



Community Safety Committee

**Council Chambers, City Hall
6911 No. 3 Road**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021
4:00 p.m.**

Pg. # ITEM

MINUTES

CS-4 *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on March 10, 2020.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

February 9, 2021 (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 6570938)

CS-8

See Page CS-8 for full report

Designated Speakers: Carli Williams & Susan Lloyd

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – November 2020”, dated December 7, 2020, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.



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2. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**
(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 6573725)

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See Page CS-16 for full report

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – November 2020”, dated December 15, 2020, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.



3. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**
(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson

Items for discussion:

None.

4. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**
(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 6567745 v. 3)

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See Page CS-26 for full report

Designated Speaker: Supt. William Ng

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2020”, dated December 8, 2020, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.



5. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**
(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Supt. William Ng

Items for discussion:

(i) *Launch of the Diversity Unit*

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6. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT





Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Kelly Greene
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Harold Steves

Also Present: Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on February 11, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2020**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01/20) (REDMS No. 6397891)

In response to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) bylaw patrols are conducted jointly with the Regional Animal Protection Society (RAPS), (ii) there are 8 full-time officers who patrol parking, and (iii) Bylaws is not aware of any current homeless camps in the Hamilton area.

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It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – January 2020", dated February 12, 2020, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2020**

(File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue/2020) (REDMS No. 6406740)

In response to queries from Committee, Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson, Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) noted that new fire-fighter positions have been hired for 2020 and RFR will begin the hiring process this summer for the year 2021. Fire Chief Wilkinson further noted that RFR has provided assistance to people residing in recreational vehicles by assisting with smoke alarms and providing warm blankets.

In response to further queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) there has been progress in the clean-up of the property on No. 3 Road, (ii) Law has recommended that the City provide Mr. Fairhurst additional time to clean up his property, (iii) RFR regularly visits schools to discuss emergency management pods and access issues, and (iv) BC Ambulance categorizes over 2000 different medical call types.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2020", dated February 10, 2020, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

None.

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4. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2020**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01/2020) (REDMS No. 6397885 v. 3)

Superintendent Will Ng, Richmond RCMP, spoke to the staff report and highlighted statistics from violent crime, property crime and mental health.

In response to queries from Committee, Superintendent Ng noted that (i) the incident along Highway 99 involving a pedestrian was deemed a suicide, (ii) the incident at the Hamilton Community Centre was mental health related, (iii) Richmond RCMP aim to provide an increased police presence in the Hamilton area, and (iv) Richmond schools use a “hold and secure” protocol as a safety precaution.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2020”, dated February 10, 2020, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

CARRIED

5. **2019-2020 RICHMOND RCMP DETACHMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN THIRD QUARTER RESULTS (OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019)**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01/2020) (REDMS No. 6388579 v. 4)

Superintendent Will Ng highlighted statistics in the report.

In response to queries from Committee, Superintendent Ng noted that (i) Richmond RCMP will increase the Economic Crime Unit by 2 members, (ii) speed signs are positively impacting driving behaviour, (iii) vehicles are impounded for excessive speeding, (iv) home-based currency exchanges are a legal business, and (v) Bylaws staff will look into the bylaws regarding home-based businesses.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “2019-2020 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan Third Quarter Results (October 1 to December 31, 2019)”, dated February 3, 2020, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

None.

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7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Community Police Station

Cecilia Achiam, General Manager, Community Safety informed Council that the City Centre Community Police Station is set to open April 22, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:34 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Councillor Bill McNulty
Chair

Stephanie Walrond
Legislative Services Coordinator



To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** December 7, 2020
From: Cecilia Achiam **File:** 12-8060-01/20-Vol01
General Manager, Community Safety
Re: **Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – November 2020**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – November 2020”, dated December 7, 2020, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

Cecilia Achiam
General Manager, Community Safety
(604-276-4122)

REPORT CONCURRENCE	
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Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS:
APPROVED BY CAO 	

Staff Report

Origin

This monthly report for the Community Bylaws department provides information and statistics for enforcing bylaws related to Grease, Soils, Property Use, Short-Term Rentals, Pay Parking, Parking Enforcement, Animal Control and Dog Licencing as well as education and public awareness initiatives.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

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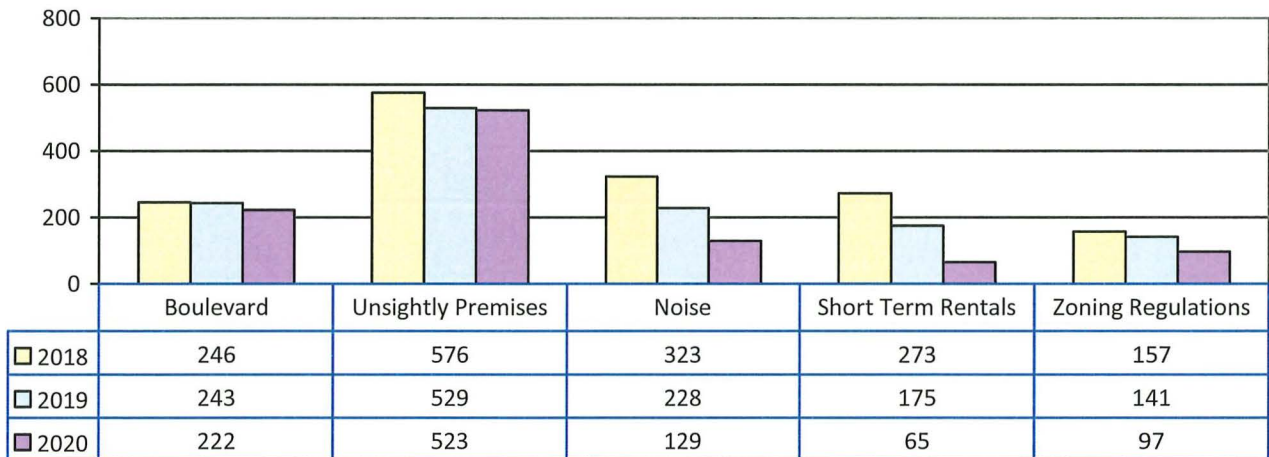
1.1 Enhance safety services and strategies to meet community needs.

