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Dear Chair Margo Wagner and Directors of CRD:

Re: Community Interventions for Crime Reduction

In its ongoing commitment to support efforts to reduce criminal activities in our city, City of Williams Lake Council has requested that I reach out to gather information around the interventions that surrounding communities have been using over the past few years to help reduce crime. It is important to be aware of and honour the initiatives that are being introduced and practiced in the area.

As you are aware, crime reduction cannot be the sole work of the RCMP. It is a fact that the effectiveness of decreasing criminal activities increases tenfold when it is a collaborative practice between competent agencies that bring their unique skills and tools to the table to collectively increase safety and well-being for all.

For our purposes, the definition of crime reduction is the attempt to reduce victimization and to deter crime and criminals. It is applied specifically to efforts made by the police, councils, and citizens to reduce crime, enforce the law, and maintain criminal justice. As we look to better understand crime prevention practices being implemented in our region, we need to differentiate between prevention and reduction.

The major difference between crime prevention and crime reduction is where the energy to reduce crime is invested. The very root of crime prevention considers what supports can be put in place for people, usually babies, children, and young teens, who are not involved in criminal activity and asks, "What can we do to make sure they never come into conflict with the law?"

We believe that strong collaboration is the most effective and positive way to grow healthier communities. A clearer understanding of what each community is currently focusing on will help build the foundation for a collaborative action plan.

I hope that you are able to take some time to share the work that is being done in your community, as well as any plans you may have for new initiatives in 2024. I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience and would be happy to discuss this further at a time convenient to you. I can be reached via email at sdubray@williamslake.ca.

Thank you for your consideration.
Yours truly,

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