

COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES SEXUALIZED VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE ANNUAL BOARD REPORT 2025-26

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1) Territorial Acknowledgement

College of the Rockies serves the communities of the East Kootenays. All the College's campuses are located in the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa people which is also home to the Kinbasket people. Five First Nations bands are located in the regional boundary of the College, four of which are Ktunaxa and one is Shuswap. Additionally, the College partners with the Kootenay Regional Office of the Métis Nation, BC.

We are thankful for all our Indigenous partners and are constantly seeking new ways to support the development of our community.

2) Introduction

On October 23, 2025, *Bill 18 Sexual Violence Policy Act* passed its third reading and *Bill 23 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy Act* was repealed. The first Sexual Violence and Misconduct Prevention and Response Policy was developed during the 2016/17 academic year and was approved by the College of the Rockies Board of Governors at the Board meeting in April 2017. This policy is reviewed at least every three years with the most recent update occurring in April 2025.

Currently the Ministry is engaging in consultation, engagement and validation on the SV Policy and policy updates and approval by the Minister are expected in June 2026. We expect to receive the updated guidelines and policy language prior to the Fall of 2026 and a review of the College policy will occur based on the information provided in the guidelines.

The following report provides an overview of the number of incidents that took place during the 2025-26 academic year and the work that has been done on this initiative at College of the Rockies.

3) Sexualized Violence in Post-Secondary Institutions

Sexualized violence is one of the most underreported crimes as a result of numerous barriers people who have experienced sexualized violence face in reaching out for support.

Know the Facts

Sexualized violence on Canadian campuses is a significant issue. Here are some key facts along with citation information:

- According to a survey conducted by the Canadian Federation of Students, approximately 1 in 5 female students experience some form of sexualized violence while studying at Canadian universities.
Canadian Federation of Students. (2017). *Sexual Violence on Campus: Fact Sheet*.
- A 2019 survey by the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) found that 10% of university students in Canada reported experiencing sexualized violence in the previous year.

Canadian Association of University Teachers. (2019). Survey on Sexual Violence at Canadian Universities.

- Factors contributing to underreporting include fear of not being believed, lack of faith in the reporting process, and potential academic and social repercussions.

Canadian Women's Foundation. (2019). Sexual Violence Facts.

- Survivors of sexualized violence often experience significant mental health challenges, including depression, anxiety, and PTSD. These can impact their academic performance and overall well-being.

Mental Health Commission of Canada. (2018). Impact of Sexual Violence on Student Mental Health.

4) Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Committee

The College of the Rockies Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response (SVPR) Committee is committed to increasing awareness and prevention of sexualized violence through education initiatives, and work to ensure appropriate response programs are available to support those who experience sexualized violence. The Committee uses a trauma informed approach to support a person who has experienced sexualized violence. The SVPR committee was established as part of the College's response to the *Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy Act [SBC 2016] Chapter 23*. The committee has been established to work collaboratively within the College and with external community stakeholders to ensure:

- Policies and processes are appropriate and updated every three years or as required.
- Education campaigns are initiated to increase awareness and the prevention of sexualized violence.
- Appropriate response processes are available to support those who experience sexualized violence.

Members of Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Committee:

Cori Andrichuk
Chair & Director Student Engagement

Livia Lara
Student Housing representative

Marianne Kneller
Human Resources representative

Liz Hamilton
Counselling and Wellness
representative

Kristyann Diotte
Student Navigator

Meghan Reiser
Accessibility Services representative

Avery Hulbert
Instructional Faculty Member (elected)

Larissa Strong
International representative

Courtney Wheeldon
Student representative

Sylvia Maher
Senior Administrative Assistant,
Student and Enrolment Services

Vacant
CUPE Member (elected)

5) Disclosures and Reports

No sexualized violence disclosures or reports were received during the 2025-26 academic year.

6) Policy Review and Renewal

The Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response (SVPR) Committee reviewed 4.8.8 *Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Policy* and processes during the 2025/26 year and have made the following updates to the policy:

- ✓ Updated the Policy Sponsor and Operational Lead;
- ✓ Reviewed other post-secondary SVPR policies to gather best practices in the use of trauma-informed wording and tone, policy statements and procedures and usage of plain language.
- ✓ Reviewed B.C.'s Sexual Violence Action Plan: A Plan to Address Sexual Violence within Post-Secondary Communities

7) Education and Training Initiatives

a) Awareness Campaigns

The College participated in the on-campus sexualized violence prevention poster campaign. The posters are delivered to each College campus and at student housing at the beginning of each academic year. Each poster includes a QR code leading to our [SVPR resources on the College's website](#). The posters are also displayed on our video screens at many College entrances.

Poster Campaign Examples:



b) Educational Programming

- ✓ The following courses and events were offered to the College community during the 25/26 academic year:
 - *Consent Awareness Week* events with support from Criminal and Social Justice students.
 - Students in housing participated in events related to consent, healthy relationships and sexual health hosted by College of the Rockies nursing students.

- College-wide Health Fair that provided specific information for students on healthy relationships and sexual health
- College-wide event recognizing *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women*
- ✓ Hosted 2 sessions on Supporting Survivors for the College community
- ✓ 16 student leaders (Community Leaders – Student Housing) participated in [Safer Campuses for Everyone](#) in preparation for the 2025-26 academic year;
- ✓ All students living in student housing completed the [Safer Campuses for Everyone](#) training prior to or shortly after arriving on campus (194 students);
- ✓ All College of the Rockies students athletes completed the [Safer Campuses for Everyone](#) prior to the start of their season (36 student-athletes)
- ✓ All employees (including student employees) are required to participate in the asynchronous *Safer Campuses for Everyone (Employees)* training;
- ✓ Invited all enrolled students to participate in the asynchronous *Safer Campuses for Everyone (Students)* training

8) Goals for 2026-2027

The Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Committee will focus on the following key deliverables for 2026-2027:

- Review updated guidelines for Bill 18 Sexual Violence Policy Act;
- Develop a timeline for a review of the College's Sexualize Violence And Response policy in accordance with the Ministry's new policy language and guidelines
- Update and provide SVPR training for employees and students;
- Review and update the SVPR website;
- Invite all employees (including student employees) to participate in the asynchronous *Safer Campuses for Everyone (Employees)* training;
- Invite all enrolled students to participate in the asynchronous *Safer Campuses for Everyone (Students)* training each term;
- Offer *Consent, Active Bystander, and Supporting Survivor* training to students;