

Safer Communities Action Plan Tracking

Updated November 16, 2023

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General Updates			s.13		
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1.	SG	Repeat Violent Offending Intervention Initiative (ReVOII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PSSG and AG developed the Repeat Violent Offending Intervention Initiative (ReVOII) that is made up of police, dedicated prosecutors and probation officers to focus on enhanced investigation, enforcement and monitoring of repeat violent offenders.12 hubs in Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver, Surrey, New Westminster, Abbotsford, Kamloops, Kelowna, Cranbrook, Prince George, Williams Lake and Terrace. Each hub supports surrounding communities within their region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">May 1, 2023: Program officially launched in all 12 hub locations. s.16	s.16
2.	SG	SITE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Special Investigative and Targeted Enforcement (SITE) program provides police across BC with access to funding to supplement eligible costs related to investigations and enforcement actions targeting repeat, violent offending.SITE will link to ReVOII by providing access to funding for police enforcement/ investigation activities related to ReVOII cohort.Operation of the SITE program is managed by a dedicated team within the RCMP. PSB continues to provide an oversight, outreach and coordination function.	s.16; s.17	s.15; s.16 s.13

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3.	SG	Full breakdown of \$230M for the 256 officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding wills.13; s.17 s.13; allowing the Provincial Police Service to reach its full authorized strengths.13; s.17 s.15; s.16; s.17Staffing actions are prioritized with a focus s.13; s.17 rural/remote provincial policing detachments.	s.15; s.16; s.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">RCMP continues to advance through the staffing process for key specialized sections, includings.13; s.17 s.13; s.17 s.13; s.17 rural/remote detachment policing. s.15; s.16; s.17

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4.	SG	Unexplained Wealth Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandate letter commitment: “Work with the Minister of Finance to target proceeds of crime for high level organized criminals, in line with Cullen Commission recommendations”.• Strategically aligned with Safer Communities Action Plan: “going after the houses, cars and luxury goods of high-level organized criminals who profit on misery by introducing “unexplained wealth order” legislation in spring 2023”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BC’s unexplained wealth order legislation received Royal Assent on May 11, 2023.	s.13
5.	SG	Situation Tables	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Situation Tables bring together front-line staff from the public safety, health and social service sectors to identify high-risk individuals, and collaboratively and rapidly connect them to services and supports they need, before they experience a negative or traumatic event (e.g., victimization, overdose, incarceration, eviction, etc.).• Situation Tables empower agencies to work together to provide holistic supports to people and lower the risk of potential violence or re-offending.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently 31 active, 40 funded Tables, including an Intervention Circle in Esk’etemc First Nation. <p>s.13; s.16</p> <p>s.15; s.16</p> <p>s.16</p>	s.13; s.16

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6.	SG	HealthIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HealthIM is a cloud-based digital app that allows mobile access to review client-specific safety and de-escalation information when responding to urgent mental health calls for service.• The app supports and documents police officers' field investigations by prompting answers for a risk assessment, evaluating risk for potential Mental Health Act s. 28 apprehensions, and transmitting the resulting report to the local hospital when needed.• Currently, Delta Police Department and Prince George RCMP are the only agencies using it in BC.	s.15; s.16	s.15; s.16

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7.	SG	Information Sharing Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC Corrections led the development of an Integrated Program Agreement between Justice and Communities Partners to enable information sharing. s.13; s.16	s.15; s.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue outreach to onboard new partners/agencies into the Integrated Program Agreement.
8.	SG	Public drug use legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local governments, the public, and police have been expressing increasing concern about public drug use. PSSG led the policy work to support fall legislation to regulate public drug use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled Drugs and Substances Act s.56(1) exemption updated on September 18 to add playgrounds, wading pools, spray parks, and stake parks to the list of locations where possession of controlled substances is illegal. Public announcement of this change made on September 14. The <i>Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act</i> received Royal Assent on November 8. Under this bill, a person must not consume any decriminalized substances at parks, beaches, and sports fields, as well as within 6 metres of bus stops or entrances to businesses and residences that are adjacent to public spaces, such as a sidewalk. The bill also states that illegal drug use is not allowed within 15 metres of playgrounds, spray and wading pools, and skate parks. 	s.13; s.15

