



July 23, 2014

Email:

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I agree with you that it is important to ensure the views of the community are represented in the discussions. It is anticipated that future community consultation will occur once or indeed if, relevant recommendations or options emerge from the work of the Task Force currently underway.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

Kevin Jardine  
Assistant Deputy Minister

## King, Kim J M JAG:EX

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**From:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 10:01 AM  
**To:** King, Kim J M JAG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Community Courts in Surrey  
**Attachments:** ComCrtAntonLetter30 June 2014.doc

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**From:** Tennant, Laura JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 9:37 AM  
**To:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
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Hi Candice, reply direct please. Thanks

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**To:** Tennant, Laura JAG:EX  
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Candice

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**From:** Anton.MLA, Suzanne [mailto:Suzanne.Anton.MLA@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 1:11 PM  
**To:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
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**Date:** Thu, 10 Jul 2014 03:41:37 -0700  
**To:** Y Shih <suzanne.anton.mla@leg.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** <Harry.Bains.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Community Courts in Surrey

9 July 2014



Attention: Hon. Suzanne Anton  
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nb: copy of letter also included as an attachment for your convenience.



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Dear Minister Anton:

Re: Downtown Community Court

I am writing today in my capacity of Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Council of the Downtown Community Court, representing the voice of the members of that council. We are sending this correspondence as our official notice that we are dissolving the volunteer citizen group that has formed the CAC for the last several years.

We want you to know that this is not a decision that the CAC has made lightly. We have given countless hours of time to this project and believed whole-heartedly in the DCC's mandate and capacity for success. To see this unique opportunity to connect the Court to the community come to an unfortunate end is disappointing, at best.

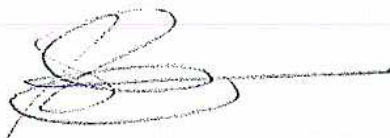
As you are well aware, the DCC CAC was formed, in line with the Court's goals, to create a sustainable link to the communities that the Court serves. Given that feedback from the public is overwhelmingly that your constituents perceive a lack of connection to the Courts overall, this model had the potential to do some ground-breaking work to help overcome that sense of detachment, and the CAC volunteers understood that. With confidence in the mandate of the court and its internal stakeholders, and the support of both a Manager of Community Engagement and a Court Coordinator, we all agreed to continue to give our volunteer time in order to see this vision come to fruition, as it has - as a best practice - in other cities.

Government's decision to eliminate the position of Manager of Community Engagement was a crippling loss to our group. While we were able to function with the Coordinator taking on the dual responsibilities, that was solely because of the individual in that role, and was not a sustainable solution. Once there was change in staffing the Coordinator role, and the subsequent vacancy of that position, the CAC was effectively prevented from fulfilling its mandate, which ultimately leads to the Court being unable to meet its goals as well. Without a designated liaison to the Court and its internal partners, we had no opportunity for meaningful engagement. Not only did we lose any hope of any future development, we have also lost all the hours of hard work we have done in the past.

We appreciate that there is a hiring freeze in Government, and we have been very patient with the fallout of that decision, but we are not employees that are being asked to "do more with less"; we are hard working, community members who have given countless volunteer hours to help ensure the success of a program - a program that we were promised had the full support of Government.

We feel very strongly that the Court requires two individuals, with very different skill sets and responsibilities, to work together to support both the Court and its internal stakeholders, as well as the CAC and the communities it represents. With all due respect and understanding of Government's fiscal responsibilities and over-arching strategy, we ask that the funding for these two positions be reallocated to ensure adequate staffing at Downtown Community Court; we are not asking for new positions to be created, we are asking to have the two we were promised returned to us. We are afraid, until such time as that occurs, we have no choice but to disband the Community Advisory Council and remove the very link that this model was set up to create.

Respectfully yours,



Sheryl Williamson  
DCC CAC Vice Chair

Cc:

Chief Judge T. J. Crabtree

Assistant Chief Judge G.S. Gill

VIA EMAIL ONLY:

Judge T. Gove

Judge E. Burgess

DCC CAC Chair Kelly Risebrough

DCC CAC Members

Suzanne -  
Sorry that it's  
come to this. Pls feel  
free to be in touch  
if you wish to discuss  
in person.

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**From:** AG WEBFEEDBACK AG:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 2:41 PM  
**To:** s.22  
**Subject:** JAG File 409460

Email: s.22  
Dear s.22 :

Thank you for your correspondence of June 3 and 20, 2014, concerning the issue of expanding the Vancouver Downtown Community Court (DCC) model to other communities in British Columbia.

The government recognizes the need for justice system reform and innovation beyond traditional approaches. The DCC was implemented in 2008 as a pilot project to test a new integrated way to deliver justice, health and social services. The DCC is the result of a partnership between the Ministry of Justice, the Provincial Court judiciary and 14 other justice, health and social services agencies, both government and community-based. The DCC serves a designated geographic area in downtown Vancouver and, as such, manages a wide range of offenders, including some with complex health and social service needs. The DCC, like other specialized courts, was designed to address the particular challenges of the community it serves.

