



# MAYOR REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** September 23, 2022

**TO:** Prince George City Council

**NAME AND TITLE:** Lyn Hall, Mayor

**SUBJECT:** Province of British Columbia's Rapid Investigation into Repeat Offending and Random Stranger Violence in BC

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Executive Summary and Recommendations: Rapid Investigation into Repeat Offending and Random Stranger Violence in British Columbia

## RECOMMENDATION:

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Mayor's Report dated September 23, 2022 titled "Province of British Columbia's Rapid Investigation into Repeat Offending and Random Stranger Violence in BC."

## DISCUSSION:

In response to the increase in repeat offending criminal activity and unprovoked violent attacks, the Province of British Columbia, in co-operation with the BC Urban Mayors' Caucus, hired experts in mental health and policing to provide an independent analysis of the various public-safety challenges facing communities across the province and to provide evidence-based recommendations towards resolving these ongoing issues.

On September 21, 2022, the Province released the executive summary and recommendations (attached to this report) with twenty-eight (28) recommendations addressing:

- Improving the system of care of people in the criminal justice system with mental-health and substance-use challenges;
- Creating more opportunities to divert people from the criminal justice system;
- Improving services for Indigenous Peoples;
- Improving collaboration between partners, including community services, law enforcement, and all levels of governments; and
- Addressing repeat offending and improving public confidence in the justice system.

The City of Prince George appreciates the province recognizing the need of communities across the provinces, expediting the investigation into these issues and we look forward to working with all levels of government to improve public safety, crime reduction, and increase supports for our vulnerable community members.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Lyn Hall, Mayor

Meeting Date: 2022/10/03