Analysis

Property Use

Property use enforcement matters are divided among several groups in Community Bylaws, Engineering, Business Licencing and Vancouver Coastal Health. Figure 1 shows the calls for service (files opened) by Property Use Inspectors in the Community Bylaws department. Figure 2 shows all other property related enforcement.

Figure 1: Property Use Calls For Service - November Year-To-Date Comparison



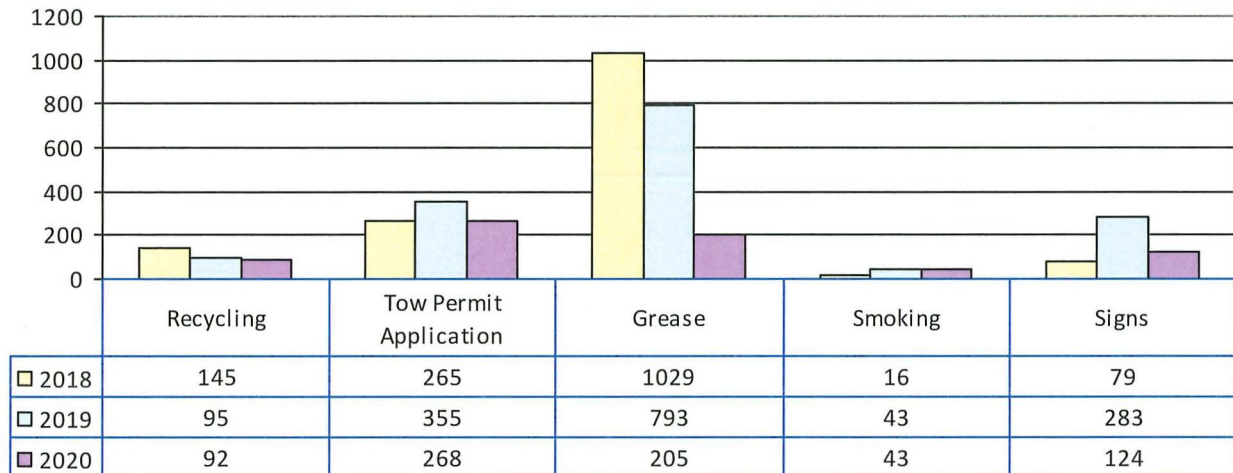
For the month of November 2020, some building related enforcement files achieved notable results. The property owner at 11111 Bird Road, agreed to settle a matter before the Supreme Court of BC related to illegal suites and illegal construction. As part of the settlement, the owner agreed to pay the City’s legal costs (\$22,000), submit building permit drawings, and pay a \$2,500 fine if illegal suites are found to be occupied at any time in the future. Staff will continue to monitor to ensure compliance is maintained. Also, an owner of a strata unit at 6560 Buswell

Street was found guilty during a two day trial in Provincial court for building and plumbing alterations made without a permit. The unit owner was ordered to obtain the required permits and fined \$6,000. Lastly, the property owner of 16820 River Road was scheduled to go to the Provincial court for demolishing a building without a permit but plead guilty prior to it going to trial. An agreement was made to pay a \$7,000 fine for demolition without a permit.

Grease

The Grease Officer is currently on medical leave and systematic grease inspections have not taken place through the regular inspection program. During this time, sanitary sewer operations and Engineering staff continue to investigate and inspect properties on demand based on observed problematic areas. There were no violation notices issued for contraventions of the Drainage, Dike and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551 in November 2020.

Figure 2: Other Calls For Service - November Year-To-Date Comparison



Soils

During the month of November 2020, the Soil Bylaw Officer (the “Officer”) conducted 63 site inspections and is currently addressing 38 sites that are considered to be in non-compliance. Stop Work Orders and/or removal orders were issued for:

- 14260 Westminster Hwy;
- PID: 031-127-304 (No. 8 Rd);
- 13391 Blundell Rd; and
- 7271 No 6 Rd.

The Officer is also monitoring sites at 4880 No 6 Road and 14260 Westminster Hwy where the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) issued removal orders. In addition, the Officer advised the ALC of asphalt grindings being dumped at 4880 No. 6 Road and a warning was given to owner of 7271 No. 6 Rd as they were approaching the 100m³ exemption limit. The property at 10140 Palmberg Road was brought into compliance during the month of November 2020.

The City received one new soil deposit application (7271 No. 6 Rd) and issued three soil deposit permits (7351 No. 5 Rd, 7271 No 6 Rd, & 6580 No. 6 Rd). A permit extension was granted for 8480 No. 5 Rd. There are now 11 soil deposit proposals under various stages of review by City staff while the Officer continues to monitor 12 approved sites. The ALC continues to review the soil deposit applications for 5800 No. 7 Road (Mahal) and 19740 River Road (Jagbar Farms).

Dog Licencing and Patrols

The total number of dogs licenced in November was 85. This figure represents 55 new dog licence applications and 30 renewal applications of current licences that were processed in the month of November 2020. The total number of dogs licenced year to date, is 7,290.

