

Village of Port Alice Community Consultation

Police Service Delivery Modernization Fact Sheet

What's Happening?

RCMP and Policing Services Branch are working together on a Service Delivery Modernization Initiative to assess the modern policing services provided to communities to ensure they are receiving the most efficient and effective policing services to meet their current, and future, needs.

- The Port Alice Detachment would become a Community Policing Office.
- Officers would be based out of Port Hardy but continue scheduled patrols and engagement in Port Alice.

The goal: Sustainable, visible, and effective policing that meets community needs now and in the future.

What Stays the Same?

- ✓ Police service levels in Port Alice
- ✓ Regular ongoing patrols and officer visibility in the village
- ✓ Community engagement, including school visits and local events
- ✓ Fast response to urgent calls

What About Response Times?

- For most calls, response times will be comparable to other small BC communities policed from a larger detachment.
- Scheduled patrols will keep officers visible in Port Alice.
- Serious calls will always be prioritized.

Why Is This Change Being Considered?

- **Service Delivery:** This change strengthens policing services to better meet community needs and ensure consistent coverage.
- **Wellness:** Small detachments put heavy strain on officers and their families.
- **Costs and Sustainability:** More cost efficient and larger resource pool from a main, centralized detachment
- **Stability:** Port Hardy has the resources, staff, and facilities (cells, guards, admin) to support long-term service.

What Will Improve?

- More resources: Port Alice will benefit from the larger team in Port Hardy.
- Formal agreement: A Service Level Agreement will spell out how often officers are present in the community.
- Sustainability: Lower costs mean services can be maintained in the long run.
- Consistency: Even if officers move or take leave, coverage will still be available from Port Hardy.

Next Steps

1. Community consultations will be held in Port Alice and the region.
2. Feedback will be gathered and shared.
3. A final decision will be made by the Province, guided by community input.

This is not a reduction in service. It's about ensuring modernized, safe, sustainable policing in Port Alice with regular officer presence and long-term stability.