

# WHAT WE HEARD

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Here's what you all told us about crime in Sechelt  
- and what we should do about it.



# DISCLAIMER

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This report was put together by a couple of DoS Councilors. Neither of us are stats experts but have done our best to identify the priorities that came forth through our in person, and online, engagement.

This should not be considered as scientific data collection, but a rather impressive collection of public engagement.

We want to thank everyone for their, mostly politely, worded responses.

With thanks, Donna & Brenda



Latest RCMP stats - Coming soon!

Going forward, RCMP stats will be part of our Council agendas.

**Community Services****Crime Prevention****RCMP Services**

In the event of an emergency, please call  
911 for fire, ambulance or RCMP.

**Sechelt Fire Department****Emergency Preparedness****Pets and Wildlife**

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RCMP Services

Sechelt Fire Department

Emergency Preparedness

Pets and Wildlife

Airport

Asset Management

Backyard Burning

Building and Renovating

Bylaws

Community Associations

Emergency Services +

Garbage and Recycling +

Maps

Mobile Vending

Pets and Wildlife +

Property Taxes +

Go to Sechelt.ca and choose LIVING HERE and then COMMUNITY SAFETY and then the tile you are interested in.

We will be putting together a short survey to get feedback and ideas.

**As your local government, the DoS has these responsibilities with respect to crime and safety in Sechelt:**

- To provide street lighting (and other infrastructure)
- To respond to community concerns as they relate to local bylaw infractions
- To finance the municipality's share of the local RCMP detachment budget
- To provide funding for the maintenance of the local RCMP detachment infrastructure needs
- To provide input to the local RCMP regarding Annual Planning
- To advocate to the province for increased funding for RCMP officers

## **WHO DOES WHAT?**

**As your local police force, the RCMP has responsibility for:**

- Enforcement of provincial statutes
- Investigation of criminal code offences
- Public education around crime reduction strategies
- Collaborating with community partners around crime reduction and public safety issues

The Federal and Provincial governments provide a range of services that affect crime and safety. In general, the Federal Government enacts laws that apply across the country, and provides funding, knowledge and tools that provinces, territories and communities can access. The Provincial Government provides services, often working with local governments, private organizations and non-profit societies. Federal and Provincial roles and responsibilities include:

- policing and public safety
- criminal justice
- crime prevention
- human rights
- mental health
- substance use prevention
- housing



Where the info came from

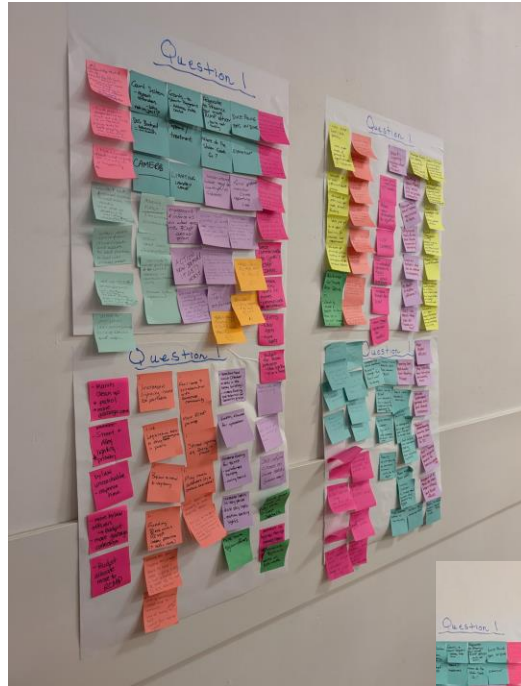


# Public meeting August 21

- 200 attendeed
- 35 volunteer facilitators and recorders
- 40+ turned away due to venue capacity

