



April 17, 2026

Attention: Rene Johansson, Chair, Central Saanich Police Board

Dear Ms. Johnansson,

On the recommendation of committee member Sarah Riddell, Councillor with the District of Central Saanich, I'm writing today to share our thanks for the participation of Chief Constable Ian Lawson in our Oct. 23, 2025 panel discussion regarding the future of three critical Greater Victoria Integrated Police Units – namely the Integrated Mobile Crisis Response Team, the Mobile Youth Services Team and the Regional Domestic Violence Unit.

Chief Lawson and our other participants provided context and details on their respective work and plotted the myriad connection points that link health-care professionals and police as they support vulnerable youth and adults throughout our region.

Among much else, we learned that funding decisions have led to new localized police initiatives in Central Saanich and the West Shore along with regional innovation and contingencies by all parties to maintain critical services in the face of multiple and growing social crises here on the South Island.

We also learned that service delivery challenges remain and have been exacerbated in a region where young people freely cross municipal boundaries and enter jurisdictions where response teams are limited due to these funding decisions.

As you'll read in the panel discussion transcript ([available online here](#)), all agree that continuing and enhanced coordination, information sharing and collaboration is essential.

We look forward to further close, evidence-based consideration of how best to deliver essential services to vulnerable youth and their families locally and throughout the Capital region.

Sincerely,
Marie-Terese Little,

Chair, Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District Board of Directors
Mayor, District of Metchosin

cc Chief Constable Ian Lawson, Central Saanich Police Service
cc Central Saanich Council