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**Crime Stoppers Looking for Local Volunteers**

Sechelt, BC - Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is looking to the public for additional volunteers to support its ongoing anonymous tips program and crime prevention activities on the Sunshine Coast. Interested volunteers may contact Anissa Lau at [alau@solvecrime.ca](mailto:alau@solvecrime.ca).

Earlier this year, the District of Sechelt awarded Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers with a Community Investment Program grant to support their programs and services in Sechelt. Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that operates in partnership with communities across the Lower Mainland from Boston Bar to Powell River. For more than 35 years, Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers has offered rewards for anonymous information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators in communities in and around Metro Vancouver.

“Despite what some people think, we’re not the police. We’re actually an independent, non-profit charity that operates solely on funds raised, support from partners in the community and contributions from the region’s municipalities,” said Linda Annis, Executive Director for Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. “Any information we receive anonymously on any kind of crime is immediately passed to the relevant authorities for investigation. Your name and contact information will not be taken, and you’ll never be questioned or required to testify in court.”

“We’re pleased to be part of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers and appreciate its work to prevent crime in Sechelt,” said Mayor Siegers. “I urge anyone who can anonymously help solve any crime to call Crime Stoppers. This goes for everything from gang activity, illegal weapons, thefts and homicide - to elder abuse, bullying, fraud and even environmental crimes like poaching or pollution.”

People can leave anonymous tips with Crime Stoppers in a variety of ways including Crime Stoppers’ downloadable “P3” crime reporting app for smartphones, by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, by going online at [solvecrime.ca](http://solvecrime.ca), or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers [Facebook page](#).

Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages. If the information provided results in a charge or an arrest, a cash reward may be offered. Tipsters stay anonymous by using code numbers to collect their rewards.



Pictured above (left to right): Linda Annis, Executive Director, Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers; Tony Sullivan, Operations Manager – Public Safety, Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers; Staff Sgt. Poppy Hallam, Sunshine Coast RCMP; and Mayor Darnelda Siegers, District of Sechelt.

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