



April 28, 2020  
Ref: 564436

Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer, RCMP "E" Division  
Chief Constables of Independent Municipal Police Departments  
Chief Officer, SCBCTA Police Services  
Chief Officer, Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Services

Dear Sirs/Madams:

As our communities across British Columbia continue to experience the opioid emergency, our front-line police officers provide critical response and support in the face of difficult challenges. We remain committed to effectively responding to the opioid emergency in British Columbia, which still endures unacceptable levels of death and injury.

Policing and Security Branch (PSB) has supported front-line police officers with funding for purchase of Naloxone supplies for the past four years, to assist police officers in responding to overdose situations. In a one-year period from January 2019 to January 2020, the Province of BC supplied funding for purchase of 3,397 Naloxone kits for front-line police in BC. Of these, 200 Naloxone kits were used by police and 106 overdose reversals were achieved using Naloxone supplied to police.

As we come to the end of funding support for Naloxone purchases, the Province of BC is shifting our commitment and support to front-line policing resources in communities and to the police officers that are facing the effects of the opioid emergency every single day.

Together, we will continue to face the challenges of the opioid emergency in our communities. I thank you for your continued support and dedicated commitment to public safety across the Province of British Columbia.

I look forward to hearing of the progress of your efforts to combat gangs and gang violence and our joint work on this important initiative in your community.

Take care,

Brenda Butterworth-Carr; Tr'injà shär njit dintlät  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
And Director of Police Services  
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## Re Naloxone Supplies - 564436

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Cc: E\_Commanding\_Officer E\_Commanding\_Officer <s.16>

Sent: April 28, 2020 3:19:23 PM PDT

Attachments: 564436 Various Final.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Ms. Brenda Butterworth-Carr; Tr'injā shär njit dintlät, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services, Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General.

Thank you,

*Policing and Security Branch  
Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General  
PO Box 9285, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC V8W 9J7  
CLIFF# 564436*



## CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR GEORGE V. HARVIE

June 10, 2020

**Brenda Butterworth-Carr; Tr'injà shär njit dintläät**  
**Assistant Deputy Minister and**  
**Director of Police Services**  
**Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General**  
**PO Box 9285 Stn Prov Gov't**  
**Victoria, BC V8W 9J7**

Dear Assistant Deputy Minister,

I write to you in response to the correspondence dated April 28, 2020, notifying BC Police Chiefs that funding to police departments for the purchase of Naloxone supplies is being discontinued by the Policing and Security Branch.

As you are well aware, the opioid crisis in BC remains an ongoing concern, and Delta Police Officers are often responding to calls for service involving overdoses and administer naloxone as a life-saving measure. Recent data from the BC Coroners Service shows that BC had the highest number of overdose deaths in March 2020, with 113 people dying from suspected illicit drug toxicity.<sup>1</sup> The numbers would undoubtedly be even higher without the availability of naloxone kits as a life-saving measure in overdose situations.

It is worth noting that BC has declared the opioid crisis a Public Health Emergency<sup>2</sup> and provincially supports a Take Home Naloxone program, providing naloxone kits at no cost for those eligible. However, police departments will now be required to pay for the same kits, to administer to the same community members, who would otherwise receive it for free through the Province dispensed at their local pharmacies. Police departments should not bear the cost for

<sup>1</sup> [Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths in BC January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2020](#)

BC Coroners Service

<sup>2</sup> [April 14, 2016 – Provincial Health Officers Declares Public Health Emergency](#)

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purchase of the naloxone kits as their budgets are already constrained to cover other necessary policing costs, such as training, human resources and equipment, not to mention the current COVID-19 associated costs, as they strive to maintain public safety.

The Delta Police Board kindly requests that the decision to discontinue funding support for the purchase of naloxone kits to BC police departments be reconsidered. The kits should be provided for emergency use for citizens, administered by police officers, under the same program by the Ministry of Health that covers the kits for citizens' own and private use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George V. Harvie". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mayor George V. Harvie  
Chair, Delta Police Board

CC: Delta Police Board



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## RE: Dr. Bonnie Henry's Comments

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From: Strachan, Jennifer <Jennifer.STRACHAN@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
To: Baher, Shawna <Shawna.BAHER@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
Cc: Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>, Roberts, Dawn <dawn.roberts@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, Fox, Veronica <Veronica.Fox@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
Sent: February 23, 2021 12:58:42 PM PST  
Attachments: image001.png

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Hi Shawna

Thank you for taking the time to provide some perspective and I want to apologize for the complete disregard for your work, and that of others, which in fact placed the RCMP at the forefront of Naloxone and other important mental health initiatives across BC. We were on a call with Muni partners today and they too were scratching their heads wondering where Dr Henry got her information.

We are currently drafting a letter that will be shared with our ADM and the Union.

I will be sure to add your perspective to our response which I hope to have sent to Dr. Henry very soon.

Thanks for all that you do.

