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His Worship Mayor Darryl Walker  
and Councillors  
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Sent via email: [dwalker@whiterockcity.ca](mailto:dwalker@whiterockcity.ca)

Dear Mayor Walker and Council:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 2021, addressed to my colleague, the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, regarding assistance related to enforcement along the foreshore intertidal areas along the City of White Rock's waterfront. As your enquiry falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, I am pleased to respond on behalf of Minister Conroy. I apologize for the lengthy delay in responding.

The Conservation Officer Service (COS) works hard to protect the environment, fish, and wildlife across B.C. We understand people are passionate about ensuring environmentally sensitive habitats for fish and wildlife species are protected from unauthorized activities for future generations.

Conservation officers proactively patrol conservation lands, such as Wildlife Management Areas, to help deter unauthorized activities. Conservation officers also respond to violation reports as necessary.

Every year, the COS issues warnings and violation tickets under a range of legislation, such as the *Wildlife Act* or *Environmental Management Act*. We also often work with municipalities to help remind users that regulations are in place to protect these important areas.

Regarding the regional deployment of conservation officers, this is regularly reviewed and adjusted by the COS as required. There are several factors for consideration for conservation officer deployment, including officer safety, geographic location and call volume. The COS has prioritized the doubling of single officer posts and placing new conservation officers in communities with the highest calls for service. No new offices have been opened.

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It may interest you to know the COS has entered into enhanced service level agreements with other municipalities and regional districts, whereby those local governments financially support enhanced compliance and enforcement operations.

The COS would welcome similar discussions with the City of White Rock. Should there be interest in exploring the potential for such an agreement, please feel free to reach out directly to Andrew Milne, South Coast Regional Inspector, at 236-527-2005 or by email at [Andrew.Milne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Milne@gov.bc.ca).

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



George Heyman  
Minister

cc: Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development  
Andrew Milne, South Coast Regional Inspector, Conservation Officer Service, Ministry  
of Environment and Climate Change Strategy