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Sessions on policing and public safety in South Van indicate few residents have issues

A large number of crimes in South Vancouver go unreported because many residents find “the police unsupportive with no follow-up actions.”

This was one of the findings when the Reframing South Vancouver Initiative (RSVI) asked local residents to share “Any thoughts on policing and public safety in South Vancouver... to help modernize the provincial policing legislation.”

With a \$10,000 Community-led Engagement grant from the BC government, Reframing Team conducted 19 Policing and Public Safety discussion sessions in January and February of this year. The sessions, which were conducted in person and available online, collected the lived-experiences of a total of 229 residents and collected their opinions on the police and possible improvements to policing legislation.

To accommodate the diversity of the community, RSVI provided accessible venues, childcare reimbursement, and language support in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Punjabi and Tagalog as well as a \$25 honorarium. Participation was available online as well as in person.

During the workshop sessions, many participants expressed concerns about the increasing number of crimes in South Vancouver, such as thefts, break-ins, property damage, etc. Many residents mentioned that they found the police unsupportive with no follow-up actions and therefore chose not to report the crimes at all.

There were also requests to bring the Community Policing Centre back to the South Vancouver catchment. South Vancouver Community Policing Centre recently moved from 5435 Victoria Drive



Earlier this year, the Reframing South Vancouver Initiative (RSVI) asked local residents to share “Any thoughts on policing and public safety in South Vancouver... to help modernize the provincial policing legislation.” The 19 sessions attracted less than one quarter of one percent of the community’s population.

to 4830 Nanaimo St.

An average of 12 people attended the 19 sessions for a total of 229 participants,

representing 0.23% of south Vancouver’s of the population of approximately 100,000.

Safeway redevelopment at Broadway and Commercial just keeps growing



Up to 43 storeys with 1,000+ rental homes: Another revision grows Safeway redevelopment size at Commercial-Broadway SkyTrain Station.

The fifth revision to the rezoning application for the Safeway grocery store site at 1780 East Broadway next to SkyTrain Commercial-Broadway Station has added higher towers and more rental homes.

The latest revision increases the height of the west tower by four storeys to 43 storeys above the commercial base podium. The remaining two towers on the east side of the site now have one additional storey each, reaching 36 and 37 storeys.

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The tower height increases and the conversion of an office level in the base podium of the west tower will increase the number of rental homes from 981 to 1,044 units. At least 10% of the rental homes will continue to be below-market rental units, with the remaining 90% being market rental units. At least 35% of the homes will be sized for families, defined as units with two or more bedrooms.

The reincorporation of the 5,000 sq ft City-owned childcare facility for 37 children within the third level of the west tower has been retained.

A sizeable fitness gym will be located on the second level, the same level as the outdoor amenity space on the base podium’s rooftop above the new replacement Safeway.

The size of the project’s publicly accessible outdoor space has grown to 32,000 sq ft in the latest revision with 12,000 sq ft of new publicly accessible areas that will be landscaped and activated by food and beverage units and kiosks.

The new replacement Safeway continues to be about 50,000 sq ft, which is larger than the existing 44,500 sq ft store. Some restaurant units will also be added to activate the complex’s frontages with the plaza and East 10th Ave.

Proponents for the revised application say the site deserves additional density due to its proximity to one of Metro Vancouver’s busiest transit hubs. In 2027, Commercial-Broadway Station will become a major interchange for passengers transferring between the Expo Line and the Millennium Line’s new Broadway extension, which will reach Arbutus.

Three underground levels will contain 438 vehicle parking stalls and over 2,000 bike parking spaces.