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Honourable Nina Krieger  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
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Dear Minister Kriege,

I first want to wish you a Happy New Year.

As you are likely aware, we face capacity challenges throughout the public safety and health care systems. The Langley area has the third-largest unsheltered population of people experiencing homelessness in Metro Vancouver, as per the 2025 Point-in-Time Homeless Count in Greater Vancouver. These are folks with complex needs that are currently not getting the support they require.

Many of these folks find themselves in a revolving-door situation with the criminal justice and health care systems, with no improvement in their outcomes. This revolving-door situation puts a strain on our first responders, whether it is police waiting for hours in the Emergency Room, firefighters responding to minor fires or overdose calls, or bylaw officers helping folks move along in the morning after camping.

In speaking with Superintendent Harm Dosange, the Officer-in-Charge of the Langley RCMP detachment, he noted that in a 12-month period ending in August 2025, one person with complex needs who is experiencing homelessness generated approximately 130 Langley RCMP contacts, including multiple arrests and time in and out of custody.

The next four people with complex needs who are experiencing homelessness averaged 100 direct or indirect Langley RCMP contacts within the same period.

These RCMP contacts and custody consume considerable time and money and do not improve long-term outcomes for these folks or our community. These folks need support, including complex care housing, treatment, and recovery services that are currently not available in Langley.

If we could get even five of these folks the proper and mandatory supports, it would help improve their outcomes and have a significant impact on reducing the strain on our first responders, criminal justice system, and emergency health care services.

Langley City Council understands that delivering better outcomes for people with complex needs who are experiencing homelessness requires the coordination of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

As such, we would like to request a meeting with you to understand how your Ministry will improve the outcomes of these folks in the Langley area and how you are coordinating with other Ministers over the next year to accomplish this.

We look forward to your response.

Yours truly,  
CITY OF LANGLEY

Nathan Pachal  
Mayor

cc: Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health  
Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
MLA Jody Toor, Langley-Willowbrook  
Superintendent Harm Dosange, Officer-in-Charge