



City of Richmond

Report to Committee


To: Community Safety Committee
From: Superintendent Rendall Nasset
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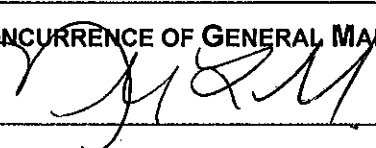

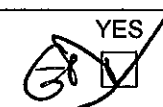
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Re: Canada Line Statistic Overview: September 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010

Staff Recommendation

That the Canada Line Statistic Overview report (dated September 10, 2010, from the Manager of RCMP Administration) be received for information.


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Staff Report

Origin

At a Community Safety Committee meeting held on June 15, 2010 it was suggested that a report on the Canada Line be provided for information.

Analysis

An analysis was conducted of the volume and types of verified Criminal Code incidents in the City of Richmond (excluding Traffic Criminal Code) within 250 metres of the Canada Line stations. This analysis compares a pre-Canada Line period from Sept 1 2008 – July 31 2009 to the same time frame after the Canada Line was introduced (Sept 1 2009 – July 31 2010).

Total Criminal Code activity within 250 metres of the stations has remained stable since the introduction of the Canada Line; there were 1547 Criminal Code incidents in the 2008-2009 period and 1566 in the 2009-2010 period.

Violent Crime

Only 12 incidents in the 2009-2010 period were associated directly to Canada Line stations and/or bus loops. Otherwise, the increased activity is spread across existing high-call-volume locations, such as Richmond Centre Mall and Lansdowne Mall. Richmond-Brighouse was the most active area for Violent Crime, with 76 incidents in 2009-2010, compared to 55 in 2008-2009. The Lansdowne station area was the second-busiest location with 32 Violent Crimes, an increase from 20 in 2008-2009.

Common Assaults represent half of all Violent Crimes, both before and after the Canada Line was introduced.

Robberies increased from 17 incidents in 2008-2009 to 24 in 2009-2010, though not all can be tied directly to the Canada Line. Also, some incidents occurred on buses rather than the train, which suggests that any form of transit provides opportunity for crime as large numbers of people congregate at stops or stations.

A number of the transit-related robberies have been successfully cleared. In 2010, one suspect was arrested for a series of bank robberies along Skytrain/Canada Line routes throughout the LMD, including two in Richmond. In a robbery at a bus stop, three suspects were identified and charged.

Sex Offence incidents increased from 4 in 2008-2009 to 9 in 2009-2010. A portion of the increase can be attributed to the inclusion of other related occurrences in the sex offence category. This recently modified classification will affect the totals. The remaining number were mostly isolated groping incidents, which is typical for any form of public transit. Suspects were identified and/or charged in at least four Sex Offence files.

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Property Crime

Since the introduction of the Canada Line, Property Crime has decreased noticeably around Richmond-Brighouse, Lansdowne and YVR-Airport stations. Activity in the Aberdeen area remained stable, while Property Crime around Bridgeport increased from 53 incidents in 2008-2009 to 136 in 2009-2010.

Business B & E incidents have decreased. There were 51 B & Es in the station areas in the pre-Canada Line period, and only 27 in the post-Canada Line period.

Shoplifting has decreased since the Canada Line was introduced, from 235 incidents to 190. This is significant, especially considering that in the Year-End statistics for 2009, Shoplifting incidents were rapidly increasing by almost 30% compared to 2008.

Mischief incidents were reduced in the post-Canada Line period, from 123 to 100. Total Theft – Other dropped from 286 to 257 incidents. Theft From Vehicle incidents decreased, from 262 in 2008-09 to 241 in 2009-10. Auto Theft totals remained steady.

Financial Impact

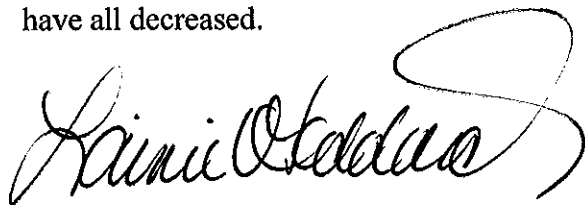
There is no financial impact associated to this report.

Conclusion

Total Criminal Code activity within 250 metres of the stations has remained stable since the introduction of the Canada Line; there were 1547 Criminal Code incidents in the 2008-2009 period and 1566 in the 2009-2010 period.

Overall, Violent Crime has increased by 39 incidents since the introduction of the Canada Line, with a total of 163 Violent Crimes in the 2009-2010 period. Almost all of the extra activity occurred along the downtown corridor.

Aggregate Property Crime has decreased by 104 incidents in the post-Canada Line period, with a total of 1022 Property Crimes. Business B&E, Shoplifting, Mischief and Theft-Other incidents have all decreased.



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