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9.	AG	Opening 10 new Indigenous Justice Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BC First Nations Justice Council operates Indigenous Justice Centres (IJC), that are funded by the Province with additional support from Canada.• Budget 2023 includes \$16 million to implement the first 5 (Kelowna, Nanaimo, Surrey, Vancouver, and Victoria) of the announced 10 new IJC.• IJCs provide culturally appropriate information, advice, support, and representation directly to Indigenous people primarily on criminal and child protection issues.	s.13; s.17	s.13; s.16
10.	AG	Dedicated Crown Counsel and Repeat Violent Offenders	s.13; s.17	s.15; s.16	s.13; s.15

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11.	AG	Virtual Bail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Virtual Bail Initiative has advanced long-term bail reform plans in addition to providing an immediate response to the COVID-19 pandemic and has included the implementation of Crown-led evening and weekend bail, and the modernization of videoconferencing technology. The new bail processes aim to reduce community displacement, improve communication and information sharing, and enhance the efficiency of the justice sector, ultimately improving access to justice. In rural and remote communities, videoconferencing devices improve the quality of bail hearings. They also reduce what may have previously been significant time in custody for the accused. It's no longer necessary to arrange long distance transportation for bail hearings, only for the accused to be released far from home with no means of return. 	s.15; s.16	s.13; s.15
12.	MMHA	Peer Assisted Care Teams (PACTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PACT teams provide a compassionate response for people in crisis where there is no safety risk. They strengthen supports for people by providing trauma informed, culturally safe support for people in crisis and follow-up connections to community supports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 20, 2022 – announced intention for 12 total civilian-led crisis response teams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 12 includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 PACTs in partnership with CMHA-BC (3 existing and 7 new PACTs) 2 Indigenous-led teams October 16, 2023 – the Request for Expressions of Interest for service providers to operate the Comox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wave 1 – North Shore, Victoria, New Westminster. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September – November 2023 –teams expand hours to 16 hr/7 day service s.13 Wave 2 – Prince George, Comox Valley, Kamloops.

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				<p>is accepting patients s.13</p> <p>s.13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As of October 6, 17 clients have been served.• s.13• <p>s.13; s.17</p> <p>Aftercare and supportive housing</p> <p>s.13</p>	s.13; s.17
15.	MMHA	Community Transition Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanding from 5 to 10 teams to offer support services for people leaving all 10 provincial correctional centres.• Increasing the size and capacity of all teams by adding new healthcare and support workers.• Tripling the length of time people get services from 30 to 90 days.	<p>s.13; s.17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Services initiated at all new sites	s.13; s.17

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16.	MMHA	Brain Injury Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expansion of services is needed to address the rise in brain injuries amongst those impacted by the toxic drug supply.• In 2023, MMHA provided \$4.5 million funding over three years to the Brain Injury Alliance, enabling support for people with acquired brain injuries through overdose or other injury - with a focus on those involved in the criminal justice system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 13 Brain Injury Alliance member agencies have initiated work through the new funding to extend the screening and referrals for brain injury services.• First Quarterly Report received: between July 1st-September 30th 2023, 367 new individuals were screened for brain injury services, and 293 (80%) of these were accepted for services.• 151 (41%) of these new clients live with concurrent mental health, substance use and/or justice system involvement.• 7 of the 13 Brain Injury Alliance member organizations assisted a community where dedicated brain injury service are not locally available to establish services or supports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Brain Injury Alliance will continue reporting quarterly. Next quarter data report for period October 1 to December 31st, 2023, expected in mid-January 2024.