As you may know, the final evaluation of the DCC was released in March 2014. The evaluation assessed the court's efficiency, community engagement and impact on offender recidivism rates. Some of the results from the final evaluation are promising. Specifically, the results of the recidivism study indicate that the DCC achieved some reduction in recidivism for the small group of offenders who are managed in a comprehensive, integrated manner.

In order to fully understand the impacts of the DCC, including its cost effectiveness, further research needs to take place. Additional research will help determine the specific elements of the DCC model which contribute to a reduction in recidivism, and whether this reduction extends to other offenders in the DCC, who are managed in a more traditional manner. This research will also further our understanding of how specialized courts compare to other justice solutions.

As specialized courts gain popularity, a structured and planned approach is necessary to ensure that solutions are evidence-based, affordable and informed by lessons learned from existing initiatives in the province and elsewhere. These careful considerations will help ensure that resources are used to advance truly effective justice strategies that benefit communities. Ministry staff are now working to develop a provincial strategy for specialized courts by March 2015, as set out in the White Paper on Justice Reform, Part 2, released in 2013. The provincial strategy will engage justice stakeholders, the judiciary and others beyond the justice system. The strategy will aim to set out the process for decisions about continuing and managing existing, as well as discussions regarding new, specialized court initiatives in British Columbia.

I hope you find the above information helpful.

Yours very truly,

*Original signed by:*

Suzanne Anton QC  
Attorney General  
Minister of Justice

## King, Kim J M JAG:EX

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**From:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2014 9:42 AM  
**To:** King, Kim J M JAG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Replicating the Vancouver Downtown Community Court model throughout B.C.  
**Attachments:** The telling of The Vancouver Downtown Community Court success story.docx

**From:** Ives, Andrew JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2014 9:41 AM  
**To:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Replicating the Vancouver Downtown Community Court model throughout B.C.

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Dear Minister Suzanne Anton: I very much regret that my Riding's Convention Resolution to "Expand the Vancouver Downtown Community Court model throughout B.C." because of time allocation did not make it to the Convention floor as it would have recognized your positive stance on The Oppal Report on this significant pilot Project. The judgement of your legal colleagues that the \$2.6 million Project cost is excessive for the significant reduction in Downtown recidivism is merely a reflection of a mindset that believes in punishment befits the crime. Of course the significant factor behind the good news of this recidivism reduction is that B.C. social services spent \$2.6 million to give Downtown petty offenders (facing the challenges of mental illness, homelessness and/or substance abuse) a real chance for a new life via the path of community service and restorative justice.

This success story for Social Justice is worth the re-telling AND of replication in urban environments throughout B.C.

The media coverage of the Convention was right on in pointing out that BCLiberals were bullish on the JOBS Economy but unfocussed on Health, Education or Social Justice issues. Talking policy about the "anxieties of the middle class", "launching an affordable campaign" directed at the middle class voter or offering tax giveaways to "hard-working taxpayers" could NOT be further from the preoccupations, hopes and dreams of many Canadians.....especially the young and Youth-at-risk!

King, Kim J M JAG:EX

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**From:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 4:19 PM  
**To:** King, Kim J M JAG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: More support for the expansion of the Downtown Vancouver Community Court Concept  
**Attachments:** Recidivism and the Mental Health approach.docx; ATT00001.htm

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**From:** Tennant, Laura JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 4:13 PM  
**To:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Minister, JAG JAG:EX" <JAG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** June 20, 2014 at 4:08:57 PM PDT  
**To:** "Tennant, Laura JAG:EX" <Laura.Tennant@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: More support for the expansion of the Downtown Vancouver Community Court Concept

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Candice

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 4:04 PM  
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Minister Suzanne Anton: Further to my recent memo to you on expanding the Downtown Vancouver Community Court model to other BC urban centres, I am pleased to attach the latest Report of the Council of State Governments concerning the tools and strategies that they have adopted to reduce recidivism. In this connection it is commendable that that BC is on the right track and could further benefit from adapting some of these tools and strategies, particularly those involving the latest innovations in the treatment of offenders with a mental health condition.

Respectfully submitted,

s22





The typical governmental approach is more of the same, simply warehousing people in prison and hoping that the blowback from people unavoidably returning to prison after their release into the community won't be too horrendous—or costly. However, the Council of State Governments just released a report this week that documents the very promising efforts of eight states—Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Wisconsin—that have actually achieved reductions in recidivism between 2007 and 2010. The report on these eight states follows an earlier CSG report that documented the reductions in recidivism achieved by seven other states between 2005 and 2007.

