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Re: Letter of Support for a Situation Table

As Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, and on behalf of Council, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for the establishment of a Situation Table in the community.

Many existing and emerging public safety challenges require ongoing, multi-sector collaboration by the police, social service providers, and health agencies to preserve and promote community safety. We are encouraged that a Situation Table will enable Nanaimo's front-line service providers to proactively identify vulnerable people and families at imminent risk of harm or victimization and rapidly connect them to services before they experience a negative or traumatic event (e.g. overdose, eviction, etc.). The benefits of Situation Tables include:

- Improved collaboration among service providers
- Improved service delivery
- Reduced demand for emergency and police services
- Reduced risk of criminal offending and victimization
- A fostered awareness of complex community issues

The City of Nanaimo is aware that with the support of the Province, the successful implementation and maintenance of a Situation Table will require participation and collaboration from local government, police, and human services agencies.

The concept of Situation Tables aligns well with the work of Council's Health and Housing Task Force that is currently finalizing an Action Plan that strongly supports better coordination of resources and agencies to support vulnerable community members. We hope that a future Situation Table will be closely integrated/aligned with related efforts to establish Integrated Coordinated Access and other coordinated efforts to help vulnerable community members.

The City of Nanaimo is committed to these priorities and will make concerted efforts to ensure the success of the Situation Table.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard Krog". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Leonard Krog
MAYOR

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