Regional Animal Protection Society (RAPS) Officers conduct patrols of the dikes, parks and school grounds within the City. The following locations were patrolled during the month of November 2020, resulting in one bylaw violation notice being issued under the Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932:

- Dixon Elementary
- Diefenbaker Elementary
- Garden City Park
- Garry Point
- McLean Park
- DeBeck Elementary
- Burnett Secondary
- Katsura Neighbourhood Park
- McDonald Beach
- Minoru Park
- Blundell Elementary
- Dyke Road (Finn Slough)
- Garden City Elementary
- Anderson Elementary
- Dolphin Neighbourhood Park
- Jessie Wowk Elementary
- King George Park
- McNeely Elementary
- McKay Elementary
- West Dyke Trail

Parking

For the month of November 2020, Parking Officers proactively patrolled for stopping and parking infractions while continuing to monitor assigned files. Parking Officers received 163 Calls for Service for parking related offences. Management of files by Parking Officers is priority-based, with all safety and obstruction requests receiving top priority.

On September 28, 2020, Counsel approved the implementation of a \$3.00 per day parking meter to be installed at the City owned parking lot located at 8620 Beckwith Road. The meter is expected to be installed by January 2021. As per Council's directive, a survey regarding the installation of two hour timed parking signage was sent to over 200 local residents and businesses near or adjacent to the Beckwith parking lot. Due to the low number of returned surveys, which could be attributed to closed businesses due to COVID-19, Community Bylaws have elected at this time not to proceed with the installation of two hour signage and will monitor to see if circumstances change.

Figure 3 reflects the monthly and year-to-date parking enforcement activity measured by violation issuance. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 4.

Figure 3: Parking Violations Issuance Comparison

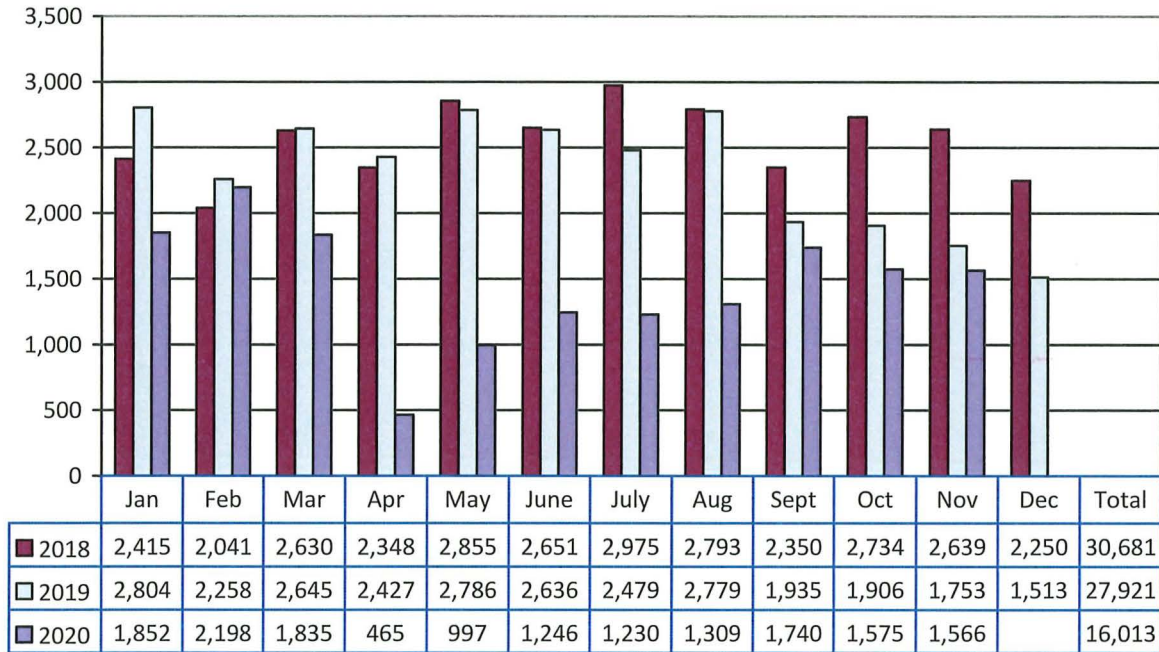
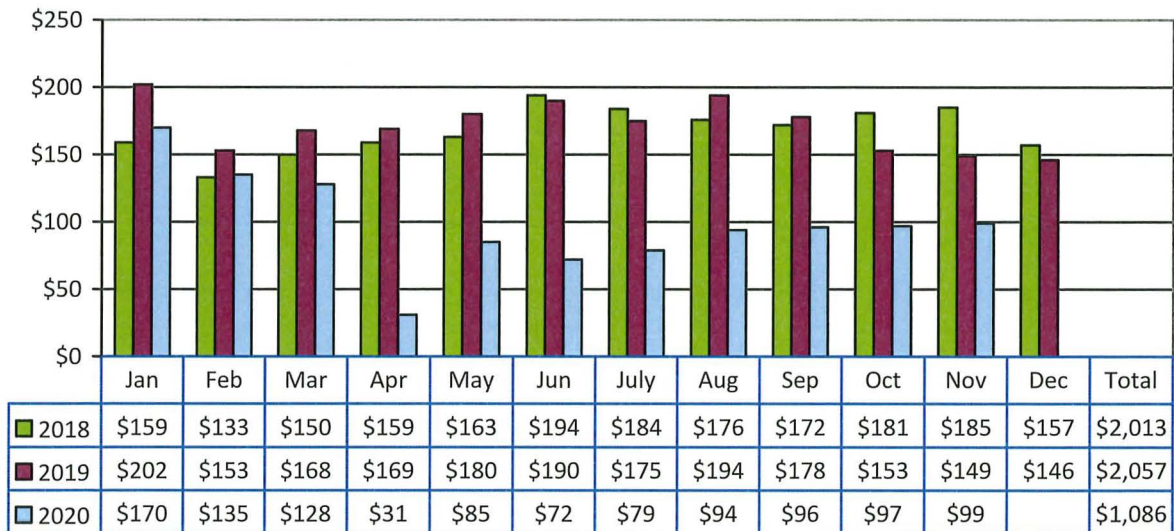


