

Vital Signs Perception Survey 09/08/2011

Safety & Security

Police Patrols Bike/Walk/Car

- A more patrolling downtown in summer evenings/nights
- A More foot patrols
The perception is still that of high crime downtown and out okanagn landing after dark; this will limit uptake on increased residential opportunities downtown
- A more police foot patrols at night
- A more foot patrolling downtown
- A Keep the bike patrols and foot patrols for police presence downtown
- A not enough police visibility - on foot or motor bikes, scooters
- A too much is left to the employer without proper policing.
- A RCMP needs to not give out speeding tickets on a sunny Sunday afternoon
- A maintaining a visible police presence is vital.
increased visibility is really helpful...street walks /bikes etc: early intervention with kids to teach skills that will prevent them from living life on the street
- A There is always going to be crime, an obvious police/community policing presence is important.
- A More police presence on regular basis.
- A More police needed particularly in drug, prostitution areas
- A get police out of offices and cars and mix with the people
- A Security patrol on our downtown area streets
- A more police presence such as bike patrols
- A More bike and walking patrol
- A I would like to see more foot patrols
- A more police on the street - meeting residents, building a sense of safety

The Court System

- B Hire some judges who don't believe in the "revolving door" theory of crime and punishment.
- B property crime is basically ignored/some teeth to our laws
not sure what to do about this. address the needs of various demographics in order to understand how to get them off the streets or from B & E's or street violence.
- B lock up criminal element- no parole or time off
- B those who commit crimes need to be made accountable
- B tougher laws for those who offend
- B go after first time offenders harder
- B more enforcement - more consequences
- B get some of the able bodied younger people off the streets.
- B Stiffer sentencing for convicted offenders
- B sticter sentences for youth, less "slap on the wrist " justice
- B have them do more community service
- B Institute work programs in jails for trails and park development and clean up, weed pulling programs
- B none of this "with a promise to appear" for offenders

Police Staffing Levels

- C we can always use and extra police officer or two
- C Hire more police officers so that the RCMP can attend more calls
- C funding for more enforcement
- C Support RCMP programs with money and time

Safety At Night

- D do not feel safe walking alone downtown after 8 pm
- D Too many nefarious young people walking the streets.
Need better lighting at night in all areas of the city. We should feel safe at all times. The work done by the Women's Centre in regard to this was excellent - time to do it again.
- D it would be nice to see more cops just driving or biking around down town at night. Would make me

Citizens Working With Police

- E more eyes on the street thru more residential housing options in the core
- E To find ways to prevent less property crime
- E Emphasis needed on family violence
- E Involve residents in community policing approach
- E More Citizen involvement i crime prevention
- E get neighbour hood watch operating better
I think more opportunities to get involved in neighborhood watch would be helpful too...neighbors watching out for each other...not interfering but watching out.
- E reduce social disconnectedness

Illegal Drugs

- F need to deal with drug problem (will reduce property crime)
- F most crime seems drug related,the war on drugs has failed, needs a different approach to reduce crime
- F Way too much crime for such a small community. Too many drugs.
- F If some things were legalized, monitored and governed: such as drugs and prostitution, the crime rate support for decriminalization of drugs
- F reduce attractiveness of community to criminals ..close methadone programme
- F I know there is drugs and grow ops, but feel quite safe
- F street crime from drug culture
We need better crime prevention and a better way of dealing with dealers. Drugs are getting more and more addictive and breakins and theft will only increase.
there appears to be a lot of petty drug dealing in the downtown area. I'm not sure if merchants there experience thievery regularly, but it seems that might be the case. Rigorous tracking of pawn shop

Government

- G bypass city with the highway
The chief cop seems to get a lot of "face" time in the newspaper. My impression is that policing as far as prevention is concerned is generally inconsistent and boils down to periodic campaigns rather than a continues even handed approach the latter being well known for improving behavior.
- G housing in the downtown core
- G Just how good is your emergency preparedness??
- G The Emergency Services program should be recognized better as provincial leaders in this program
- G city hall cuts back on policing but expects the same service same with fire protection
- G free woman, seniors and children safety/self defense program/event
- G Build a bypass
- G emergency preparedness still needs to be adressed
- G Colin Mayes has to stop telling people our communities are not safe
- G stop the infighting about fire halls and who staffs what where
- G commerical fronting streets instead of large parking lots dominating streetscape
- G better bike and walking trails
- G better cycle lanes throughout city and sidewalk linkages
I am concerned about the "storage/parking" of tanker cars by the railroad in the middle of the city, their contents, and whether or not the city has an emergency plan to deal with a derailment and possible spill
- G RCMP has a poor image nationally with recent incidents
- G street lighting at night in all areas of town including rural roads,downtown back streets

- G emergency preparedness drill/practise day for all, not just schools
- G RCMP do a great job with the few resources they have
- G review community perception of Mission, Gateway, Howard House, services

Bike Safety & Skills

- H bike safety and education for helmets and bike skills courses and driver awareness so cyclists have an

Traffic Laws

- I get drivers to slow down on main roads
- I I think police need to crack down more on speeding (on 43rd especially) but there are other problem
- I rcmp monitor traffic violations downtown
- I traffic laws frequently disobeyed by drivers
- I Traffic is an issue; in-town traffic infractions should be policed, eg. speeding, running red lights, not
- I stop cell phone or ear phones use while driving
- I more roadblocks
- I Traffic Police
- I not enough vigilance about driving infractions

Serious Crime

- J underground organized crime elements
- J verson sure has had some awful murders in the past

Youth Facilities / Programs

- K build another skateboard park for youth in the north end

Communications

- L Put positive messages in media
- L more comparisons to show we are pretty safe
- L support community safety measures more actively
- L Support prevention programs
- L I'd like to hear as a community member what security, police and street people would have to share.

Mental Health/Poverty

- M mental illness and poverty/crime services away from downtown
- M Crime is caused in a big part by poverty and frustration for lack of money. Pay the rent or eat??? There
- M does seem to be a lot of crime but this has increased in most cities across the country.