



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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December 11, 2023

Honourable Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
PO Box 9010 Stn. Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Honourable Jennifer Whiteside  
Minister of Mental Health and Addictions  
PO Box 9010 Stn. Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Via Email: [PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

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Dear Ministers:

### **Re: Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) Needs - Langley City**

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Langley City wants to begin by acknowledging the Province for its leadership in expanding the Mobile Integrated Crisis Response Teams across the Province to ensure the most vulnerable individuals in our BC communities receive the connections and access to the health-related services and supports that are required, while diverting this direct impact from policing.

The Provincial call to action aligns well with Langley City's endorsed support for a coordinated shared outcome approach to aid vulnerable residents with access to services and supports through strong collaboration and coordination across non-profits, statutory agencies, and all levels of government, who have a mandate, role, or responsibility to support individuals with access to housing, health, and community services.

The Langley RCMP is a key community partner in these collaborative efforts, as it has taken the lead to explore activation of a mobile integrated response team comprised of an RCMP member and psychiatric nurse and/or mental health professional to meet the broader Langley community's increasing mental health-related service calls.

According to October 2023 RCMP Prime File data, the year-to-date 2023 Langley mental health calls per 1000 residents were 12.64, which is much higher when compared to Burnaby at 8.49 and Coquitlam at 9.49, both Metro Vancouver communities who currently have MICR programs.

Ensuring that Langley has access to an MICR team would enhance the ability for the Langley RCMP in close partnership with mental health professionals to ensure a safe and supportive environment to meet the individual where they are at in the moment, whether it be when they are experiencing a mental health crisis or express readiness to access a pathway of addiction support or other resources.

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This would be a significant opportunity for the Langley RCMP to divert its mental health service calls that may lead to justice-related actions towards a health-focused, person-centered response that is coordinated and supportive.

The MICR will ensure data is collected to gain deeper insight into the current needs of individuals in our community with respect to mental health needs, will be well supported by the community-level response planning that is currently underway, and will support health and well-being outcomes for our most vulnerable residents in Langley City.

We look forward to further discussing the MICR enhancement opportunity and its right fit in Langley with you and your ministry in the near future.

Yours truly,  
CITY OF LANGLEY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Pachal', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nathan Pachal  
Mayor

cc: Andrew Mercier, MLA – Langley  
Langley City Council  
Supt. Adrian Marsden, OIC, Langley RCMP Detachment  
Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Social Planning Services



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January 9, 2024

Her Worship Mayor Megan Knight  
City of White Rock  
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White Rock, BC V4B 1Y6  
Via Email: [mknight@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:mknight@whiterockcity.ca)

Dear Mayor Knight:

**Re: Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) Needs**

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Evidence shows that the benefits of having an MICR team are significant, and we recognize that such a team in our community would make a meaningful difference. To this end, I want to share the attached letter dated December 11, 2023 from Langley City to Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, regarding the need for a Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) team in Langley City. We hope that this letter may assist you with sending your own letter to the Ministers for an MICR team in your community.

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His Worship Mayor Dan Ruimy  
City of Maple Ridge  
11995 Haney Place  
Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9  
Via Email: [druimy@mapleridge.ca](mailto:druimy@mapleridge.ca)

Dear Mayor Ruimy:

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Mayor Eric Woodward  
Township of Langley  
20338 – 65 Avenue  
Langley, BC V2Y 3J1  
Via Email: [ewoodward@tol.ca](mailto:ewoodward@tol.ca)

Dear Mayor Woodward:

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