

Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act - Survey

The Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act (“Committee”) is looking at policing in British Columbia and related systemic issues. The Committee is interested in hearing from individuals about their lived experiences and frontline perspectives, as well as challenges and opportunities for improving policing in the province. British Columbians are invited to complete this survey form to provide input to the Committee’s work. **Please note that the Committee cannot comment on the merits of specific complaints or investigations.**

Deadline for participation is Friday September 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The survey includes several open-ended questions provided below. You have the option of uploading a document (including written or audio files) with your responses, filling out an [online survey](#) or providing a written response using this form and emailing or mailing in a document with your responses to PoliceActReform@leg.bc.ca or

**Select Standing Committee on Reforming the Police Act
c/o Parliamentary Committees Office
Room 224, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4**

Please note all survey questions are optional.

As applicable, please include any relevant information explaining the context of your responses (e.g. is your response related to experiences with mental health, addictions, harm reduction, homelessness, gender-based violence, discrimination and/or systemic racism).

If you require assistance or alternative arrangements in completing the survey, or have questions about participating, please contact the Parliamentary Committees Office at PoliceActReform@leg.bc.ca or 250-356-2933 (toll-free in BC at 1-877-428-8337).

For more information about the consultation, visit the Committee’s website: www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/rpa

Privacy Policy

The Parliamentary Committees Office of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, which supports the Committee, is committed to protecting personal contact information it collects from individuals during public consultation.

Collection of personal contact information

Individuals providing input to a parliamentary committee must provide their full name and personal contact information (i.e., valid email address and phone number) for verification purposes. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

Protection of personal contact information

Personal contact information will only be viewed by staff in the Parliamentary Committees Office and by technical support staff of the Legislative Assembly and used by staff in the Parliamentary Committees Office for the purpose for which it has been provided. It will not be disclosed to Committee Members or any third parties. The Parliamentary Committees Office protects personal information by taking appropriate safeguards against unauthorized use or disclosure.

How input will be used

Participants' responses will be viewed by staff in the Parliamentary Committees Office and by Committee Members. The information provided will be used to inform the Committee's work and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and may be included in the Committee's report. The information will not be linked to individual participants by name and will be incorporated into the report so as not to reveal an individual's identity. Individual responses will not be publicly posted, and names of participants to the survey will not be included in the Committee's report.

Contact Form (Required)

1. Name (First and Last)

2. Email

3. Phone Number

4. Community

Survey Questions

Please note that all survey questions are optional and you only need to answer the questions applicable or of interest to you. Answers are not limited to the space provide below.

General (Optional)

1. *What are your experiences with the police?*

a. *What has worked well during your experiences?*

b. *What has not worked well during your experiences?*

c. *Are there any changes you would like to see to policing in BC? Please explain.*

Role of police in relation to complex social issues (Optional)

2. *In your opinion, what role and responsibility, if any, should police have with respect to mental health and wellness, addictions, harm reduction, homelessness, and other complex social issues?*

Police Oversight (Optional)

3. *How do you view police oversight, transparency and accountability?*

a. *What is working well with regard to police oversight, transparency and accountability?*

b. *What is not working well with regard to police oversight, transparency and accountability?*

c. *Are there any opportunities to improve police oversight? Please explain.*

Policing and Systemic Racism (Optional)

4. *How can systemic racism within policing be addressed? What changes and practices are needed?*

Police and Community Building (Optional)

5. *How do you view the police's ability to build community relationships?*

- a. *What is working well with regard to relationships between police and the community?*

- b. *What is not working well with regard to relationships between police and the community?*

- c. *Are there any opportunities to improve relationships between police and the communities they serve? Please explain.*

Policing and Indigenous Relations (Optional)

6. *How do you view the police's ability to build relationships with the Indigenous communities they serve?*

- a. *What is working well with regard to relationships between police and Indigenous communities?*

- b. *What is not working well with regard to relationships between police and Indigenous communities?*

- c. *How would you like to see policing change to reflect reconciliation?*

Do you have experience, current or past, working in any of the following sectors?

