We have shared what we can of the two incidents involving complaints against Matthew Craswell (June 2023 and April 2024). These remain the only incidents known to the PSB and were corroborated by the statement of fact in the criminal investigation that led to Matthew Craswell's criminal conviction. He is currently incarcerated.

The PSB has previously stated that employees at the PSB connected the two incidents only after Matthew Craswell was charged in August 2024. The PSB has also been clear that had those two incidents been connected during the internal investigation of the April 2024 incident, that they would have likely been reported to the appropriate authorities at that time.

This week, new information was uncovered that a senior employee at the PSB who participated in the investigation of the April 2024 complaint was aware of the June 2023 incident. This does not align with what had been previously shared with the PSB leadership. This omission has impacted how we have communicated about this issue over the past two weeks.

As a result of this new information, this individual is no longer employed at the PSB.

We, like everyone who cares about protecting children, want to see our policies, processes, and structures strong and well-resourced. The government announced that there will be a third-party investigation conducted by The Honourable David H. Jenkins. We are open to improving our systems and structures so we can do our best for the students of this province.

Additionally this week, we met with the local detachment of the RCMP who were wonderful to answer our questions and offer their support. It was also shared with us that due to Canadian legislation, they were unable to list the South Korean 2018 extradition order against Craswell as part of his Vulnerable Sector Check. While we respect their legal constraints, this was highly disappointing to us and in the coming weeks, we will work to explore opportunities to expand our advocacy on this issue in the interest of protecting vulnerable sectors across Canada. We all have a role to play in keeping children safe, and we must explore all avenues to continuously strengthen every layer of defense against predators.