

Agenda – January 23, 2025

8:00am	Registration Opens
8:30am	<p>Official Welcome Clint Mahlman, <i>Chair and Co-founder, Save Our Streets</i></p> <p>Program Overview Jess Ketchum, <i>Co-founder, Save Our Streets</i></p>
	<p>Panel One: Justice for All: Challenges and Choices</p> <p>Public safety and crime are issues of crisis proportions for British Columbians, with individuals, businesses, and communities feeling the daily impact of crime and street disorder. Meanwhile, recent SOS polling highlights public concerns about the effectiveness and capacity of the judicial system, with an increasing disconnect between public expectations and courtroom realities. This panel will explore what resources, reforms and actions are required to rebuild public confidence that there can be justice for all, including offenders, victims, and communities.</p> <p>MODERATOR: Jas Johal, CKNW</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Honourable Wally Oppal, K.C., <i>Senior Counsel, Boughton Law, former judge and B.C. Attorney General</i> ▪ Christina J. Cook, <i>Senior Policy Lawyer, BC First Nations Justice Council</i> ▪ Leonard Krog, <i>Mayor, City of Nanaimo, and former MLA</i> ▪ Adam Dalrymple, <i>President, B.C. Crown Counsel Association</i>
	<p>Speaker: Honourable Terry Yung, <i>Minister of State for Community Safety and Integrated Services, Province of British Columbia</i></p>
	<p>Panel Two: Policing and Public Safety: Options and Opportunities in Changing Times</p> <p>Businesses feel under siege because of the extent of retail crime and public disorder and British Columbians are feeling unsafe in their communities. At the same time, modern-day policing has become more complicated with the growing issues of the illicit drug trade, addiction and mental illnesses, and homelessness. In the face of changing times, this panel will explore what resources or reforms are needed to support our police in protecting British Columbians.</p> <p>MODERATOR: Simi Sara, CKNW</p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald, <i>Commanding Officer, BC RCMP</i> ▪ Chief Adam Palmer, <i>Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department</i> ▪ Kash Heed, <i>Councillor, City of Richmond, former West Vancouver Police Chief, and former Solicitor General</i> ▪ Chief Norm Lipinski, <i>Chief Constable, Surrey Police Service</i>
	<p>Keynote Speaker: Marshall Smith, <i>Vice President, Rubicon Strategy and former Chief of Staff to the Premier of Alberta</i></p>
	<p>Panel Three: Prescription for a Continuum of Care: Addictions and Mental Illnesses</p> <p>Addictions and mental illnesses are fueling a significant segment of British Columbia's crime and street disorder. No community in BC is immune from these underlying health related pressures. While a comprehensive continuum of care seems broadly supported, it is a practical commitment that is lacking as a standard across the province. This panel will explore what the essential elements are of a province-wide continuum of care from assessment through treatment and recovery.</p> <p>MODERATOR: Carole Taylor, <i>Carole Taylor's Journal</i></p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Pouya Azar, <i>Head of Complex Pain Coastal Health Service, Vancouver Coastal Health</i> ▪ Dr. Nickie Mathew, <i>Addiction and Forensic Psychiatrist</i> ▪ Marshall Smith, <i>Vice President, Rubicon Strategy and former Chief of Staff to the Premier of Alberta</i>
12:20-1:30pm	Lunch Break
	<p>Speaker: Ken Sim, <i>Mayor, City of Vancouver</i></p>
	<p>Speaker: John Rustad, <i>Leader, Conservative Party of BC</i></p>
	<p>Panel Four: A Place to Call Home: The Role of Housing in Combatting Crime, Violence and Public Disorder</p> <p>In a comprehensive continuum of care, a place to call home, located strategically and providing access to required care is key. Stable and safe housing translates into public safety as individuals become less vulnerable and prone to crimes of survival and have a much better chance to recover. Across British Columbia, in communities of every shape and size, the daily public cost and impact of homelessness makes housing a local priority. This panel will explore successful housing models, and what the challenges are to defining and delivering housing along with services that make life better for individuals, and safer for the community.</p> <p>MODERATOR: Richard Zussman, <i>Global</i></p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heidi Hartman, <i>Associate Vice President, B.C. Housing</i> ▪ Deb Lester, <i>CEO, Covenant House Vancouver</i> ▪ Sam Sullivan, <i>Founder, Global Civic Policy Society</i>
	<p>Panel Five: Now what? What have we learned?</p> <p>As the Save Our Streets forum wraps up, what stood out from the panel sessions, and what are the recommended corrective measures we hope to see implemented by our governments? For the more than 120-member community and business organizations of SOS who are facing crime and street disorder every day across British Columbia, today provides a critical but only potential turning point. The entire Province, including governments, community and business groups need to put the collective shoulder to the wheel and bring about immediate action and change.</p> <p>MODERATOR: Jess Ketchum, <i>Co-founder, Save Our Streets</i></p> <p>PANELISTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members of Save Our Streets Oversight Council
3:45pm	<p>Closing Remarks and Thanks Clint Mahlman, <i>Chair and Co-founder, Save Our Streets</i></p>