

RCMP Forum Report

On February 18th, 2026, Mayor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Churchill-White attended a forum organized by the RCMP regarding community safety. Representatives from Doorways and F.A.C.T — two programs available to everyone in our area struggling with mental health and/or addiction — were also in attendance.

Important facts learned:

- We have a full contingency of officers now working in both Clarendville and Bonavista. However, we agreed more resources are needed.
- There are six officers working out of the Bonavista detachment. This number is based on population. With the expanse of the area they cover, more officers would be useful.
- We are all encouraged to call and report all incidents and everything you may feel is suspicious activity. Although officers may not show immediately, everything is recorded. The more calls that go in, the more likely more resources will be allocated to our area to help curb crime.
- They have promised more presence in our area and checkpoints in the coming months.
- Agreed by all that it is the children who, through education and support, need to be aware and protected from drugs. Presentations are continuously being made in schools by the RCMP and those providing mental health services.

Our discussion then turned to exactly what services are available to those struggling with mental health and addictions. Below is a list of supports readily available.

For emergency mental health and addictions crisis call 811

Doorways:

- Provides rapid access to mental health & addictions counseling services one session at a time.
- Offers in-person, telephone and/or video sessions to discuss the best option for you.
- No referral is required.

Clarendville: 709 466-5700

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Bonavista: 709 468-5318

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F.A.C.T (Flexible Assertive Community Treatment):

- Teams provide treatment of illness and symptoms, hands on assistance with daily living activities and recovery support for individuals over the age of 18 with serious mental illness and concurrent disorders. They will work with you to ensure continuity of care and prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital.

Bonavista: 709 468-5318