# Over 600 post-it notes were created

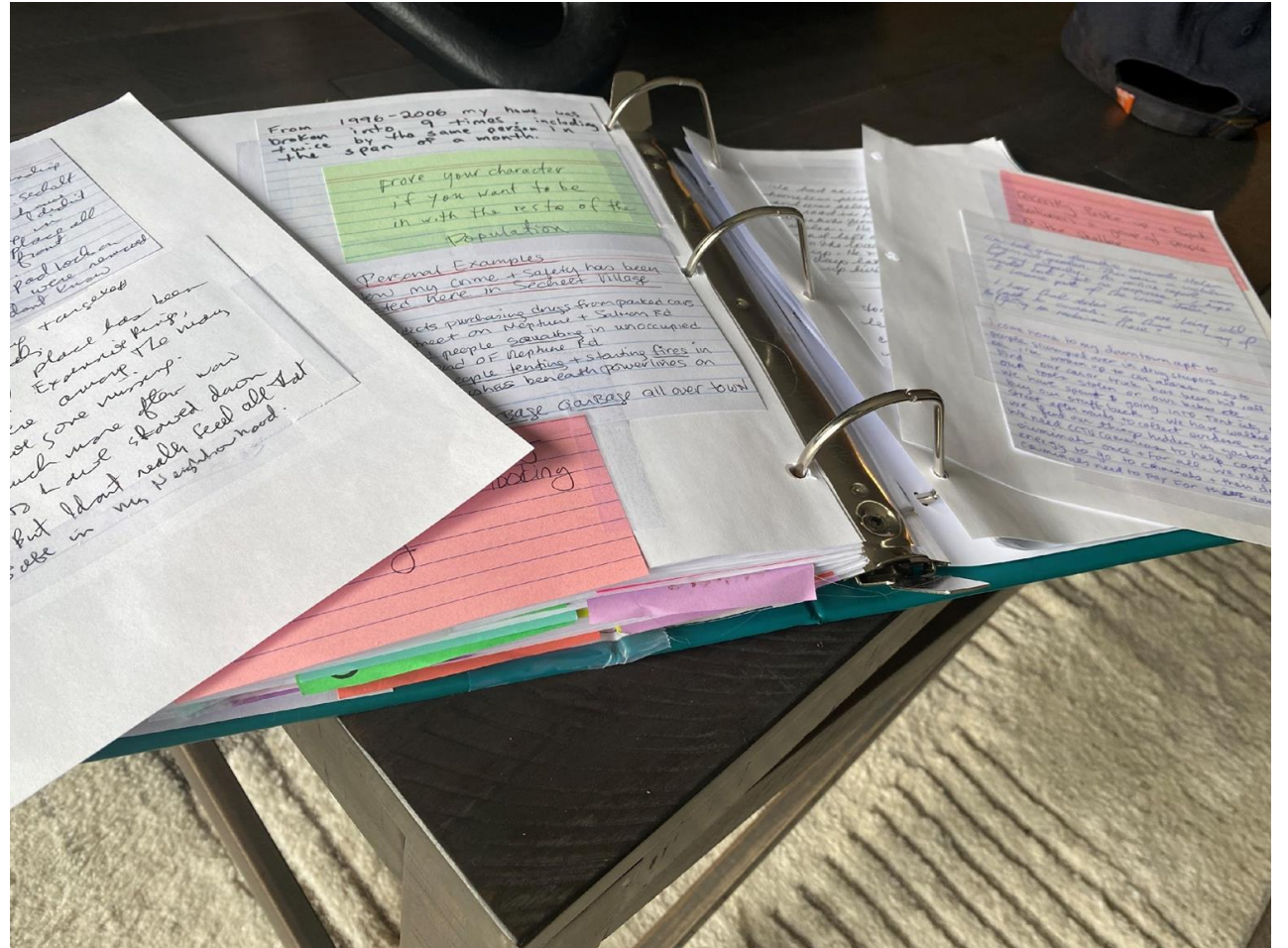
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20 stories  
were submitted

People took the time  
to share their stories  
and experiences



# QR code survey

The same questions  
were available to  
answer online.  
84 responses were  
received.



# Priority #1 Education & Communication

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The overriding theme that came out of all the responses was the desire for better communication and education in various areas. We consider that Priority #1 across all the sectors. As such, responses relating to education and communication are not included in the priorities that follow.



What are the most significant things the DoS could do to address crime in Sechelt?

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- 1 Increase number of RCMP officers

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  - 2 Add more street lighting

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  - 3 Add more bylaw officers  
(this includes requests for Community Safety Officers)

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  - 4 Create a position to support a Block Watch Program

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  - 5 Install CCTV cameras

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**1** Increase the number of officers

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**2** Officers need to be more visible - ie. on foot, bikes; in targeted areas, at night

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**3** Improve response times, and public's ability to contact and report

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**4** Improve communication with the community

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**5** Support a Block Watch initiative

What things do you think we, as residents of Sechelt, could do that would help prevent crime and make our community a safer place to live?

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- 1 Participate in a Block or Neighbourhood Watch program

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  - 2 Get to know our neighbours/create community

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  - 3 **If you SEE something, SAY something**

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  - 4 Keep a record of the serial numbers of items you own

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  - 5 Install home security systems (cameras, alarms)

What should the DoS Council be asking the provincial and federal governments to do to help our community deal with crime and safety?

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- 1 Request funding for treatment and recovery programs

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  - 2 Request reforms to the justice system, especially around Catch and Release

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  - 3 Request funding to address housing needs and homelessness

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  - 4 Address problems associated with Rain City” facilities

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  - 5 Reconsider safe supply programs and decriminalization of public drug consumption

# What's Next?

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- Planning is underway for a meeting on Thursday, October 3rd at the Seniors Centre
- Whereas the last meeting was all about us hearing from you, the October 3rd meeting will be a combination of:
  - Reporting out by the DOS and RCMP on some of the issues raised at the August 31st meeting
  - Providing information and education on some of the issues as requested
  - Involving participants in discussions around spending tax dollars

**If this interests you, mark your calendars!**





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This report was put together by  
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Thank you!