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**To:** "Direct to Mayor and Council"  
**Date:** 4/28/2025 9:21:32 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation: Creating Safer Communities for Children and Youth: A Community Safety and Wellbeing Summit, June 5th & 6th 2025

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Hello Mayor and Council,

Further to the invitation to participate in the event below, please note we will work through the regular Deputy Mayor duty roster process to secure the representative to speak on behalf of Mayor and Council.

As per previous events, Councillors are generally invited to participate in the event by joining in the discussions. RSVP for participation would be appreciated as per below.

Thank you,

Sandra

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**From:** Singh, Sandra <Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2025 8:30 AM  
**To:** Direct to Mayor and Council  
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**Subject:** Invitation: Creating Safer Communities for Children and Youth: A Community Safety and Wellbeing Summit, June 5th & 6th 2025

City Manager's

Dear Mayor and Council,

Margaret Wittgens, GM of ACCS, and her Social Policy team are looking forward to providing an update and report back on the Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP) activities and some preliminary outcomes of the Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy, at Council on May 7, 2025.

Margaret would also like to extend an invitation to Mayor and Council to participate in the upcoming

Youth Community Safety Summit which aims to support collaboration across sectors and agencies on youth violence prevention and youth community safety work.

**The Event: Creating Safer Communities for Children and Youth: A Community Safety and Wellbeing Summit, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2025**

The City of Vancouver in partnership with the BSCP program partners and the Vancouver Police Department will be hosting a two-day summit that will bring together 200 stakeholders currently involved in the Building Safer Communities Program. Mayor and Council are invited to provide opening remarks on either or both days, and to participate as available in the summit's concurrent sessions.

**Dates:** Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am- 3:00pm and Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 1:00pm

**Location:** Vancouver Public Library – Downtown Branch 350 W. Georgia St, Vancouver

**M&C Role:** June 5 Council representative to provide Opening Remarks on June 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

June 6 Council representative to provide Welcoming Remarks June 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

**M&C RSVP:** Lanny Libby-Jimenez [lanny.libby@vancouver.ca](mailto:lanny.libby@vancouver.ca) by May 10<sup>th</sup>

**About the Event: The Creating Safer Communities for Children and Youth Summit** will bring together community leaders, educators, policymakers, youth workers, mental health professionals, law enforcement, parents, and youth to explore current trends, issues, and research in the community safety and wellbeing field as they relate to children and youth.

Summit participants will explore a range of different topics through plenary presentations and concurrent sessions:

- Youth violence trends and perceptions of safety
- School and community safety: importance of an integrated approach to supporting youth and preventing violence
- Youth wellbeing, mental health support and trauma informed care
- Evidence based approaches for reducing and preventing violence with children and youth
- Intersections between environmental design, child and youth friendly spaces and safety
- Challenges, rewards and strategies of collaboration in youth services and planning
- Monitoring our impact: the role of data in building community safety policies, service planning and program evaluation
- Innovating approaches in positive youth development programs
- Uncovering the influence of Gun and Gang violence on youth in the city

BSCP Citywide events generate a lot of community interest as they mobilize a large number of organizations and youth from the city. The summit will aim to raise the profile of youth work and community safety in the city and provide opportunities for government officials, community representatives, public partners, and young people to connect on important topics addressed by the Building Safer Communities Program. This event will also allow staff to gain insights on potential sustainability strategies for BSCP and will help meet broader public awareness and education objectives as included in the work plan.

Should you have any questions about the initiatives outlined above please contact Margaret Wittgens GM, Arts Culture and Community Services at [margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca](mailto:margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca).

Thank you,

Sandra

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