

Dear UBCM and Municipal Leaders of British Columbia,

First, I would like to extend my sincere apologies to View Royal Mayor Sid Tobias for accidentally omitting his full name and title in my previous correspondence. It was an oversight, and I greatly appreciate his leadership and the concerns he has raised regarding E-Comm 911. His input, along with that of other municipal leaders, is invaluable as we navigate this critical issue together.

I thought it might be helpful to **share some key imagery** regarding E-COMM 911 that should help guide discussions about alternative policing and emergency dispatch models in the right direction. The **fortress-like militarization of provincially-controlled facilities**—as seen in the attached images of the **CRD's E-Comm 911 hub**—stands as a stark metaphor for their operations: **closed off, unaccountable, and hostile to public oversight.**

Consider the following evidence of systemic secrecy and lack of transparency:

- **Sharply spiked fences surrounding E-Comm 911's CRD (Capital Regional District) facility**, located just a stone's throw away from a *residential area*. It is a site so *secretive* that it doesn't even appear on Google Maps street view (6+ years out of date) despite the building clearly being depicted on the regular map view.
- **Google's refusal to list the Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner (OPCC) at its actual address**, limiting public visibility and review opportunities.

Hidden from maps, behind spiked fences, and unreachable by the public—these are symbols of how our province now operates: closed-door governance where corporate and political interests decide municipal policy without public scrutiny.

A Coordinated Strategy of Provincial Overreach

It is **clearer than ever** that democracy in British Columbia is **being replaced with advisory takeovers, funding withdrawals, and coercive governance.**

- **The abrupt defunding of municipal emergency dispatch services was not just a budgetary decision.** It is a **deliberate maneuver** to ensure that municipalities are financially trapped into **E-Comm 911's expensive, unaccountable system.**
- **The dissolution of the Greater Victoria School Board** was not just about budgetary or policy disagreements. It was a **warning to municipalities** that any attempt to resist provincial overreach **will be met with removal and replacement by government appointees.**
- **The intervention in Oak Bay and West Vancouver's housing policies** seems to be yet another example of the province attempting to **override local governance in favour of private interests.**

Municipalities are in a **battle for survival** against an oppressive provincial government intent on draining every penny from local governments while consolidating power. These decisions seem to be engineered, potentially to help funnel taxpayer money into the province's electoral war chest. Resistance is being met with threats, funding cuts, and direct interference in local governance related affairs.

A Coordinated Power Grab Across Municipalities

The intervention in Oak Bay and West Vancouver's housing policies further highlights this pattern of provincial overreach. **Oak Bay Mayor Kevin Murdoch**, who has referred to the province's actions as "theatre," **made a revealing statement in regards to the province's threats:**

"We informed them a year ago that we didn't have enough projects in the pipeline to meet year one targets, so it's hardly a surprise today to be 40 units short." Oak Bay Mayor Kevin Murdoch speaking with *Black Press*.

Local governance structures are seeing their authority stripped away under the guise of provincial intervention, whether in housing, education or emergency services. **Just as the province forced the Greater Victoria School Board into compliance by removing its elected members, it is now testing the limits of its power over municipalities.**

This is why I am urging every municipality to take immediate steps toward creating **independent emergency dispatch services** and reclaiming control over local governance wherever possible. The province is making its moves now—it's time for municipalities to unify and take defensive action together, before they find themselves ceding their democratically earned authority to a government bent on consolidating power for itself.

Instead of writing letters, *send a message* to the province that **unity among municipalities is possible** with *collaboration* and *firm resistance* against these coercive tactics.

I appreciate your time in considering this matter. These images and actions speak for themselves. Let's not ignore the warning signs.

Sincerely,

Philip Perras



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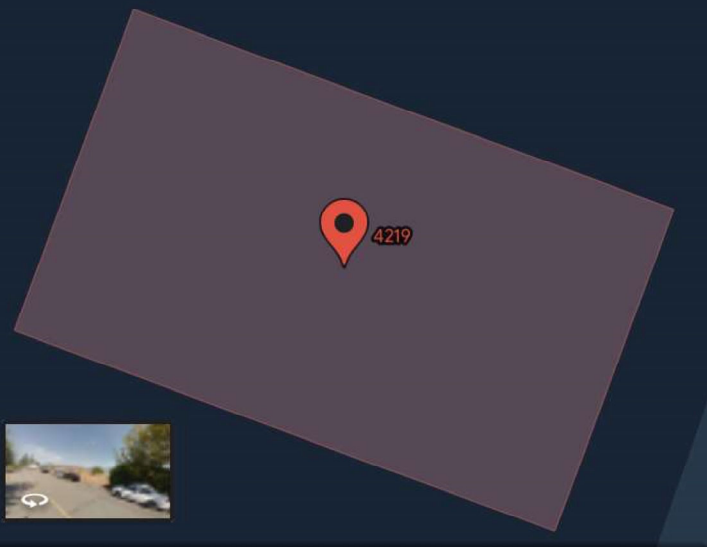


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