



# Christopher D. Voller

Corporal

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, British Columbia

Age: 36



**Corporal Christopher Voller** has also been drawn to helping others, volunteering as a teen and joining the RCMP Auxiliary at age 19. As one of the several units he oversees, Corporal Voller was placed in charge of the Port Hardy Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Detachment's Indigenous Policing Services (IPS) portfolio because of his strong leadership, communication style, and relationship-building skills. Corporal Voller feels a passion for serving indigenous populations and believes you can effect tangible change in small communities with enough time, effort, and patience.

Corporal Voller's aims to bring proactive, culturally sensitive policing to the local indigenous communities and to improve relations between indigenous people, the RCMP, and the criminal justice system, which is a challenge due to a historical mistrust of the police. He has implemented several initiatives to rebuild and improve community-police relationships. He completed a performance improvement plan focusing on cultural knowledge enhancement with the Port Hardy Detachment members. He has also been the catalyst for a North Island Indigenous Court service and is the detachment's Violence in Relationship Coordinator, having investigated numerous domestic and sexual assaults and created and delivered proactive, preventative education within the communities.

He has also taken steps to recognize the regional bands' cultures and language, adding their logos to the police truck and detachment entrance and acquiring names tags that read "police" in Kwak'waka. In addition, Corporal Voller successfully obtained money through grants to purchase sports equipment for local indigenous youth, sleeping mattresses for families in need, and food for community barbeques.

"I believe that people deserve safe communities... I don't lose sight that every person we deal with has their own story as to what led them to us, and I want more for them."