Figure 4: Consolidated Parking Program Revenue Comparison (000's)



All Enforcement Activity

While parking violations make up the majority of tickets issued by Bylaw Enforcement Officers, there are a number of other categories which are of interest to the public. Table 1 exhibits the number of parking violations issued along with additional categories of interest to the public.

Table 1: Community Bylaw Violations

Ticket Issuance (BVN's & MTI's)	November	YTD
Short-Term Rental Offences	0	40
Soil Removal & Fill Deposit Offences	0	1
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	9
Grease Trap Offences	0	2
Parking & Stopping Offences	1,566	16,013
Animal Control Offences	26	581
Totals	1,592	16,646

Bylaw Adjudication

The Adjudication session held on November 26, 2020, consisted of a total of six contraventions; three contraventions of the Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, one contravention of the Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932 and two contraventions of the Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 7138. The adjudicator ruled in favour of the City on all accounts. The next Adjudication is scheduled for February 25, 2021.

Revenue and Expenses

The Community Bylaws department derives much of its revenue from parking meters, parking permits and parking violations. The remainder of revenue generated is from dog licences, false alarm disturbances, tow permits and other permits and bylaw fines. Table 2 outlines individual revenue types while Table 3 highlights revenue and expenses for the three main programs within Community Bylaws.

Table 2: Department Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Nov 2020	Actual Nov 2020	YTD Budget Nov 2020	YTD Actual Nov 2020
Contract Revenue ¹	4,658	5,000	54,275	55,000
Filming Revenue	0	1,922	0	11,908
False Alarm	4,533	0	49,867	1,830
Dog Licences	7,182	6,861	198,257	199,233
Towing Permits	649	1,052	15,546	17,888
Other Permits ²	1,541	600	36,922	20,040
Other Bylaw Fines ³	3,403	20,250	82,635	92,700
Parking Revenue ⁴	158,585	99,117	1,847,876	1,086,043
Receivable Income ⁵	7,762	0	90,457	57,055
Total Revenue	188,313	134,802	2,375,835	1,541,697

Table 3: Revenue and Expenses by Program in Community Bylaws

Community Bylaws by Program		YTD Budget Nov 2020	YTD Actual Nov 2020
Parking	Revenue	1,992,609	1,210,006
	Expenses	1,416,688	1,111,487
	Net Revenue (Expense)	575,921	98,519
Animal Control	Revenue	206,562	244,433
	Expenses	256,140	187,547
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(49,578)	56,886
Property Use	Revenue	176,664	87,258
	Expenses	1,271,720	793,444
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(1,095,056)	(706,186)
Total Net Revenue (Expense)		(568,713)	(550,781)

¹ City Towing Contract with Rusty's Towing

² Newspaper box and soil permit applications

³ Property Use and Animal control violations

⁴ Parking Revenue consists of Parking Meters, Monthly Parking Permits, and Parking Enforcement

⁵ Receivable Income consists of Night Market Recoveries

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Community Bylaws administers a wide range of bylaws related to property use, parking, animal control, soil and grease. This report provides a summary of monthly enforcement activity, including revenue and expenses. Of note for the month of November 2020, property use calls for service decreased which has allowed officers an opportunity to work on court files. The Department continues to see a decrease in the parking and meter revenue for November 2020. The decrease can be attributed to the second and more prominent wave of COVID.



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Enforcement and Animal Control
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Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

Date: December 15, 2020

From: Tim Wilkinson
Fire Chief

File: 99-Fire Rescue/2020-
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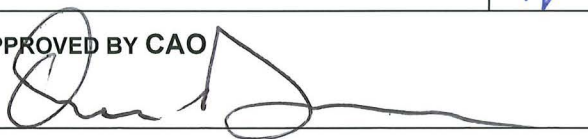
Re: Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – November 2020

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – November 2020”, dated December 15, 2020, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

Tim Wilkinson
Fire Chief
(604-303-2701)

Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE	
CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER 	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 
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Staff Report

Origin

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

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Analysis

Emergency Response

Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) staff continue to support calls emanating from Health Orders issued by the Province to combat the COVID-19 pandemic as well as provide regular services to the community.

RFR's goal is to respond to events in a manner where loss of life, reduction of property damage and protection of the environment is mitigated. In November 2020 there were a total of 580 incidents, representing a 26 per cent decrease in calls from November 2019 (Attachment 1).

The average time on scene for RFR crews was 29 minutes, which was the same in 2019. Time on scene can vary due to the nature and severity of each call. RFR continues to experience decreases in medical responses due to the changes of the Provincial Health Orders and Medical Health Officer's direction.

Table 1: Total Incidents - November 2020

	Totals	Year to Date Totals	Percentage Change (November 2019)	Number Change (November 2019)
Alarm Active No Fire	107	1,369	-20%	-27
Explosion	0	2	0	0
Fire	19	403	-42%	-14
Haz-Mat	3	94	-63%	-5
Medical	274	2,049	-22%	-77
MVI	63	637	-50%	-64
Public Hazard	9	79	-10%	-1
Public Service	70	702	9.4%	6
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	33	394	-42%	-24
Specialized Transport	2	19	-60%	-3
Tech Rescue	0	2	0	0
Totals	580	5,749	-26%	-209

In November 2020 there were 19 reportable fires to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, representing a 42 per cent decrease from November 2019. The average figure for fires reported in November over the last five years is 25. RFR continues to monitor fire activities to identify and create programs to respond to emerging trends.

