Good afternoon,

Could this please be added to the Accessibility and Inclusiveness Committee under correspondence. Would be good for Committee to be aware of this project.

Regards,

Sheryl

Councillor Sheryl Armstrong City of Nanaimo Sent from my iPad

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Nanaimo RCMP is committed to improving interactions with neurodivergent/autistic individuals.

The Nanaimo RCMP is proud to support the "Decal Project," an initiative of the British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police (BCACP) and the British Columbia Law Enforcement Diversity Network (BCLEDN) aimed at fostering better relationships between police and neurodivergent/ autistic individuals. (photo attached) The decals, which can be displayed on someone's home or vehicle, signal to police to engage with the individual(s) in a way that will be both reassuring and productive, said Cst WADE of the Nanaimo RCMP Vulnerable Persons Unit. As first responders, we become extremely task-focused. The decal will be an excellent visual cue for our members to pause, reflect on our training, and evaluate how best to communicate with the individual.

Decals for neurodivergent/autistic individuals or family members are available at the Nanaimo detachment.

Click the link for more information on the <u>BC Law Enforcement Diversity Network Decal</u> <u>Project</u>.

Constable Sherri Wade

Intimate Partner Violence Investigator, Vulnerable Persons Unit

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NEURODIVERSE/ INDIVIDUAL LIVES HERE

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THEY MAY:

- be non-speaking or use other
- types of communication
- have heightened anxiety
- · be resistant to authority
- · be unaware of danger
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