

FW: naloxone

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Subject: FW: naloxone

<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/vancouver-island-police-confirm-province-cutting-funds-for-officer-naloxone-kits-1.5596254>

RE: PSB revised bullets- naloxone

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That's okay with me. If people don't like the reference to 'seek funding' we can simplify to ;

- 'We will assess future needs and assist local police access or acquire naloxone kits.'

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Subject: Fwd: PSB revised bullets- naloxone

This revised is approved by PSB thanks.

- The Ministry's Policing and Security Branch supported front-line police officers with funding for Naloxone kits for four years.
- Oak Bay Police department was provided \$8,000 from Fiscal, 2016/2-17 to 2019/2020
- Saanich Police Department was provided \$38,401 from Fiscal 2016/2017 to 2019/2020.
- Naloxone is also supplied to harm reduction sites, pharmacies, corrections, etc. for distribution to people who are likely to experience or witness and respond to an overdose.
- Paramedics who are typically dispatched to an overdose call are supplied with Naloxone at all times.

RE: Naloxone media

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I can live with that. I added a line to give some perspective on what the fuss is about.

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Subject: Naloxone media

Hi

here is the latest folks are looking to sign off on. This is approved from all my bosses in PO. Really great if we all can be comfortable with this...

- The Ministry's Policing and Security Branch supported front-line police officers with funding for Naloxone kits for four years. For example, Oak Bay Police Department was provided \$8,000 each of those years.
- As remaining inventory begins to reach its end of life, we will work with police agencies to ensure officers continue to have access to Naloxone kits.
- Naloxone is also supplied to harm reduction sites, pharmacies, corrections, etc. for distribution to people who are likely to experience or witness and respond to an overdose.
- All paramedics responding to an overdose have access to a supply of Naloxone.

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IBN - Naloxone Funding FINAL (003) (002)

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Some background.

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
POLICING AND SECURITY BRANCH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mark Sieben,
Deputy Solicitor General

ISSUE: Policing and Security Branch discontinued funding of Naloxone Funding.

SUMMARY:

- As part of the province's response to the opioid overdose, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) was provided with funding to support police departments in purchasing naloxone kits and the associated training as follows:
 - 2016/17 up to \$1.10 million in Contingencies access.
 - 2017/18 up to \$0.780 million in Contingencies access.
 - *Budget 2018* base budget lift of \$1.00 million.
- The funding of naloxone kits for police officers was initially very important in the reduction of opioid overdose deaths, with PSSG providing funding from fiscal 2016/17 to 2019/20.
- During the four-year funding period, PSSG provided total funding of \$2.691 million and 26,712 kits to RCMP, independent police departments, Stl'alt'imx Tribal Police, and Transit Police, see **Appendix A** for detailed breakdown.
 - \$0.591million and 4,515 was provided to independent police departments.
 - \$0.008 million and 59 kits (0.22%) were provided to Oak Bay.
 - During the final year of funding (2019/20) Oak Bay requested total funding for six (6) kits to replace expired kits.
- The Province did not commit to long-term funding of naloxone kits and very early clearly communicated to the RCMP and independent police departments the expectation for the kits to become part of the required tools for police officers to do their job, which most municipalities were prepared to accept. See **Appendix B** for the letter sent to Chief Constables of Independent Municipal Police Departments.

BACKGROUND:

- On September 22, 2021, Oak Bay Police Chief Ray Bernoties publicly referred to the end of the province's funding for Naloxone kits, indicating that this is viewed as a 'serious issue' and that other police agencies 'will likely experience an even greater impact.' Chief Bernoties also commented:

- “The provincial government has acknowledged how effective this has been as police have administered naloxone hundreds of times and saved countless lives. Thousands of officers were trained and that, too, was funded by the provincial government.”

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- Non

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- None

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Appendix A – Naloxone Kit Distribution Summary

	2016/17 Kits Requested	2017/18 Kits Requested	2018/19 Kits Requested	2019/20 Kits Requested	Grand Total	TOTAL FUNDED (2016/17)	TOTAL FUNDED (2017/18)	TOTAL FUNDED (2018/19)	TOTAL FUNDED (2019-20)	GRAND TOTAL (2016/17 - 2019/20)
RCMP	6,125	7,128	1,483	5,347	20,083	\$ 726,276.00	\$ 645,360.00	\$ 148,817.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 2,020,453.00
Transit Police	240	120	0	185	545	\$ 34,800.00	\$ 17,400.00	\$ -	\$ 23,199.00	\$ 75,399.00
Stl'atl'imx TPS	12	12	0	12	36	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ -	\$ 1,504.80	\$ 4,984.80
Abbotsford PD	171	86	150	185	592	\$ 24,795.00	\$ 12,470.00	\$ 18,810.00	\$ 23,199.00	\$ 79,274.00
Central Saanich PD	6	16	20	10	52	\$ 870.00	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 2,508.00	\$ 1,254.00	\$ 6,952.00
Delta PD	180	156	236	50	644	\$ 26,100.00	\$ 22,620.00	\$ 10,328.40	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 65,318.40
Nelson PD	16	6	6	12	40	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 870.00	\$ 752.40	\$ 1,504.80	\$ 5,447.20
New Westminster PD	40	20	52	130	242	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 6,520.80	\$ 16,302.00	\$ 31,522.80
Oak Bay PD	30	15	8	6	1,570	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 1,003.20	\$ 752.40	\$ 8,280.60
Port Moody PD	36	18	36	24	114	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 2,610.00	\$ 4,514.40	\$ 3,009.60	\$ 15,354.00
Saanich PD	157	30	40	50	277	\$ 22,765.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 5,016.00	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 38,401.00
Vancouver PD	700	375	896	0	1,971	\$ 101,500.00	\$ 54,375.00	\$ 112,358.40	\$ -	\$ 268,233.40
Victoria PD	72	73	80	120	345	\$ 10,440.00	\$ 10,585.00	\$ 10,032.00	\$ 15,048.00	\$ 46,105.00
West Vancouver PD	16	5	80	100	201	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 10,032.00	\$ 12,540.00	\$ 25,617.00
Total Independent	1,424	800	1,604	687	6,048	\$ 206,480.00	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 181,875.60	\$ 86,149.80	\$ 590,505.40
Grand Total	7,801	8,060	3,087	6,231	26,712	\$ 969,296.00	\$ 780,500.00	\$ 330,692.60	\$ 610,853.60	\$ 2,691,342.20
Unit cost of narcan	RCMP							\$99		
Unit cost of narcan	Muni's via AdaptPharma							\$125.40		