Jen

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**From:** Baher, Shawna <Shawna.BAHER@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 23, 2021 12:52 PM  
**To:** Strachan, Jennifer <Jennifer.STRACHAN@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Dr. Bonnie Henry's Comments

Ma'am I know you are sending a letter to Bonnie Henry. I am hoping you tell her how hurtful her statements are.

We were ahead of the curve carrying Naloxone – I was leading that charge in Surrey in 2015 to get and carry Naloxone to use on clients. We got Naloxone in October of 2016 and were well ahead of the munis. The person she being referred to administering Naloxone in front of the detachment in Surrey is me, that was October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. We were already carrying Naloxone at that point – we had been since October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The munis ended up getting Naloxone but were only carrying for use of each other- not clients. I was part of many working groups pushing them to carry for the use on clients. The eventually did, but only after using us as a model.

This initiative was one of the most progressive thing I have been involved with and to see it used as an example of us falling behind munis is hurtful. I guess I should take off my Lieutenant Gov Award and Member Order of Merit and throw it away because that is what I received it for.

Just for your info the RCMP has used Naloxone over 961 times across Canada (up to the end of Jan2021) saving countless lives. We are even training our cell block clients on the use of it and equipping them with it on leaving.

Shawna



Superintendent Shawna Baher, M.O.M.  
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## FW: Correspondence from the Vancouver Police Board - Application for a Director's Review s. 27(3) of the Police Act

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From: JOHANSEN, Stephanie (Police Board)  
<Stephanie.JOHANSEN@vancouverpoliceboard.ca>  
To: Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca, PSSG Policing and Security Branch PSSG:EX  
<SGPSPB@gov.bc.ca>, Frank Chong <frankchong81@gmail.com>, Pilling,  
David PSSG:EX <David.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>, Elizabeth.Walker@gov.bc.ca,  
Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>, Gustavsen,  
Elizabeth SDPR:EX <Elizabeth.Gustavsen@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: June 24, 2021 9:40:51 AM PDT  
Attachments: image003.png, image005.png, VPD Submission to Director of Police Services  
RE 27(3) Budget Appeal.pdf, image002.png, image004.png

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Good morning – I just attempted to send an email with attachments and it came back as 'undeliverable' to your email addresses.

It is possible that one of the attachments was too large, as such I will send just the VPD's submission with this email, and send both via our File Transfer System just to be sure it goes through.

Cheers,  
Stephanie

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**From:** JOHANSEN, Stephanie (Police Board)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 24, 2021 9:36 AM  
**To:** 'Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca' <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** 'PSSG Policing and Security Branch PSSG:EX' <SGPSPB@gov.bc.ca>; Frank Chong <frankchong81@gmail.com>; PALMER, Adam <adam.palmer@vpd.ca>; 'Pilling, David PSSG:EX' <David.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>; 'Elizabeth.Walker@gov.bc.ca' <Elizabeth.Walker@gov.bc.ca>; HUCULAK, Ali <Ali.HUCULAK@vancouverpoliceboard.ca>; K Stewart <k.stewart@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Correspondence from the Vancouver Police Board - Application for a Director's Review s. 27(3) of the Police Act

Good morning Director Rideout,

Attached is the Vancouver Police Department's submission, as a follow-up to the Vancouver Police Board's March 8<sup>th</sup> application for a Director's review pursuant to Section 27(3) of the *Police Act*.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or require anything further at this time.

Kind regards,

**Stephanie Johansen**  
Executive Director  
**Vancouver Police Board**  
2120 Cambie Street  
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**From:** PALMER, Adam <[adam.palmer@vpd.ca](mailto:adam.palmer@vpd.ca)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 6:53 PM

**To:** JOHANSEN, Stephanie (Police Board) <[Stephanie.JOHANSEN@vancouverpoliceboard.ca](mailto:Stephanie.JOHANSEN@vancouverpoliceboard.ca)>

**Cc:** HUCULAK, Ali <[Ali.HUCULAK@vancouverpoliceboard.ca](mailto:Ali.HUCULAK@vancouverpoliceboard.ca)>; VPD Executive Cmte - DL <[Executive@vpd.ca](mailto:Executive@vpd.ca)>; HEER, Simi <[Simi.HEER@vpd.ca](mailto:Simi.HEER@vpd.ca)>; MANOJLOVIC, Drazen <[Drazen.Manojlovic@vpd.ca](mailto:Drazen.Manojlovic@vpd.ca)>; DEMERS, Simon <[simon.demers@vpd.ca](mailto:simon.demers@vpd.ca)>; LEE, Melissa <[Melissa.Lee@vpd.ca](mailto:Melissa.Lee@vpd.ca)>; BELL, Randy <[randy.bell@vpd.ca](mailto:randy.bell@vpd.ca)>; ZRKaiser <[rkaisers@vpu.ca](mailto:rkaisers@vpu.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Correspondence from the Vancouver Police Board - Application for a Director's Review s. 27(3) of the Police Act

Hello Stephanie,

Please find attached the supporting document regarding the 27(3) review of the VPD budget. ADM Wayne Rideout is expecting this report.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Adam

