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**KAREN REID SIDHU TAKES OVER AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF METRO VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS**

Linda Annis retires June 30th after 15 years at the non-profit society's helm

Vancouver, B.C. (June 29, 2026): Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Reid Sidhu as its new Executive Director effective June 30, 2026. Reid Sidhu succeeds Linda Annis, who is retiring after 15 years of leadership at Crime Stoppers as she pursues her ongoing campaign to become mayor of the City of Surrey.

Karen Reid Sidhu is a highly accomplished leader with more than 30 years' experience in public safety, non-profit leadership, fundraising, and community engagement. Having served for 12 years as the Executive Director of the Surrey Crime Prevention Society, she rebuilt volunteer engagement to approximately 500 active volunteers annually, nearly doubled its operating budget, and established multi-agency partnerships with stakeholders including the Surrey Police Service, RCMP, Transit Police, and the Vancouver Police Department.

"We are confident that Karen's operational expertise, strong law enforcement relationships, and strategic vision will successfully lead Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers into its next phase of growth and regional impact," said Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers President Dhar Dhaliwal. "Karen's approach strongly aligns with our community-based crime prevention model, building upon the strong foundation Linda has built during her truly remarkable 15 years of service."

During her tenure at Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers, Annis spearheaded significant increases in anonymous tips and arrests, staffing, and the society's overall operating budget. Notable accomplishments include establishing the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers Foundation to raise funds, and launching public awareness programs focused on guns, anti-gang initiatives, extortion, Indigenous relations, elder abuse, and the highly impactful "See Something, Say Something" campaign.

Reid Sidhu's transition into her new post began in early June to ensure a seamless handover of operations. Annis's official retirement date is June 30, 2026.

About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that receives anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators.

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Anonymous tips may be provided through Crime Stoppers' downloadable **"P3" smartphone app**, calling Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-8477**, online at solvecrime.ca, or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers [Facebook page](#).

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages and will pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest, a charge, recovery of stolen property, seizure of illegal drugs or guns, or denial of a fraudulent insurance claim. Find MVCS on X: [@solvecrime](#), Instagram: [metrovanancouvercrimestoppers](#) and You Tube: [@metrovanancouvercrimestoppers](#).

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