



JOINT MEDIA RELEASE – Cultus Lake Park, City of Chilliwack and RCMP

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Community Policing Agreement Inked with Cultus Lake Park, City of Chilliwack and RCMP

Cultus Lake, B.C. – The Cultus Lake Park Board and the City of Chilliwack have entered into a joint agreement with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to establish Community Policing at Cultus Lake Park over the summer months.

According to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), dedicated RCMP officers will be stationed at the Park from the May long weekend to the end of the September long weekend, providing law enforcement coverage during the Park's busiest season. These officers will be deployed from a new Community Policing Office, located in the Visitor Centre at the Park. This is in addition to the current RCMP boat patrols. In the off-season, normal RCMP coverage will continue.

According to the MOU, the Park will reimburse the City 100% of the costs for RCMP members to perform dedicated policing services for the summer months.

Said Cultus Lake Park Board Chair Joe Lamb: "We heard from the Cultus Lake Park community that security around the Park is a priority. As a result, the Board and staff undertook an in-depth review of how we could do better in this area. This agreement is the result of that research." He added: "This Board has clearly said that community building is an important part of our promise to the leaseholders of Cultus Lake Park. The new Community Policing effort is one component of how we are bringing that commitment to life."

"Chilliwack City Council has made public safety a priority and has already committed to adding six new RCMP members to the Chilliwack detachment in 2019. Through this MOU, we will add a seventh RCMP member that will serve Chilliwack during the non-summer months," said Mayor Popove. "Having dedicated policing services at the Cultus Lake Visitor Centre will eliminate additional travel time, making more efficient use of the RCMP members serving both communities."



“I am pleased the City of Chilliwack and the Cultus Lake Park Board have come together in partnership with the Chilliwack RCMP to enhance the delivery of policing services for the Cultus Lake Park community,” said Supt. Bryon Massie, the Officer in Charge of the Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment.

Security at Sunnyside Campground will continue to be managed by a third-party security firm.

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