

## RICHMOND RCMP

### PROPOSED MANDATE FOR VULNERABLE PERSONS UNIT (VPU)

#### Unit Size/Roles & Responsibilities:

- Cpl. Bob BASANTI – NCO in charge & Domestic Violence Coordinator;
- Cst. Heather HALL – Investigator & Mental Health Liaison;
- Cst. Kathleen OWEN – Investigator & High Risk Missing Persons Coordinator
- Each investigator in the unit is interchangeable and will work collaboratively with an understanding of each portfolio;
- The VPU reports directly to the Richmond RCMP Client Services NCO – Sgt. Ted LEWKO and fall within the purview of Community Policing/Victim Services (CP/VS) branch – S/Sgt. Scott CAMPBELL.

#### Vulnerable Person – Our Definition:

A vulnerable person can be defined as any person who, because of their diminished mental capacity, physical state, living arrangements/environment, relationship status, mental illness, addictions, and/or engaging in a “high risk” lifestyle is likely:

- at heightened risk of harm to their health and well-being;
- may not be capable of protecting themselves from risk;
- may be unable to fully understand consequences or be understood by those working in the criminal justice system.

#### Mandate:

- To identify individuals within Richmond who pose an increased risk to themselves or others due to complex issues such as: mental health, addictions, “highest risk” domestic violence incidents, chronically reported as “missing” or “AWOL”, not having a fixed address ;
- A client specific, wrap-around approach is endeavoured with community partners to assist these individuals in receiving appropriate support and intervention towards a longer-term goal of reducing calls for police service.

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