RFR's emergency fire response goal is to contain the fire to the room of origin. The room of origin standard is especially important in terms of fire loss, which increases significantly once the fire leaves the room of origin.

Fire damage and property losses during November 2020 are estimated at \$64,950. This total includes \$9,500 for building/asset loss and \$55,450 for content loss. The total building/asset and content value at risk was estimated to be \$34,024,960 and the total value preserved from damage was \$33,960,010. These numbers translate to 99 per cent of value protected (Table 1); this is higher than the 98 per cent protected value observed in 2019.

Incident Type Breakdown	Call Volume	Estimated Building/Asset Value (\$)	Estimated Building/Asset Loss (\$)	Estimated Content Value (\$)	Estimated Content Loss (\$)	Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)
Residential: Single family	3	645,700	2,000	71,510	1,250	713,960
Multi family	4	32,373,150	2,500	53,100	52,700	32,371,050
Commercial/Industrial	1	875,000	-	-	-	875,000
Outdoor	8	-	-	1,500	1,500	-
Vehicle/Vessel	3	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
Totals*	19	33,898,850	9,500	126,110	55,450	33,960,010

* The dollar losses shown in this table are preliminary estimates. They are derived from RFR's record management system and are subject to change due to delays in reporting and confirmation of actual losses from private insurance agencies (as available).

Training and Public Education

Fire Training staff facilitated multiple training activities during November including; Ground Survival, Playbook, Pool Officer Training and Auto-X Vehicle Instruction.

During November, public education events remained on hold. Fire staff continued to create and post educational videos on the RFR Facebook and website pages.

Significant Events

Fire crews minimized harm and limited fires to the place of origin in these notable November 2020 incidents:

- **November 1 – Residential fire on Robson Drive.** Crews responded to reports of a structure fire. Once on scene, there was smoke visible from a kitchen fire and it was confirmed that all occupants were out of the home. The two occupants were escorted to BC Ambulance Services for assessment. Two fire crews remained on scene to ventilate the home. No injuries were incurred to RFR staff and a fire investigator attended the scene.
- **November 6 – Structure fire on Graybar Road.** This fire involved a temporary work shelter built around a large sailboat. The wooden structure had a roof made of poly plastic stretched over a metal frame. A fire had ignited the roof, which then melted and dripped flames onto the fibreglass boat below. Crews managed to quickly extinguish the fire. Both

the building and boat were damaged in the fire. No injuries occurred and a fire investigator attended the scene.

- **November 11 – Residential fire on Arcadia Road.** RFR crews arrived to a structure fire at an apartment building on Arcadia Road. The fire was limited to one suite on the second floor due to the fast attack and coordinated firefighting efforts of first-in suppression crews. There was smoke and water damage to adjacent units. One civilian was treated by BC Ambulance Services for minor smoke inhalation. One pet died and nine adults were displaced due to the fire. There are no injuries to any RFR personnel. Emergency programs assisted with managing the two occupants who were displaced from the affected suite.
- **November 19 – Industrial accident on No. 9 Road.** RFR crews responded to an industrial accident involving a fatality. Attending RFR staff were provided with Critical Incident Stress de-briefing after the event.

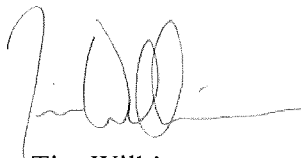
Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

During November 2020, Richmond Fire-Rescue crews continue to experienced impacts on calls due to the decreases in medical responses due to the changes of the Provincial Health Orders and Medical Health Officer's direction.

Richmond Fire-Rescue does not expect this change to negatively impact emergency response and continues to monitor activities to identify and create programs to respond to emerging trends.



Tim Wilkinson
Fire Chief
(604-303-2701)

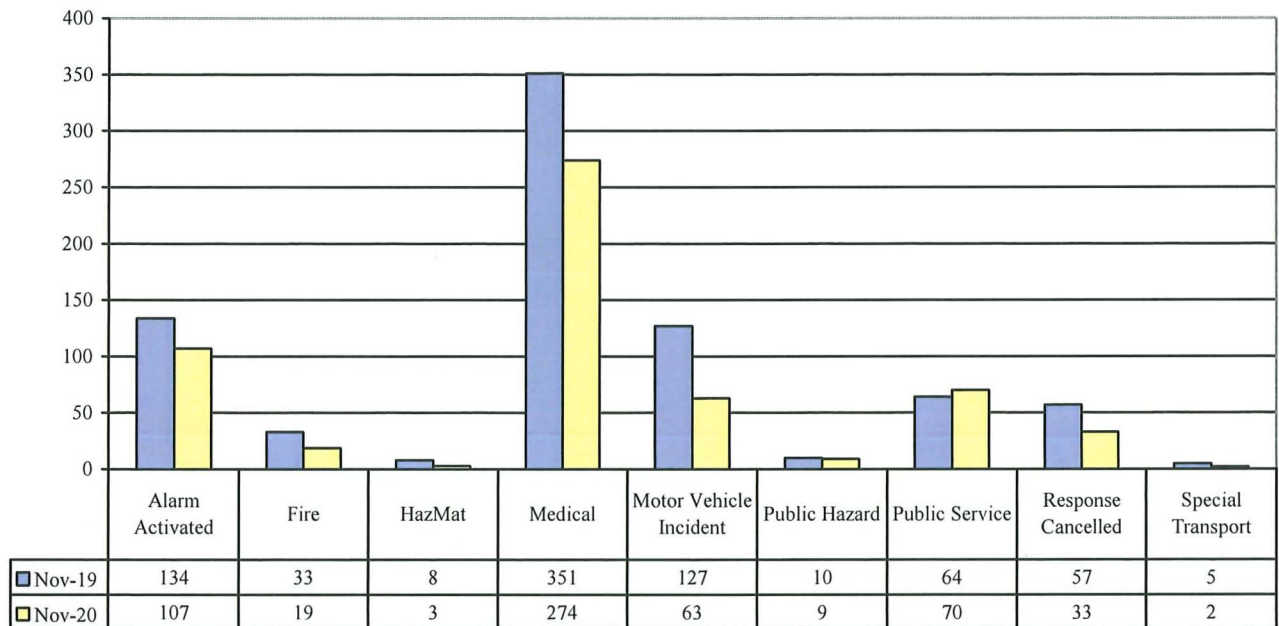
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Att. 1: Suppression Activity, including location of November's Fire, Medical and MVIs

