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## **SAFER STREETS GOOD FOR COMMUNITIES, BC HOTEL INDUSTRY**

**Vancouver** – The British Columbia and Yukon Hotels' Association today reiterated its support for the introduction of a new *Safe Streets Act* and *Trespass Act* in the provincial legislature this autumn.

"The government has announced a comprehensive strategy to enhance community policing, crime prevention and public safety, including the return to communities of all traffic fine revenues generated within municipal boundaries," said Craig Norris-Jones, Board Chair of the BC & Yukon Hotels' Association and General Manager of the Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites @ Stanley Park. "Petty crime and aggressive panhandling is having a major impact on tourism and the hotel business in almost every community in the province. The new strategy will give authorities the proper legislative tools and adequate resources to help remedy the situation."

Headquartered in Vancouver, the BCYHA is dedicated to improving and growing the tourism and hospitality industry within British Columbia and the Yukon. With 580 hotel members and nearly 200 affiliate members, it represents an industry with revenue in excess of \$3.1 billion, 48,000 rooms and more than 45,000 employees. A significant component of BC's \$9.3 billion tourism trade with member representation in almost every community throughout BC and the Yukon gives the association a strong voice at all levels of government. BCYHA members have invested heavily into their communities and as a result, are integral partners in steering the future development of the province and territory.

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