



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nasset
 Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
Re: **City Centre Community Police Station Update**

Date: August 29, 2013
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Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "City Centre Community Police Station Update" (dated August 15, 2013 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment) be received for information.

Per: (Rendall Nasset) Superintendent
 Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
 (604-278-1212)

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REPORT CONCURRENCE			
ROUTED TO: Parks Services Recreation Services	CONCURRENCE	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER	
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Staff Report

Origin

At the November 7, 2011 General Purpose Committee meeting staff committed to report back regarding the success of the City Centre Community Police Station.

This report supports Council Term Goal #1: *to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community to live, work and play in, through the delivery of effective public safety services that are targeted to the City's specific needs and priorities.*

Background

The City Centre Community Police Station located at 5671 No. 3 Road, officially opened on September 20, 2012 and enhances the level of Community Policing service above what was historically available in the downtown core. The station was approved for a three year trial period. The new station equates to an additional 33% increase in the Community Policing Programs delivered across the City.

Analysis

With the densification and growing population of central Richmond, the City Centre Community Police Station provides area residents and businesses with crime prevention information and personal safety tips. The station is also equipped with computer workstations and other systems to allow regular members the ability to conduct police work without returning to the main detachment. This ability allows the members more visible time in the City's core.

Management of the community programs continues to be the responsibility of a full-time municipal employee (Community Police Station Coordinator). The coordinator's role is to recruit, train, motivate and organize a large number of volunteers who assist in the administration, and operation of the various programs as well as office support. With an addition of 25 volunteers from this time last year, there are currently 60 active volunteers at City Centre Community Police Station.

The City Centre Community Police Station offers the following programs:

Lock Out Auto Crime	Speed Watch	Stolen Auto Recovery
Distracted Drivers	Pedestrian Safety	Volunteer Foot Patrol
Volunteer Bike Patrol	Business Link	Crime Watch
Block Watch	Project SWOOP	Adopt a Street

2012-2013 Highlights

- Citizen's Crime Watch has been relocated to the City Centre Community Policing Office from YVR and during the first shift a stolen vehicle was recovered at Lansdowne Mall. The Crime Watch Program volunteers act as extra eyes and ears for the Police. They observe, record and report suspicious activities such as stolen vehicles, theft from

vehicles, impaired drivers, vandalism and unsecured properties. The areas that are patrolled include: residential neighbourhoods, schools, parks, malls, parking lots and industrial/commercial areas.

- RCMP “E” Division Headquarters Crime Prevention Unit requested that the Centre’s volunteers be participants in their Volunteer Recruiting campaign. Richmond volunteers are on all of their promotional material for recruiting RCMP volunteers in the Province.
- Volunteers are currently involved in foot patrols at both Richmond night markets. While on foot patrol at the Night Markets; the volunteers query the license plates on palm pilots for stolen vehicles and are reporting suspicious activities or persons to the police. They are also acting as ambassadors for the City and RCMP by providing directions and general assistance to the public.
- The Volunteer Bike Patrol assisted and participated in the City of Richmond’s 2013 Island Bike Tour. The role of the Volunteer Bike Patrol was to provide guidance and mentoring on safety to the cyclists. For example how traffic and cyclists should interact while they are on the roadways during the event. The Patrol’s professional attitude and guidance in applying and modeling the rules of the road during the event supported the City of Richmond’s goals of cycling as a viable transportation choice in a variety of ways.
- During the month of February 2013, volunteers attended six locations throughout the City to conduct a two day Lock Out Auto Crime blitz. There were 899 Crime Prevention Notices issued and 703 vehicle license plates queried on the palm pilots to check for stolen vehicles or plates. Lock Out Auto Crime volunteers check every vehicle in a parking lot and place a notice on the vehicle to advise the owner of the inspection results. Vehicles are inspected for such things as:
 - The presence of an anti-theft device
 - Belongings in plain view
 - Vehicle security

Each notice also contains auto crime prevention tips to give drivers some direction in how to keep their vehicles safe while unattended.

- During police week on May 18th, the volunteers were on site at Richmond Centre Mall to provide information on crime prevention programs and volunteering with RCMP.
- On May 23rd, in partnership with ICBC, the detachment members, volunteers and staff participated in Project SWOOP, which is an education and enforcement campaign focused on high risk driving behaviors. During this second campaign, Community Police Station volunteers, Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit officers and ICBC’s Road Safety team worked together to educate drivers that speeding is dangerous. Five Speed Watch deployments occurred in the morning and another five deployments in the afternoon, in total 4,477 vehicles were checked, 49 tickets were issued, and 9 Notice and Orders were

given out.

- May 25th, marked the 11th anniversary of the Jimmy Ng Hockey Tournament. Volunteers were on hand to assist with scorekeeping and working in the concession stand.

Current Operational Deployment Strategy

The City Centre community is located in Zone 3 (Attachment 1 and 2) of the Richmond RCMP's deployment strategy. Zone 3's boundaries are No. 2 Road to the west, No. 4 Road to the east, Granville Avenue to the south, and River Road to the north. The Zone is 3.6 square miles in size and is home to 33,463 citizens.

Currently, Zone 3 has 5 full-time General Duty uniformed members assigned to patrol the downtown core 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Two of these uniformed members are physically located at the station, and, while these members work with the watch that is on shift, their primary responsibility is the downtown core.

Additionally, the Detachment Bike Section is also deployed from the City Centre Community Police Office and each of the support sections such as Plain Clothes, Traffic and Crime Prevention play an active role in keeping the citizens of Richmond safe and are relied upon for covert police presence.

