



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** Rendall Nasset  
Officer In Charge,  
Richmond RCMP Detachment

**Date:** September 20, 2010  
**File:** 09-5000-01/2010-Vol  
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**Re:** Richmond RCMP Fraser River Marine Patrols July to September 2010

### Staff Recommendation

That the report entitled RCMP's Fraser River Marine Patrols July to September 2010 (attached to the report dated September 20, 2010 from the Manager, RCMP Administration) be received for information.

Rendall Nasset  
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<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>		
<b>REVIEWED BY TAG</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REVIEWED BY CAO</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

## **Origin**

At the Community Safety Committee meeting July 13, 2010 a report was presented on Richmond RCMP Detachment's Partnership with Department of Fisheries. It was decided at the Community Safety Committee meeting that the Richmond RCMP would report to the Committee on the results of the patrols.

## **Analysis**

The report "Richmond RCMP Fraser River Marine Patrols July to September 2010" (Attachment 1) was prepared to report findings of the marine patrols that were conducted on the waterways surrounding the City of Richmond throughout the summer of 2010.

## **Summary**

This pilot project was created in July to allow uniformed members of the Richmond RCMP and Fisheries Officers (of the Steveston office) of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to work together in a Joint Forces Operations (JFO) capacity, to assess the level of marine community activity and to provide a uniformed presence on the waterways surrounding the City of Richmond.

## **Financial Impact**

None.

## **Conclusion**

The summer pilot project was proposed to conduct marine patrols in the waterways surrounding the City of Richmond; to interact with the marine community and to detect, deter and investigate criminal activity in these waterways.



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# RICHMOND DETACHMENT

## Fraser River Marine Patrols

### July ~ September 2010

## POST PATROL REPORT

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### **PURPOSE**

The following report was prepared to report findings of the marine patrols that were conducted on the waterways surrounding the City of Richmond throughout the summer of 2010. The purpose of this report is threefold:

1. Document and share statistical data garnered from patrols conducted
2. Present findings of criminality and activity on these waterways
3. Provide rationale for the continuance of these patrols

### **SUMMARY**

The pilot project was created to allow uniformed members of the Richmond RCMP and Fisheries Officers (of the Steveston office) of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to work together in a Joint Forces Operations (JFO) capacity, to assess the level of marine community activity and to provide a uniformed presence on the waterways surrounding the City of Richmond. These patrols were conducted in the interest of public safety, improving interoperability of Richmond Detachment with DFO and to provide a level of law enforcement on the waterways, namely, enforcement of Fisheries Acts, Criminal Code and Provincial Statutes of BC. Tertiary benefits of the patrols were to provide a resource for calls for service for the city for marine related incidents on the Fraser River.

### **RESOURCES**

At the onset of the project, interest for participation in the pilot project was gathered from all points within Richmond Detachment, with 10 members being selected to partake in the marine patrols, specifically:

- 2 Constables from each of the 4 General Duty Watch's, including YVR
- 2 Constables from support services (Traffic and STAR teams)

### **DEPLOYMENT AND STATISTICS**

Total dates worked:	18 (out of a possible 26 dates available)
Total shift positions available:	30 (some shifts were single member, some 2 member slots)
Total shift positions worked:	24
Total shifts canceled:	3 dates (4 shift positions) due to weather or family emergency
Vessels checked:	141
Street checks:	189
Persons checked:	243
Violation Tickets issued:	44
Files generated:	23
Files dispatched:	16
Total files associated:	39

**Files of note:**

- Recovered stolen vessel (2010-29573 – Aug 22)
- Theft of vessel in progress (2010-29591 – Aug 22)
- 2 vessels in distress (2010-28701 – Aug 15 & 2010-25832 – July 24)
- Serve driving prohibition (2010-29245 – Aug 19)
- Possible shots fired in Garry Point Park (2010-28471 – Aug 13)
- Pursuit of stolen vessel by RCMP Air 2
- Impaired operation x 2 Motor Vehicle (Land)
- 24hr suspensions (215) x 2 Motor Vehicle (Land)
- Seizure of liquor and illicit drugs – multiple patrols of vessels including vehicles at launch parking etc.
- Take part in boat launch checks for Celebration of Lights Fireworks – (July 21, 24, 28, 31)
- Take part in the Steveston Maritime Community Festival (Aug 21, 22)

**Dates patrols conducted:**

Number of Patrols	
July	5
August	12
Sept	1
	18

**Times patrols conducted:**

Times of Patrols	
0800-1400	0
0900-1500	0
1000-1600	7
1100-1700	0
1200-1800	0
1300-1900	0
1400-2000	0
1500-2100	0
1600-2200	3
1700-2300	5
1800-0000	3
1900-0100	0
Total	18

**CONTACTS WITH OTHER AGENCIES**

Throughout these 18 patrols, members visited the local marinas, rowing clubs and businesses and through attending files and community events, worked hand in hand with the following agencies:

- VPD (Marine Unit)
- RCMP Air Services (Air 2)
- RCMP Police Dog Services (PDS)
- New West PD (Marine Unit)
- Delta Police
- Canada Coast Guard
- Transport Canada
- Steveston Harbour Authority
- Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Throughout the patrols and interactions with the boating community, whether Native or Commercial fishermen, pleasure craft operators or citizens on land, it was clearly demonstrated that having the RCMP and DFO engaged in these patrols were perceived positively and gladly received. Positive comments were received on a daily basis, advising it was appreciated to see enforcement on the water. Of the pleasure craft operators checked for their pleasure craft operator card, every operator queried provided a valid card, a rare occurrence where 100% compliance was observed.

An example of positive feedback includes a thank you card that was received from Jane McCall, the President of the Delta / Deas rowing Club stating:

*On Sunday morning we made the unhappy discovery that someone had stolen two of our coach boats and three of our engines. We filed a Police report and resigned ourselves to struggling to maintain our program. Imagine our surprise and delight when a mere 3 hours later, the Police called and informed us that one boat and engine had been recovered by the Richmond RCMP. This result is a testament to your diligence, commitment and collaboration. Thank you very much (Recovered stolen vessel File # 2010-29573 refers)*

## CONCLUSION

The summer pilot project was proposed to conduct marine patrols in the waterways surrounding the City of Richmond; to interact with the marine community and to detect, deter and investigate criminal activity in these waterways.

While the project objectives were broad in nature, they also posed a specific purpose, and this purpose was to obtain a real and measurable reading of the amount of activity, both criminal and benign, that was occurring on these waterways. Given the 18 patrols that were conducted, and the 243 interactions that were made with the marine community during these patrols, it can be determined that the initial goal was obtained.

Secondly, the goal of to detect, deter and investigate criminal activity, was obtained by the actual number of interactions that took place that resulted in liquor and drug seizures that were made; impaired investigations conducted; and criminal acts such as pursuit of a stolen vessel, thefts in progress and recovery of stolen vessel files that were responded to.

Lastly, the intangible and immeasurable aspect of being available to assist the marine community in incidents such as vessels in distress, or assisting during festivals and community events, such as the Celebration of Lights (fireworks boat launch checks) and the Steveston Maritime Festival were very rewarding. Throughout interactions with the marine community, only positive responses were observed having the DFO and RCMP teamed up in this endeavour and encouragement to keep the Police presence on the water, as the seafaring community enjoyed having the presence visible and available.

Respectfully submitted,



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