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**Mayor George Harvie and his Achieving for Delta team congratulate CBSA officers on their historic opium seizure at Delta Port this year.**

Yesterday on June 23rd, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), came out with a news release regarding a historic seizure of 520.6 kg of opium in a shipping container that was flagged and referred to the Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility in Delta B.C on January 14, 2026.

The container was referred for examination by the CBSA, based on information provided by the CBSA's National Targeting Center, Pacific Regional Intelligence Section and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

When the container had arrived for examination at the Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility, the CBSA's detector dog team detected a positive indication of contraband. Upon the border services officers conducting an x-ray examination of the container, 20 industrial sized rolls of paper were detected with images finding internal inconsistencies in nine of them. With a more progressive follow-up examination, opium was found hidden deep inside 10 rolls of paper.

This successful discovery by the CBSA, has been largely attributed to the strong collaborative relationship between the Canadian and American border agencies in their efforts to combat drug trafficking and organized crime.

This is a relationship Delta Mayor George Harvie has continued to support with a push to boost border security at Delta's ports. The seizure underscores a serious reality: our ports continue to be a major entry and exit point for illegal drugs and weapons. For years, Mayor Harvie has been advocating for stronger port security.

Back in 2023, he continued to push for the reinstatement of a dedicated police force to patrol Metro Vancouver's ports which was disbanded back in 1997. Again, in 2025, he continued to hold the federal government accountable to their claim that boosting security at B.C. 's ports was a priority by demanding that they act with large scanners for large trucks to drive through with containers.

“From what I’m hearing, there is no such thing as rolling scanners. So I won’t be happy until I hear a percentage, that is way above three percent of containers being examined, which is close to what it is now,” he said back in 2025.

“Crime today is more sophisticated, and our response must be equally advanced” he says, acknowledging the need for new tactics and technology to fight a growingly advanced and complex drug industry.

Furthermore, “when you look at the United States, they have tightened up their border security a lot in the last couple of years. It is just natural that the cartels are still interested in shipping their products through our port,” said Mayor Harvie in a recent interview with Global News.

“As Delta’s mayor, tightening up our border security is something I have always been a passionate advocate for and will continue to be. Especially now as the US has continued to tighten up their border security, it only makes sense that we continue to do the same,” says Mayor Harvie.

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