City Centre Community Police Station Front Counter Statistics

The table below lists the number of people attending the front counter and what they are coming in for:

Month	Criminal Record Check	Liquor Licence	Youth Intervention Program	Report a Crime	Other *	Total
June 2012	12	2	46	10	24	94
July 2012	15	5	36	8	25	89
Aug 2012	25	4	36	20	36	121
Sept 2012	28	6	46	21	40	141
Oct 2012	16	3	46	18	19	102
Nov 2012	17	4	46	12	32	111
Dec 2012	10	2	25	11	22	70
Jan 2013	12	0	25	15	38	90
Feb 2013	12	1	46	13	17	89
Mar 2013	7	0	46	5	22	80
Apr 2013	17	0	46	7	27	97
May 2013	21	2	46	9	25	103
June 2013	12	2	46	5	15	80
July 2013	29	1	46	4	34	114

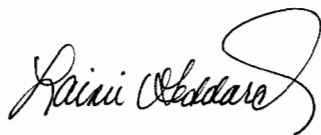
**This column refers to: the public picking up found property; bringing in found property; Block Watch enquiries; wanting to talk to a constable; interested in volunteering; questions on where to find different agencies; and questions on Bylaws and civil matters.*

Financial Impact

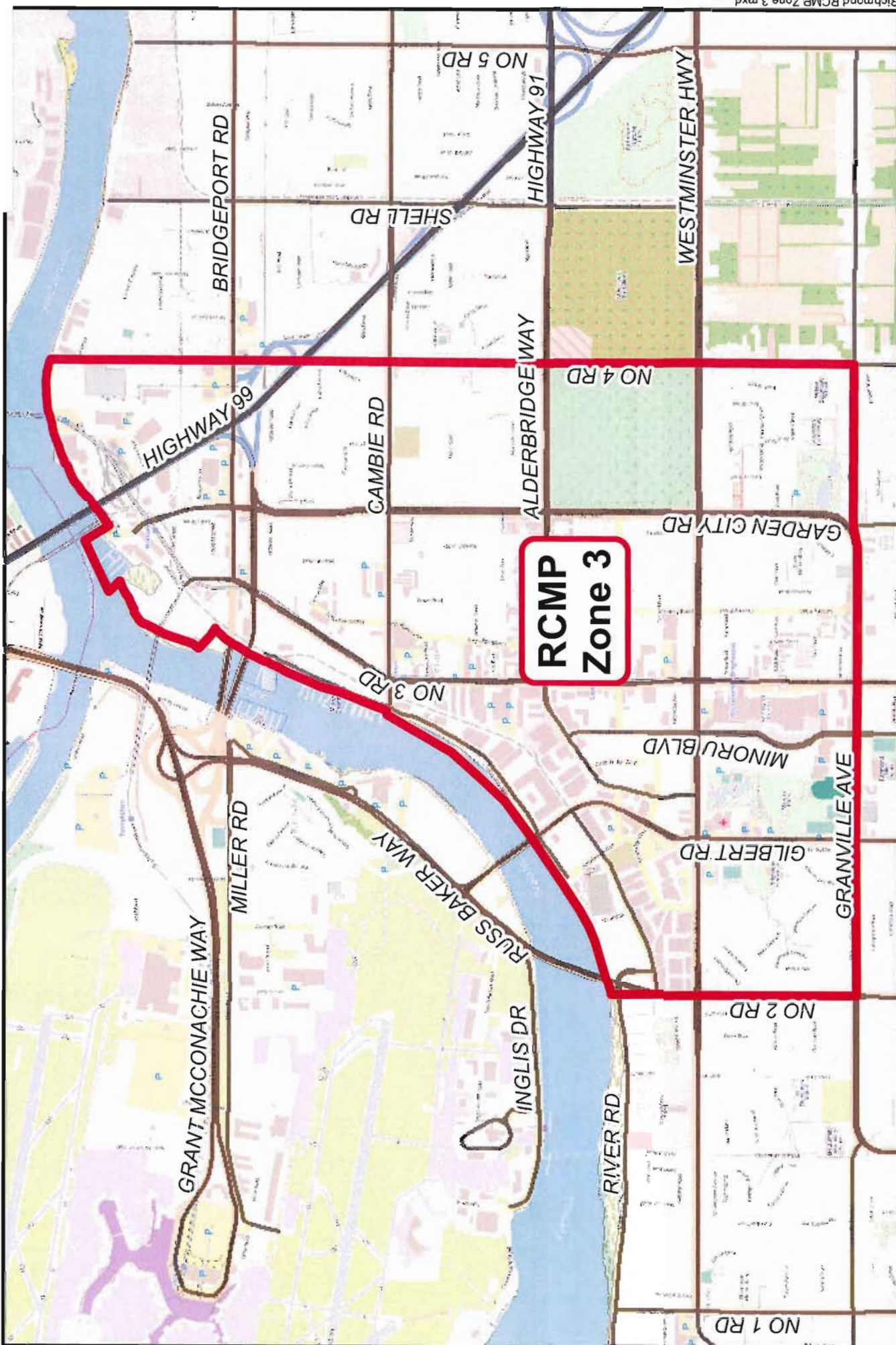
There is no financial impact associated to this report.

Conclusion

The City Centre Community Police Station provides a higher level of service to the citizens of Richmond. Two regular members, municipal staff and the increased community volunteer base, physically located in the downtown core, are able to support and sustain the crime prevention programs offered at City Centre. In keeping with Council's Community Safety Term Goals, the City Centre Community Police Station continues to assist in maintaining a visible police presence so that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community to live, work and play in.

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