

# Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee - Priorities

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# 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

Deborah Runge, Interior Health Authority  
 Debby Rempel, Okanagan Correctional Centre  
 Beverly Young, School District #53  
 Blaine Gervais, Oliver RCMP  
 Jason Bayda, Osoyoos RCMP  
 Bob Graham, Oliver Fire Chief

Ron Johnson, Oliver Crime Watch  
 Shilo Lyver, Oliver Bylaw Enforcement  
 Brendan Gojevic, Osoyoos Bylaw Enforcement  
 Robert Halishoff, Oliver Resident  
 Pat Hampson, Oliver Resident  
 Michael Guthrie, Oliver Resident

Jason Johnson, Facilitator

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

**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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☹	Amendments Necessary
☹	Major Change
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# Priority 1 – Support Services

Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
<b>Victim Services</b>				
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
	Recommend to Oliver Council to allocate funding in 2020 to support Victim Services	☺	January 2020	CSCP
		Fall meeting scheduled at UBCM with Minister		
	Advocate for Victim Services funding from RDOS Area A & C	☺	Summer 2019	CO/CFO
		Correspond with RDOS		
<b>Addiction Services</b>				
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
	Encourage local agencies and residents to lobby for additional support services		Spring 2020	CSCP/Staff

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# Priority 1 – Support Services

<b>Okanagan Correctional Centre – Inmate Release Support</b>				
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
Fall meeting scheduled at UBCM with Minister				
	Advocate for enhanced addiction support services for inmates on release	☺	Ongoing	CSCP OCC Community Advisory Committee
<b>Bed Services in Town</b>				
Identify churches and organizations that may provide bed services (i.e., “in” from the cold)				
	Identify churches and organizations and coordinate a brainstorming meeting	☺	Fall 2019	CSCP/CAO
	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
<b>Nuisance Properties</b>				
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 2020	CAO/CO
	Review bylaws for response on either a reactive or proactive service	☺	Winter 2019	CSCP
	Ensure that local governments have the authority to enter properties	☺	Spring 2020	DSS/CO
	Enhance nuisance bylaws and educate the public on the implications of not meeting standards for inspection and safety	☺	Fall 2020	DSS/CO

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## Priority 2 – Coordination between Agencies

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<b>Nuisance Properties</b>				
	Develop multi-agency response to issues with coordinated and enhanced coordination nuisance bylaws	☺	Spring 2020	DSS/CO

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## Priority 3 – RCMP

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<b>Officer Staffing Levels</b>				
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

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## Priority 4 – Property Crime

Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
<b>CCTV Cameras</b>				
	Capital Rebate Program (similar to Town of Parksville)	☺	Summer 2020	CSCP/MC
	Young Anderson to present to CSCP Committee	☺	September 11, 2019	CAO/CSCP
<b>See Something – Say Something</b>				
	Develop social media campaign to heighten awareness and reporting of unwanted activities in the community and rural areas	☺	Spring 2020	CO
<b>Speed Enforcement Camera Request</b>				
	Request camera for Highway 97 and Fairview Road Intersection	☺	Fall 2019	MC
<b>CAST Initiative Program (Community Active Support Table)</b>				
	Extend from Penticton to include Oliver/Osoyoos/RDOS Areas A and C	☺	Summer 2020	MC/CAO
<b>Crime Statistics and Crime Reporting</b>				
	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

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## Priority 4 – Property Crime

<b>Graffiti and Property Maintenance</b>				
	Review bylaws regarding graffiti and property maintenance	☺	Spring 2020	DDS/CO
<b>Public Education to Lock Doors and Secure Property Valuables</b>				
	Social media campaign and Oliver News (utility billing inserts)	☺	Ongoing	CO
<b>Educate landlords on their responsibility to maintain properties</b>				
	Develop fact sheets/brochures to provide information to landlords. Utilize "Oliver News", social media, and utility bills to distribute information	☺	Ongoing	
<b>Proactive Bylaw Enforcement</b>				
	Review financial costs to introduce proactive bylaw enforcement (vandalism)	☺	Spring 2020	MC
<b>Increase bylaw notice and MTI fines</b>				
	Review bylaw notice and MTI bylaws	In progress	Fall 2019	CO

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Project	Details	Status	Completion Date	Lead
Transient Works in Public Parks				
Traffic Issues				
Housing Affordability and Minimum Standards for Living Accommodations				

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