Calls for Service Volumes

The following chart provides a month to month comparison regarding incidents occurring in November 2020 and 2019. In November 2020, there were a total of 580 incidents, compared to 789 in November 2019. This represents a decrease of 26 per cent.

Table 3: November 2019 & 2020 Calls for Service Volumes



Call Type Legend:
HazMat: includes fuel or vapour; spills, leaks, or containment
Medical includes: cardiac arrest, emergency response, home or industrial accidents
Public Hazard includes: aircraft emergency, bomb removal standby, object removal, or power lines down
Public Service includes: assisting public, ambulance or police, locked in/out, special events, trapped in elevator, water removal

First Responder Totals

Medical first responder incidents comprised 47 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR during the month of November 2020. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for November 2019 and 2020 is set out in the following table by sub-type. There were a total of 274 medical incidents in November 2020 compared to 351 in November 2019, an increase of 22 per cent.

Table 4a: November 2019 & 2020 Medical Calls by Type

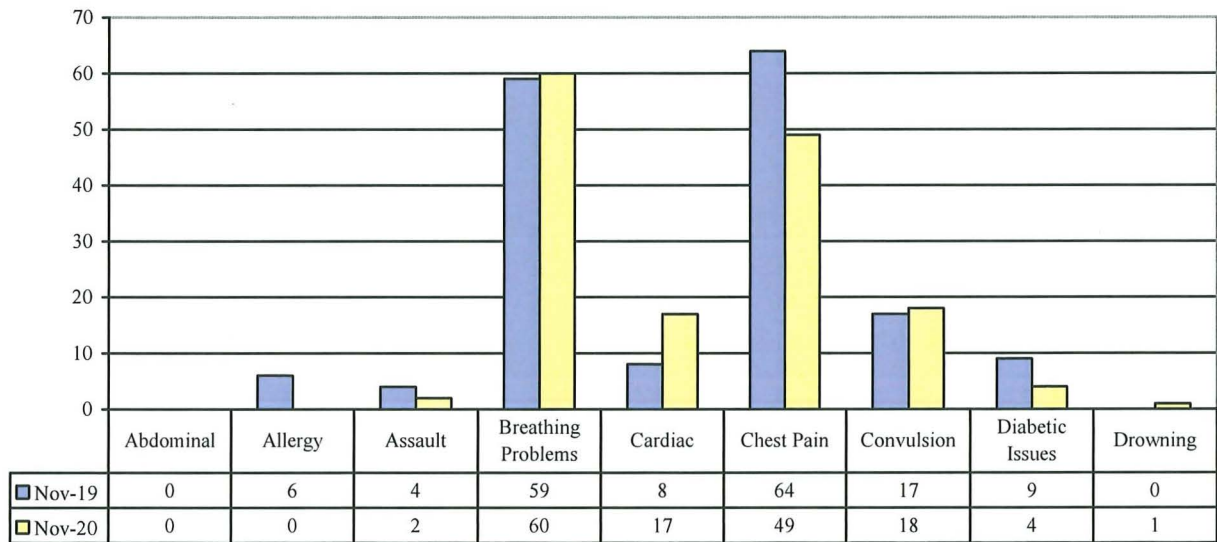
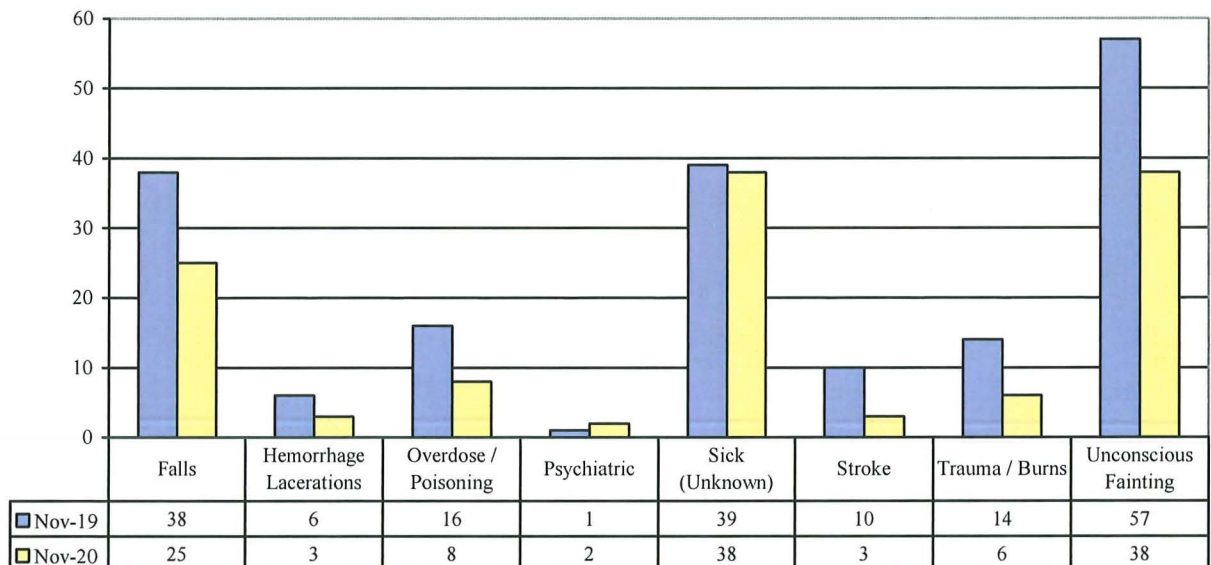


