**Message from the Chair of the Police Board**

We are responsible for setting the strategic direction and managing the administration of the OBPD. In this role, we routinely receive incredibly positive feedback about our Police Dept. Their genuine concern for our community, approachable style & willingness to ‘go the extra mile’ is unique in this modern era of policing. We’re also pleased they do this while maintaining the lowest ‘cost per capita’ of any municipal Police Department in British Columbia.

We should all be very proud of our Police Dept. Their compassionate, professional and patient approach to policing contributes to Oak Bay being such a special place. We consider it a privilege to be on the Oak Bay Police Board and we’re pleased with the valuable community input we received during our planning process.

The members currently on our Board are **Mayor Nils Jensen (Chair), Brian Rendell, Blair Littler, & Mary Kelly.**

**Message from the Chief Constable**

Our members provide a uniquely high level of service and we’re proud of our role in making Oak Bay the least violent community in BC (second least in Canada).**

This year, we embarked upon our community consultation as a critical step in our strategic planning process. Our community identified the following priorities.

- **Community Engagement /Visibility**
- **Property Crime**
- **Traffic**

We, at OBPD, met and discussed a number of initiatives that we believe will help us meet our objectives. Our specific initiatives may evolve or need to be changed throughout the five year period but our objectives will stay the same. We’ll report annually on our progress to ensure that we’re accountable for the results.
DID YOU KNOW?
We attend every block party in Oak Bay (unless an emergency occurs)

We are spending more hours patrolling on bicycle than ever before

We have a full time School Liaison Officer

We volunteer in many ways from coaching, being scout leaders, OB Volunteers, Cops for Cancer, Law Enforcement Torch Run, and others.

Our members previously worked for Police Depts such as New West, Edmonton, West Van, Saanich, Victoria, London, Peel & the RCMP

You can follow us on Twitter @oakbaypolice

Community Engagement / Visibility

Residents have been very clear that they like us to be very engaged in the community. Oak Bay is all about “community” and our members enjoy attending the countless activities. We look forward to seeing you at the Tea Party, Night Markets, the Light Up, School Talks, & countless other events. You’ll also see us walking & biking throughout Oak Bay as we believe police must be approachable to be trusted.

Our objective is to increase our Community Engagement and Visibility in the Community each year for the next 5 years.

We’ll measure this by asking our community via survey, how we’re doing. Our baseline (4.47 / 5) has been taken from our recent survey. It will be difficult to beat that, but we’re committed to trying.

Some of our many initiatives which we believe will help us reach our goal are as follows:

- Increase our bike patrols
- create a liaison role for the seniors centers and activities
- create a website
- increase our social media presence
- hire more Reserve Constables
- have ‘coffee with a cop’ sessions
- participate in more events at our post secondary institutions

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DID YOU KNOW?

There are two property crimes which dramatically and negatively impact our crime rate in Oak Bay. They are:

- Theft from Autos (almost always from unlocked vehicles)
- Theft of bicycles

We recover many bicycles every year and ultimately donate them as they aren’t registered.

OBPD has a free bike registry. Please drop by and register your bike.

Property Crime

While property crime is obviously much less serious than violent crime, having something stolen still leaves people feeling victimized. We’re committed to lowering our property crime but it is clear, from the unlocked vehicles for instance, that we’re going to need the whole community to participate for us to be successful.

Our objective is to lower property crime every year for the next five years. We already have very low crime so this won’t be easy, but we’re excited about making Oak Bay even safer than it already is.

We’ll measure this by pulling data from our PRIME databank. Our baseline for 2016, is as follows: (2016/12/01—2017/11/30)

- Theft from Autos — 105
- Theft of Bikes — 55
- B&E Residential — 25
- B&E Commercial — 5

While we can’t share all our initiatives, some of the strategies we’ll use include:
- Increasing education on the need to lock cars
- Working with the school & others on bike thefts
- Undercover operations
- Increasing bike patrols during the wee hours
- Bait bike operations
- Property Checks for those going out of town

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DID YOU KNOW?

We have a member who is on the Alexa All Star Team. This means he has taken more than 25 impaired drivers off the road in 2017 in Oak Bay.

We have a member on the provincially funded Integrated Road Safety Unit.

Our members have very diverse policing backgrounds including experience in undercover operations, major crimes, tech, intelligence, traffic, gangs, community policing, HR and almost every unit imaginable.

We have members with training in sobriety testing, drug recognition, breathalyzer operation, laser and radar speed enforcement.

Our Reserves Constables volunteered over 1000 hours in 2017 on initiatives such as Speed-watch.

Traffic

We’re very fortunate in Oak Bay to have very few serious injury accidents but we know that even one is too many for the family it effects. The community of Oak Bay decisively identified Traffic as a top priority for us and we look for to addressing this community concern.

Our objective is to lower the number of accidents in Oak Bay and make our roads safer each year for the next 5 years.

We’ll measure this by pulling data from PRIME and ICBC and use the following as our 2017 baseline: (2016/12/01—2017/11/30)

Pedestrian Injury Accidents — 7

Total Injury Accidents — 28

Total Number of Accidents — 122

Some of the initiatives we will implement are:

- Increase number of Traffic Projects (distracted driving, stop signs, speeding, impaired driving)
- Increase number of hours dedicated to traffic enforcement
- Ensure we are trained and ready for increased impaired driving by marijuana
- School Zone enforcement
- Educational campaigns
- Work with partners such as ICBC & Oak Bay High
- Ensure the Integrated Road Safety Unit is enforcing traffic in Oak Bay as per Memo of Understanding
- Positive Ticketing Program

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Thank you for your interest in our Strategic Priorities

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