

TRUSTEE LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Pellegrin

Committee Name: Chamber of Commerce

Activities happening at school location:

AGM very full house. Mayor Krog presented with updates about our city. We are one of the 5 fastest growing cities in Canada. 3400 people moved here last year. BC unemployment rate is 4.3 % Nanaimo is 3.6%.

There are 15 new police officers in the budget and 4 bike officers. The problem is finding police to fill these rolls. Used to be 10 thousand applications a year across Canada to RCMP last year there were only 1800.

Fast ferries are happening this year! Big news for our city. The reimagine Nanaimo has coined "a hop, ship and a jump away"

The last count is over 900 unhoused folks in Nanaimo. Many are suffer from mental health, brain injury survivors, deep in addiction. Trying to change bail for repeat offenders with high likelihood to reoffend, to instead be "held" until hearing.

The new hotel behind the conference centre is something to be so proud of Snuneymuxw we're major investors and are running hotel. Such wonderful news.

567 Km of paved roads to plow in winter which means 1134 Km when doing both sides. (The message please be kind to city workers)

693 emails in one month to city regarding concerns of unhoused and crime of desperation in downtown core.

Double the cleaning program of downtown (the jewel of our city) vandalism grants available for businesses affected by crime.

Possible areas of support from the Board for future planning/budgeting

N/A

Items for Follow Up

N/A