Table 4b: November 2019 & 2020 Medical Calls by Type



Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for November 2020 are listed below:

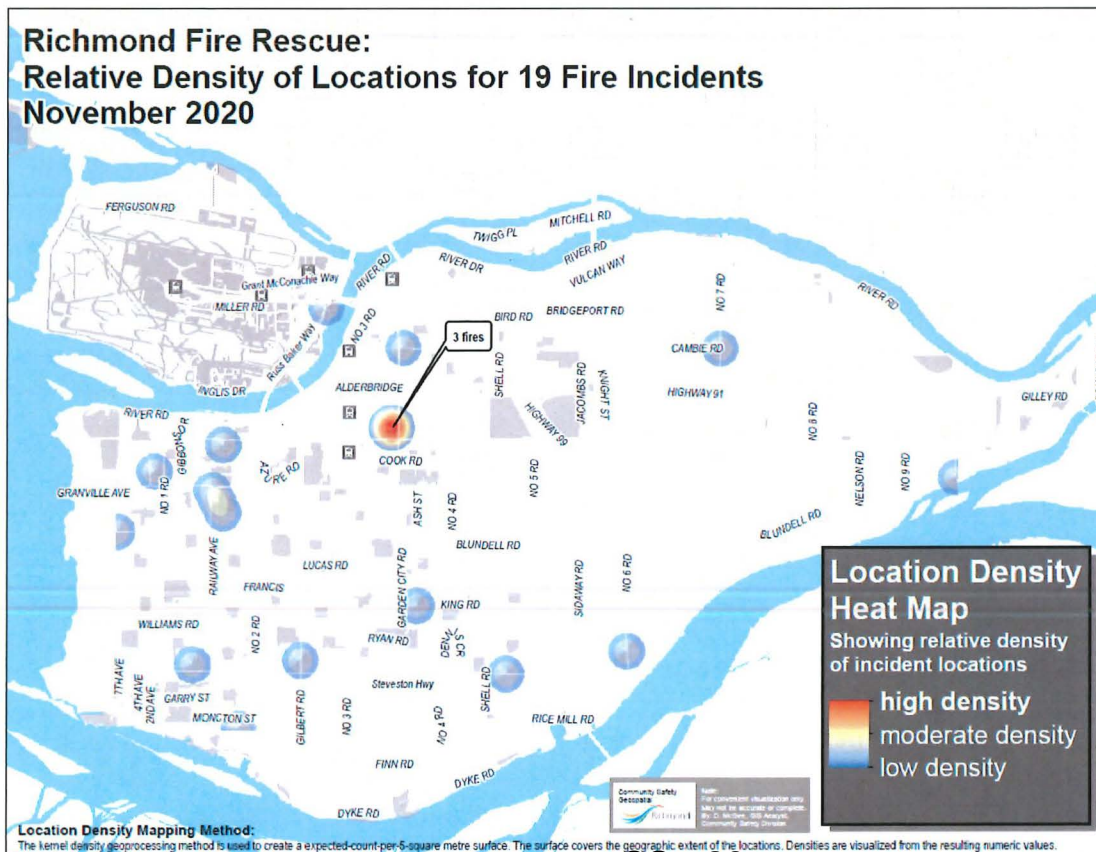
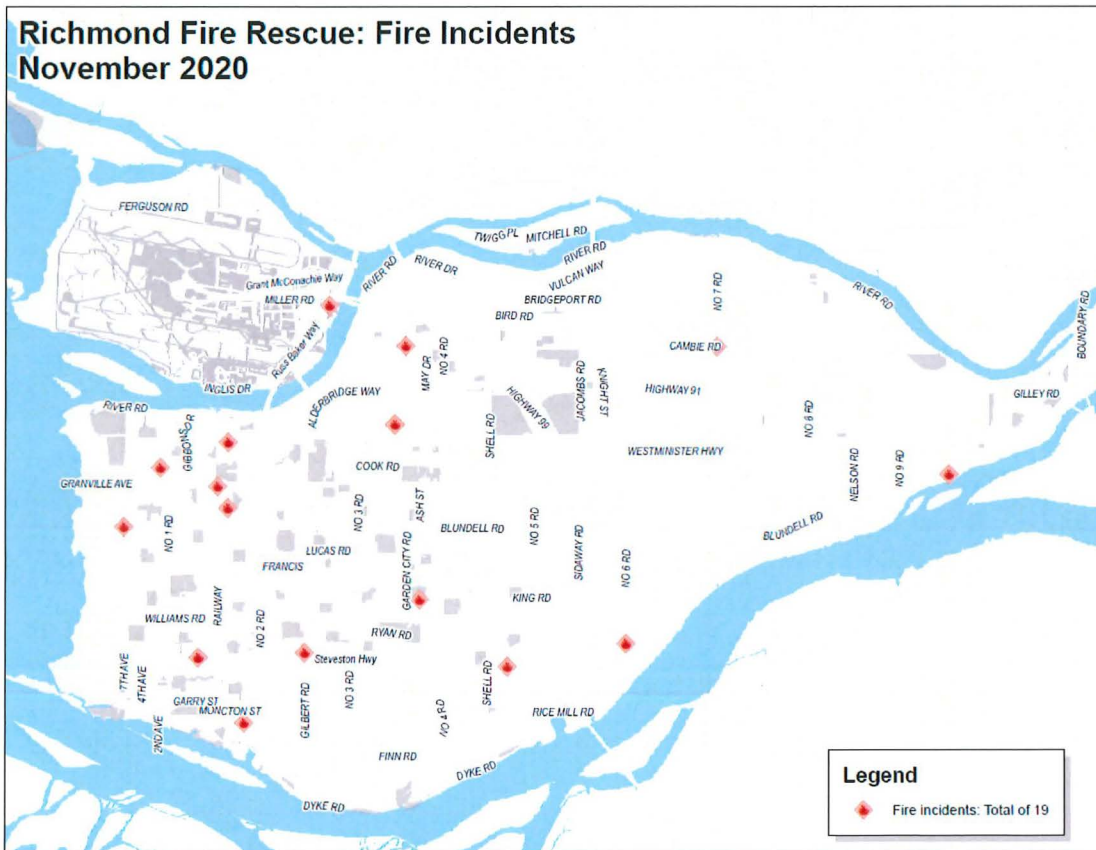
Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – November 2020			
	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined
Residential - Single-family	-	2	1
Residential - Multi-family	1	2	1
Commercial/Industrial	-	-	1
Outdoor	2	4	1
Vehicle	2	-	1
Totals	5	8	5

