



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **District and RCMP meet to discuss sex offender release**

In response to concerns raised by the public about the release of a sex offender into the community, the District of Mission met with the RCMP yesterday to discuss what measures have been taken to protect the public.

Under Section 810.2 in the Criminal Code of Canada, which is basically a peace bond between the community and a person, the courts can impose conditions on individuals determined to be at high risk to reoffend. RCMP and Corrections work cooperatively to enforce court ordered conditions. In addition to enforcing court conditions, the RCMP can and do employ other strategies to protect community safety.

When high risk offenders have served their sentence and are released into a community, RCMP and Corrections may put in place measures to safeguard the community where they are released. In this case, council was assured that appropriate measures are in place reflecting the fact that the safety of the community is the primary concern.

While communities do not have the legal right to refuse entry to a duly released prisoner, the District of Mission is satisfied that the coordinated efforts of the RCMP and Corrections are ensuring that public safety concerns are addressed.

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