

## Information Drawn from our City's Consultant Reports & Online News Articles (Please see links to complete News articles and Blueline Report)

January 30, 2019 - Maple Ridge News "Pitt Meadows council approves 5.58 percent budget increase": Reported Mayor Dingwall declined adding another RCMP officer for Pitt Meadows. He stated that he was "fairly happy with where we're at..." and "I'm thinking we have sufficient officers". He indicates several times how costly new Members are, and that the "Pop to Cop" ratio will never see dramatic increases based on slow growth for the city.  
<https://www.mapleridgenews.com/news/pitt-meadows-council-approves-5-58-per-cent-budget-increase/>

Nov. 22, 2019 - Maple Ridge News "Consultant investigating an independent Pitt Meadows RCMP": Council has gone from no new officer, to hiring Blueline Vantage Consulting and Ms. Tonia Enger and touring White Rock's autonomous RCMP Detachment. Ms. Enger comments in the article that the model (Pitt Meadows Council chooses?) "must also stay within the current budget of approximately \$6 million".  
<https://www.mapleridgenews.com/news/consultant-investigating-an-independent-pitt-meadows-rcm4>

*Open House - Feb. 20, 2020 - Following a minimally attended, cusp of pandemic Open House the Mayor declares "overwhelming support" by all residents, by way of there not being 300-500 residents in attendance opposed to this initiative. There were no attendance records for residents that evening, and our CAO recollects it was "about 100" present. There were no written feed back sheets available for attendees.*

March 8, 2021 - Maple Ridge News "Pitt Meadows council approves RCMP detachment at art gallery site": Council has now determined, with no assent vote from the public, that we need an autonomous detachment built on park land, with (estimated & incomplete costs with the possible addition of a cell block) for the building alone at \$18.3 million. This would be the most expensive infrastructure project our City has undertaken, much of it on loan from the Province.

<https://www.mapleridgenews.com/news/pitt-meadows-council-approves-rcmp-detachment-at-art-gallery-site/>

## There was no public assent (Yes) vote to get to this point.

### Choices Council didn't make:

Putting more manpower we already pay for (officers) in our current Community Police Office (CPO) near City Hall. Our current CPO (renovated 2013 - \$1.4M) is "***underutilized for its size, specialized space, and the tools it offers***" (Blueline Report to Council, Feb. 2020, page 4).

[https://www.pittmeadows.ca/sites/default/files/docs/city-services/Police/rcmp\\_services\\_structure\\_review\\_bound\\_copy.pdf](https://www.pittmeadows.ca/sites/default/files/docs/city-services/Police/rcmp_services_structure_review_bound_copy.pdf)

Option 2 of Blueline's Report (pg 40-42 Feb, 2020) "***This option addresses the desired outcomes identified by Pitt Meadows for a service delivery model, without a significant financial impact***". This would be a Service Agreement that could see extra RCMP out of our current Community Police Office with more 'Detachment like' services without the cost of building a new facility and maintaining an actual Detachment.

Almost no residents were aware of the Alternate Approval Process (AAP) used June, 2021 by the City to remove the park designation from over 2300 sq.m. of Harris Rd. Park (rezoning public hearing TBA). If you were unaware of the City's Voting Opportunities website and did not register a written "No" vote with the City with a printed and signed website/City form (A "No Vote"), **you were voting "Yes", that you were in favour of removing park designation** (for development of an RCMP Detachment).

The RCMP will not build a Detachment that is co-sited with a Daycare. Why is Council insisting one be built adjacent to a family park that sees frequent use by a nearby Day-care and youth of all ages at all times of the day and evening?

The Solicitor General of BC Mike Farnworth has NOT signed off on our City having its own Detachment. It is not a "Done Deal". You can write to Minister Farnworth at: [PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca)