It is unreasonable to expect RCMP employees across the country to be familiar with all initiatives the RCMP has in place. The attention of most general duty (contract policing) RCMP officers is focused on investigating common offences found within the Criminal Code and a variety of provincial and/or municipal laws. In the provinces of Ontario and Quebec where the RCMP does not perform contract policing, the focus is on the enforcement of federal statutes. The RCMP is responsible in part or in whole for enforcing numerous federal statutes but the Commission would not expect every RCMP member to be familiar with all of them. As noted within the e-mail address itself that you referenced, it originated out of the RCMP's National Division which is located in Ottawa and is focused on the enforcement of certain federal laws/statutes. As noted by the RCMP's web page, where you may have located that e-mail address, the RCMP encourage the public to report corruption to that e-mail address under certain conditions:

Report it to the RCMP at natdivanticorruptionprevention@rcmp-grc.gc.ca if it involves:

- Canadian businesses offering bribes to foreign officials
- Canadian federal government employees or institutions
- businesses dealing with the federal government
- companies operating outside of Canada

In the cases where you made contact with the RCMP to report incidents of corruption and raised concerns about not being provided the e-mail address in question, did those incidents of corruption you were attempting to report fall within the parameters listed above?

Please respond to the following questions by June 26, 2024.

Respectfully,

Complaint Intake, Complaint Intake and Review Directorate
Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP / Government of Canada

Bureau de réception des plaintes, Direction de la réception des plaintes et des examens

