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For Immediate Release

Following two critical incidents on September 3 and September 8, 2020 in close proximity to Drayton Christian School, the Town of Drayton Valley, in collaboration with the Drayton Valley RCMP and in consultation with Wild Rose School Division (WRSD), have taken immediate action and have a long term plan to mitigate the potential for further incidents in the area.

This situation is very alarming and the Town of Drayton Valley, the RCMP and WRSD understand that students, parents, and the community are shaken by these recent events. As part of an immediate and short term solution, the Town's Community Peace Officer (CPO) and the RCMP have been making daily foot patrols in the area surrounding the school at various times throughout the day in an effort to keep children, school staff and the public safe.

The next step is to have a portion of the treed land behind the school deforested to help improve sightlines in the area. The Town has been in contact with a local arborist to have this completed in the next few weeks. The CPO and RCMP will continue making foot patrols in the area.

Additionally, the Town will be looking at more lighting in the area which will be considered as part of the 2021 budget. The Town will also be looking at options to develop the land which may discourage unwanted activity in the future.

The Town, RCMP and WRSD have been working together and will remain vigilant for the safety of the community.