



“Crime in the Community”

What was said and heard at the Community Consultative Group Discussion on June 11, 2018

Invitations were sent to different community groups and stakeholders for the Community Consultative Group Discussion with the goal to receive a first feedback on common themes and concerns regarding crime in the community. Five break-out groups provided feedback on the following questions.

What do you believe are the biggest issues facing the community with regards to crime?

Vehicle theft & vandalism | Break & enters | Shoplifting | Loitering | Residential theft | Trespassing | Escalation | Speeding | Vandalism

What do you believe is the primary cause for crime?

Economic downturns | Homelessness and poverty | Mental health issues and lack of support services | Drug and alcohol addiction | Insufficient police resources | Lack of visibility | Insufficient support for Citizens on Patrol/Rural Crime Watch | More funding for RCMP resources required, less for programming | Lack of programs/activities and funding for these | Lack of consequences/weak penalties | Lack of supervision/responsible parenting | Lack of respect, empathy and civic pride

What do you believe the police can do to mitigate the problems? (Crime Prevention strategies)

More resources for RCMP | 24 hour policing | Bike patrol, silent patrol, bait cars, police dogs, drones | Traffic enforcement | Presence in schools (RCMP and Community School Resource Officer) | Improve recruitment | Monthly/quarterly community sessions | RCMP communicates to the public on their policing priorities | Sharing information in a positive forum | Increased support for Citizens on Patrol and Rural Crime Watch | Improve communication between Citizens on Patrol and RCMP | Bylaw enforcement shift schedule | Curfew bylaw | Lobby federal government to increase RCMP resources and change the judicial system for stricter penalties | Municipality to provide funding towards community safety rather than social programming | Collaboration with Brazeau County | Learn about positive initiatives of other municipalities | Address homelessness and poverty | Encourage residents to report crime and suspicious activities | Improve knowledge dispatch numbers | Rebate for security systems

What do you believe the public can do to mitigate the problems? (Crime prevention activities and strategies)

Be diligent and reduce crime of opportunity | Be a good neighbour | Increase awareness | Report crimes and suspicious activities and provide detailed information | Volunteer with Citizens on Patrol/Rural Crime Watch | Get involved | Change of attitude and be part of the solution | Take pride and responsibility | Celebrate accomplishments | Build a sense of community | Better parenting | Crime reporter

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