**CHIEF ADAM PALMER**

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**From:** JOHANSEN, Stephanie (Police Board) <[Stephanie.JOHANSEN@vancouverpoliceboard.ca](mailto:Stephanie.JOHANSEN@vancouverpoliceboard.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 08, 2021 11:16 AM

**To:** 'SGPSPB@gov.bc.ca' <[SGPSPB@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SGPSPB@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** 'Stewart, K' <[K.Stewart@vancouver.ca](mailto:K.Stewart@vancouver.ca)>; 'Barj Dhahan' <[bdhahan@sandhurstgroup.ca](mailto:bdhahan@sandhurstgroup.ca)>; PALMER, Adam <[adam.palmer@vpd.ca](mailto:adam.palmer@vpd.ca)>; 'Pilling, David PSSG:EX' <[David.Pilling@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Pilling@gov.bc.ca)>; 'Walker, Elizabeth PSSG:EX' <[Elizabeth.Walker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.Walker@gov.bc.ca)>; HUCULAK, Ali <[Ali.HUCULAK@vancouverpoliceboard.ca](mailto:Ali.HUCULAK@vancouverpoliceboard.ca)>

**Subject:** Correspondence from the Vancouver Police Board - Application for a Director's Review s. 27(3) of the Police Act

**Importance:** High

Dear Director Rideout,

Attached is correspondence sent on behalf of the Vancouver Police Board with respect to an application for a Director's review under section 27(3) of the *Police Act*.

Hard copies of the attached will be sent to your office via courier.

The Board will be releasing a brief media statement today announcing this decision, as there has been media interest and requests for information. This statement will be released early afternoon.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or require anything further at this time.

Warm regards,

**Stephanie Johanssen**  
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## Re: Today's OakBay Police Chief tweet

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From: Ray Bernoties <rbernoties@oakbaypolice.org>  
To: Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: September 23, 2021 8:36:55 AM PDT

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Copy thanks. Yes, I have the letter. The public, however, was unaware and relied on the report for their info.

Ray

**From:** Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 8:32 AM

**To:** Ray Bernoties <rbernoties@oakbaypolice.org>

**Subject:** Re: Today's OakBay Police Chief tweet

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Thanks. Will look into it. That said i am aware you received a letter.

Wayne Rideout

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On Sep 23, 2021, at 6:46 AM, Ray Bernoties <rbernoties@oakbaypolice.org> wrote:

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Wayne,

While we can discuss this more fully when we meet, out of respect, I want to ensure you're aware that BC Gov currently has an undated document on its website that states:

- Police agencies will receive continued funding for naloxone and training in its use.

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/overdose-awareness/mmha\\_escalating\\_bcs\\_response\\_report\\_final\\_26feb.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/overdose-awareness/mmha_escalating_bcs_response_report_final_26feb.pdf)  
Escalating BC's response to the overdose emergency<[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/overdose-awareness/mmha\\_escalating\\_bcs\\_response\\_report\\_final\\_26feb.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/overdose-awareness/mmha_escalating_bcs_response_report_final_26feb.pdf)>

In September 2017, the provincial government announced a three-year, \$322 million investment for comprehensive interventions focused on saving lives, connecting people to [www2.gov.bc.ca](https://www2.gov.bc.ca)

This misinformation led to a debate recently as an individual was under the distinct impression that BC Gov was continuing to fund naloxone and pointed me to this document.



I, respectfully, suggest that the document be amended or taken down and didn't think it right to await our meeting to share that with you.

Ray

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From: Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 7:33 PM  
To: Ray Bernoties <rbernoties@oakbaypolice.org>  
Cc: Grove, Juliet PSSG:EX <Juliet.Grove@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Re: Today's OakBay Police Chief tweet

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Thanks will set it up

Wayne Rideout

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On Sep 22, 2021, at 7:09 PM, Ray Bernoties <rbernoties@oakbaypolice.org> wrote:

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Hi Wayne,

Happy to meet with you.

As a backgrounder, my approach on my personal Twitter account has been to be honest and transparent. I have been vocal on the important issue of the opioid crisis as Oak Bay has had high profile youth deaths.. On the opioid call this week, I learned that at least one large PD, faced with the provincial funding cut, has decided not to purchase naloxone for their members due to budget constraints. That should concern everyone.

That is not the approach OBPD will be taking as I will be approaching my Board to seek new funding for naloxone. This is, of course, all public information as is any budget item.

Happy to meet with you tomorrow morning or Friday morning if that works or lots of openings next week.

Ray

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From: Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 6:29:50 PM  
To: Ray Bernoties <rbernoties@oakbaypolice.org>  
Subject: Today's OakBay Police Chief tweet

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Hello

I would like to arrange a discussion to better understand your strategy that resulted in today's media frenzy pertaining to Naloxone. I appreciate the importance of this issue but have some questions.

Wayne Rideout

Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services  
Policing and Security Branch  
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