



ABBOTSFORD
POLICE DEPARTMENT

STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY

AbbyPD Rolls Out its Vintage Police Cruiser

AbbyPD's vintage police cruiser is ready for our roads!

In the fall of 2019, the Abbotsford Police Foundation supported AbbyPD's vision to restore a era correct vintage police cruiser to recognize our history. The Abbotsford Police Foundation is a not for profit organization and with the generous support from Abbotsford businesses and citizens they build and promote positive relationships that connect the police to our community. The vintage cruiser will be a great way for AbbyPD to continue to engage with our community and at the same time honour our history.

The Abbotsford Police Department will be turning 65 this year (40 years of that as the Matsqui Police Department), and we can't think of a cooler way to celebrate this milestone and our history with our community!

A 1965 Chevrolet Biscayne was located in Spokane, Washington, and transported to its new home in Abbotsford. Over the next several months, AbbyPD officers and multiple community partners volunteered their time to restore this important piece of Abbotsford/Matsqui Police history.

Owners of vintage vehicles commonly name their vehicle after a significant female figure. Keeping with this tradition, our car has been named 'Carol' after Retired Inspector Carol Powell, who recently passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Carol served the communities of Vancouver and Abbotsford for 34 years and dedicated much of her spare time to the City of Abbotsford and our department. Carol and her husband (Retired Sergeant Mike Powell) brought smiles to many young faces, dressing up each year as Mr. and Mrs. Claus to visit sick children, and hosting many of the AbbyPD's children's Halloween parties. Carol eagerly watched the restoration of the car, but sadly passed just prior to its completion. Carol's family joined the AbbyPD at today's unveiling.

Sgt. Chris Nightingale was the project's main coordinator and remarked, "We would like to thank the Abbotsford Police Foundation, numerous community



**ABBOTSFORD
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY

donors and countless others who have had a hand in making this project a success.”

We can't wait to share our restored cruiser with the community, and plan to have her on display at upcoming community events.

Sgt Judy Bird

Abbotsford Police Media Relations Officer

askmedia@abbypd.ca