Appendix B



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
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Yes, okay.

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Subject: RE: RUSH: FOR REVIEW - naloxone kits

Importance: High

Thanks Wayne!

Mark are you ok with this? Cleaned up here. If so, we can get it out to these reporters below:

- As part of the province's response to the opioid overdose, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General provided naloxone kits and associated training to police departments in BC.
- During the four-year funding period, PSSG spent \$2.691 million and provided 26,712 kits to the RCMP, independent municipal departments, Stl'alt'imx Tribal police and Transit Police.

Jen St. Denis, The Tyee

Request: Today during his press conference, Premier Horgan said the province's supplies of naloxone are running quite low and that the ministries of finance and public safety are both working on the problem.

Is there any more information you can give me about this situation and why it is happening?

Catherine Garrett, Global TV | BC

Request: I was wondering if a statement was available about the province's move to end funding for naloxone kits for police? I can't seem to be able to find it...

Alex McKeen, The Star Vancouver

Request: Alex here from the Toronto Star based in Victoria. I wanted to ask about something the Premier said today about Naloxone supplies being depleted. Can you tell me how this was able to happen in our province, the epicentre of the opioid crisis in Canada? Are there any police departments that you're aware of that were not able to get supply of Naloxone at all in recent weeks?

Spencer Harwood, CTV – Vancouver

Request: Today the premier said:

"My understanding is that our stockpile of naloxone is depleted and that we need to rejuvenate that. The minister of finance is aware of that, the minister of mental health and addictions is working on that, and of course when it comes to ensuring that police departments across the province have access to naloxone so they can perform live-saving interventions with those in crisis, that will continue and it will be funded by the provincial government."

Are you able to confirm if the premier means the province's supply of naloxone for first responders has been depleted, or is this just for police forces? Can anyone advise this afternoon please?

Status: With program (One question with MMHA)

Christine van Reeuyk, Oak Bay News

Request: When did original funding of naloxone for police departments begin?

How many police departments (RCMP and/or municipal) relied on that funding prior to April 2020?

How much was spent start to finish?

What will the ongoing funding look like?

How many departments are expected/estimated to rely on that funding?

Hope Latham

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Subject: RE: RUSH: FOR REVIEW - naloxone kits

Good

Regards

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Ok just need approval from Wayne/Mark.

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Thanks Alissa, sharing with the group here, as Wayne is in a meeting, so want to ensure we are keeping to deadline. I think the last bullet is highlighting that they manage their own supplies.

We don't normally fund supplies, which this would fall under, just to be clear. Police manage that within their budgets.

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Alissa's feedback:

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Subject: RE: RUSH: FOR REVIEW - naloxone kits

Hi Hope,

I've drafted the following for consideration:

- As part of the province's response to the opioid overdose, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General was provided with funding to police departments in BC with purchasing naloxone kits and the associated training.
- During the four-year funding period, PSSG provided a total funding of \$2.691 million and 26,712 kits to the RCMP, independent municipal departments, Stl'alt'imx Tribal police and Transit Police.

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Re: Naloxone funding - a path forward

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Sounds good.

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On Sep 23, 2021, at 5:55 PM, Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Some early info of work underway. BN to follow.

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Subject: Naloxone funding - a path forward

Hey Wayne/Glen,
[s.12](#); [s.13](#); [s.17](#)

I'll touch base with Matt tomorrow and fill him in and have him start the intake process for this fiscal based on the requirements discussed this morning.

Thanks,

Billy

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Hi Mark and Wayne,

This is shot in the dark for me but I was batting the below idea around with some folks in MOH regarding the naloxone kits for police and "fixing the issue"...

My assumptions:

Police do not respond to overdose as first responders

Carrying a naloxone kit is voluntary (certain officers will regularly carry it)

Police largely provide the nasal version of naloxone

The nasal version is 5x more expensive than needle

govt doesn't bulk buy or have a supplier contract with nasal version

The Narcan (needle) is readily available through PSA

Narcan is cheaper, can sit on officers belt until expires, and is there for the direct heart injection if needed

From health perspective is the preferred method

Police agencies can request as needed amounts from PSA and funding costs could be absorbed by health

Just a thought maybe worth exploring.

Will Maartman

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