The latest CSG is documenting system-wide, statewide reductions in recidivism as opposed to project- (or prison-) specific efforts. According to the June 2014 report, “compelling evidence is now emerging that shows that recidivism rates for an entire state can indeed change.”. Among the tools and strategies adopted by these states are the following:

- Investing in community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment programs
- Using risk and needs assessments so that case management and programs can be tailored to the individual needs of the released people
- Providing incentives for former prisoners to participate in programs designed to reduce the likelihood of returning to prison, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy, mental health and substance abuse treatment, educational classes, and vocational training
- Reentry planning for prisoners prior to release dealing with their needs for housing, employment, and substance abuse, accompanied by intensive post-release support and supervision
- Providing continuity of care for the mental health treatment needs of persons in prison so that their access to services post-release is seamless
- Creating and expanding alternatives to prison incarceration such as day reporting centers, residential substance abuse treatment centers, and other viable community-based alternatives
- Developing and using “accountability courts” that use risk and needs assessments to guide decisions about treatment and supervision
- Encouraging corrections departments to collaborate with partners such as community-based nonprofits and faith-based institutions to help people released from prison with their successful reintegration into communities
- Upgraded data collection and tracking



July 2, 2014

Email

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Clermont, Kathy F JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2014 3:46 PM  
**To:** AG Sheriffs Region All Staff  
**Subject:** BCSS Staffing Announcement - Sergeant, Downtown Community Court

This message is sent on behalf of Paul Corrado, Executive Director and Chief Sheriff, BC Sheriff Services, Court Services Branch

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Good afternoon everyone, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Conlan as Sergeant at Vancouver Provincial Court / Downtown Community Court.

Scott has s.22 and has had the opportunity to work at all the courthouses in the Lower Mainland at one time or another. Scott has spent most of his career at 222 Main Street in Vancouver.

s.22

Please join me in congratulating Scott on this accomplishment and wish him success in this position.

**Paul Corrado** | Executive Director - Chief Sheriff  
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Ministry of Justice  
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**Subject:** RE: Letter to AG re. Replicating the Vancouver Downtown Community Court model throughout B.C. - 409460

This is a JSB issue.

Janet  
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**To:** Butler, Lisa JAG:EX  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephanie JAG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to AG re. Community Courts in Surrey - our log 410219

Thanks, can you start the letter from that and then I will look at it?

*Janet*  
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**From:** Butler, Lisa JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 12:15 PM  
**To:** Donald, Janet JAG:EX  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephanie JAG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to AG re. Community Courts in Surrey - our log 410219

Janet, here are some bullets from Adrienne. Please let me and Steph know if you will be providing any further information to assist with the drafting of the response.

Thanks!

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**From:** Hunt, Adrienne JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 11:17 AM  
**To:** Butler, Lisa JAG:EX  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephanie JAG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to AG re. Community Courts in Surrey - our log 410219

Hi Lisa,  
Here are some bullets – let me know if you need anything more.

- The Surrey Specialised Court Task Force [Advisory Committee] current representatives consist of staff from Court Services Branch, Justice Services Branch, Corrections, Criminal Justice Branch, the City of Surrey, and the RCMP, Surrey Detachment.
- The task force has agreed that to best address the problems in Surrey and surrounding communities that a better understanding of the problem is needed.
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*Adrienne*

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**To:** Hunt, Adrienne JAG:EX  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephanie JAG:EX  
**Subject:** Letter to AG re. Community Courts in Surrey - our log 410219

Hi Adrienne,

Below is a letter to the AG from s.22 of the Newton Community Association regarding the proposed Community Court in Surrey. We have been asked to draft a response for the ADM's signature.

As noted below, would you please provide some bullets that will assist me in drafting the response.

Thank you.

Lisa

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 4:20 PM  
**To:** Butler, Lisa JAG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Community Courts in Surrey

This would be us – you can ask Adrienne to give you some initial bullets and then I can look at too

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**Cc:** King, Kim J M JAG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Community Courts in Surrey

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Thanks.

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**From:** Tennant, Laura JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 9:37 AM  
**To:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Community Courts in Surrey

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**From:** Anton.MLA, Suzanne [mailto:Suzanne.Anton.MLA@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 1:11 PM



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**Date:** Thu, 10 Jul 2014 03:41:37 -0700  
**To:** Y Shih <suzanne.anton.mla@leg.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** <Harry.Bains.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Community Courts in Surrey

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**To:** Butler, Lisa JAG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Community Courts in Surrey

Morning Lisa,  
Thanks for advising. I've referred to you under log 410219.  
Cheers,  
Kim

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**From:** Butler, Lisa JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2014 8:09 AM  
**To:** King, Kim J M JAG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Community Courts in Surrey

Hi Kim,  
This one is for CSB.

Thanks for asking.

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Hi Lisa,

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Thanks for advising,  
Kim

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