- a. Policing – **proceed to questions 7-11 (page 7)**
- b. Public safety sector (e.g. corrections, victims services, emergency dispatch); healthcare including the mental health and addictions sector; and/or social services – **proceed to question 12-16 (page 10)**
- c. I do not have experience working in any of these sectors – **proceed to question 17 (page 11)**

If you have experience in policing, please refer to the following five questions (7-11).

Training (Optional)

7. *Were you satisfied with amount and types of training provided to you? Please explain.*

- a. *Are there any areas in which you would like, or would have liked, to receive training? Please explain.*

Operations (Optional)

8. *In the course of your day-to-day activities, do you feel safe and supported? What opportunities are there to improve day-to-day operations with respect to safety?*

Collaboration (Optional)

9. *What has been your experience working in collaboration with other frontline service providers such as healthcare workers, mental health professionals, or social workers?*

- a. *What has worked well when collaborating with other frontline service providers?*

- b. *What has not worked well when collaborating with other frontline service providers?*

- c. *Are there any opportunities to improve collaboration between police and other frontline service providers? Please explain.*

Oversight (Optional)

10. What has been your experience, if any, with internal police oversight and the complaint process? Please explain.

a. What has worked well with respect to internal police oversight and the complaint process?

b. What has not worked well with respect to internal police oversight and the complaint process?

c. Are there any opportunities to improve internal police oversight and the complaint process? Please explain.

Closing Question (Optional)

11. Do you have other information you would like to share?

If you have experience in public safety, health care including mental health and addictions, and/or social services, please refer to the following four questions (12-16).

Frontline Collaboration (Optional)

12. What has been your experience, if any, working in collaboration with police?

13. What worked well when collaborating with the police?

14. What has not worked well when collaborating with the police?

15. Are there any opportunities to improve collaboration between police and other frontline workers? Please explain.

Closing Question (Optional)

16. Do you have other information you would like to share?

If you do not have experience in policing, public safety, health care, and/or social services, please refer to the following question (17).

Closing Question (Optional)

17. Do you have other information you would like to share?

Demographic Questions

The Committee is collecting demographic information to help with the analysis of and reporting of survey responses. The information will not be linked to specific individuals and will be written so as not to reveal an individual's identity. **All questions below are optional.**

1. What is your age?
 - 17 years or under
 - 18-34 years old
 - 35-54 years old
 - 55 years or older
 - Prefer Not to Answer

2. Which best describes your current gender identity? Choose one of the following answers
 - Woman
 - Man
 - Non-binary
 - Other – please specify:
 - Prefer Not to Answer

3. Do you identify as transgender (meaning your gender identity does not align with your sex assigned at birth)?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Prefer Not to Answer

4. Do you consider yourself to be:
 - Heterosexual or straight
 - Gay
 - Lesbian
 - Bisexual
 - Not listed above
 - Prefer Not to Answer

5. Do you identify as an Indigenous person, that is, First Nations, Métis or Inuit?
 - Yes, First Nations
 - Yes, Métis
 - Yes, Inuit
 - No
 - Prefer Not to Answer

6. Do you identify as:
- White
 - South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)
 - Chinese
 - Black
 - Filipino
 - Arab
 - Latin American
 - Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
 - West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan)
 - Korean
 - Japanese
 - Other group — specify: _____
 - Prefer Not to Answer
7. Were you born in Canada?
- Yes
 - No
 - Prefer Not to Answer
8. What is your household income?
- Under \$35,000
 - \$35,001 - \$75,000
 - \$75,001 or over
 - Prefer Not to Answer
9. Would you be interested in meeting with the Committee to discuss your input?
- Yes, I am interested in meeting with the Committee publicly.
 - Yes, I am interested in meeting with the Committee confidentially.
 - No, I am not interested in meeting with the Committee.

Thank you for providing your valuable input to the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act.