Richmond Fire-Rescue investigators report all suspicious fires to the RCMP, while working alongside RCMP staff to address potential risks to the community.

Hazardous Materials

Table 6: HazMat Calls By Type – November 2020	
	Details
Natural Gas / Propane Leaks (small)	3
Totals	3

Figure 1: Location of reportable fires attended in November 2020 (total 19)



Location Density Mapping Method: The kernel density geospatial processing method is used to create a expected-count-per-square metre surface. The surface covers the geographic extent of the locations. Densities are visualized from the resulting numeric values.

Figure 2: Location of medical calls in November 2020 (total 274)

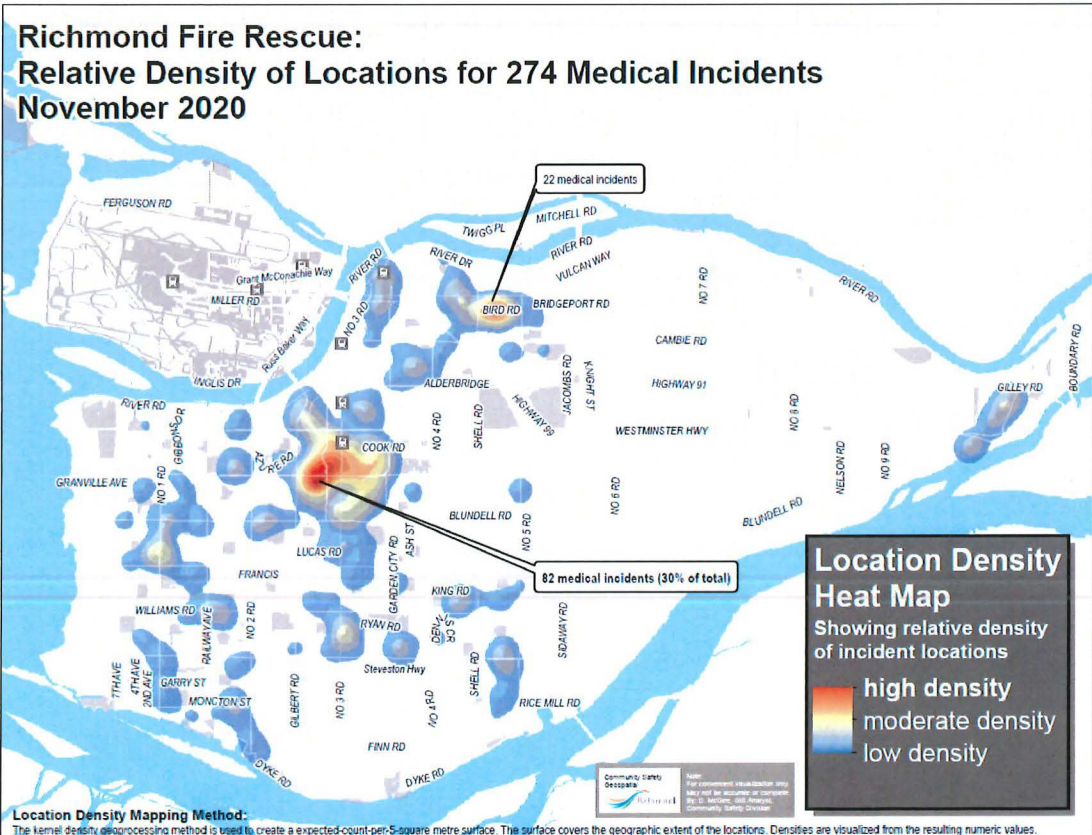
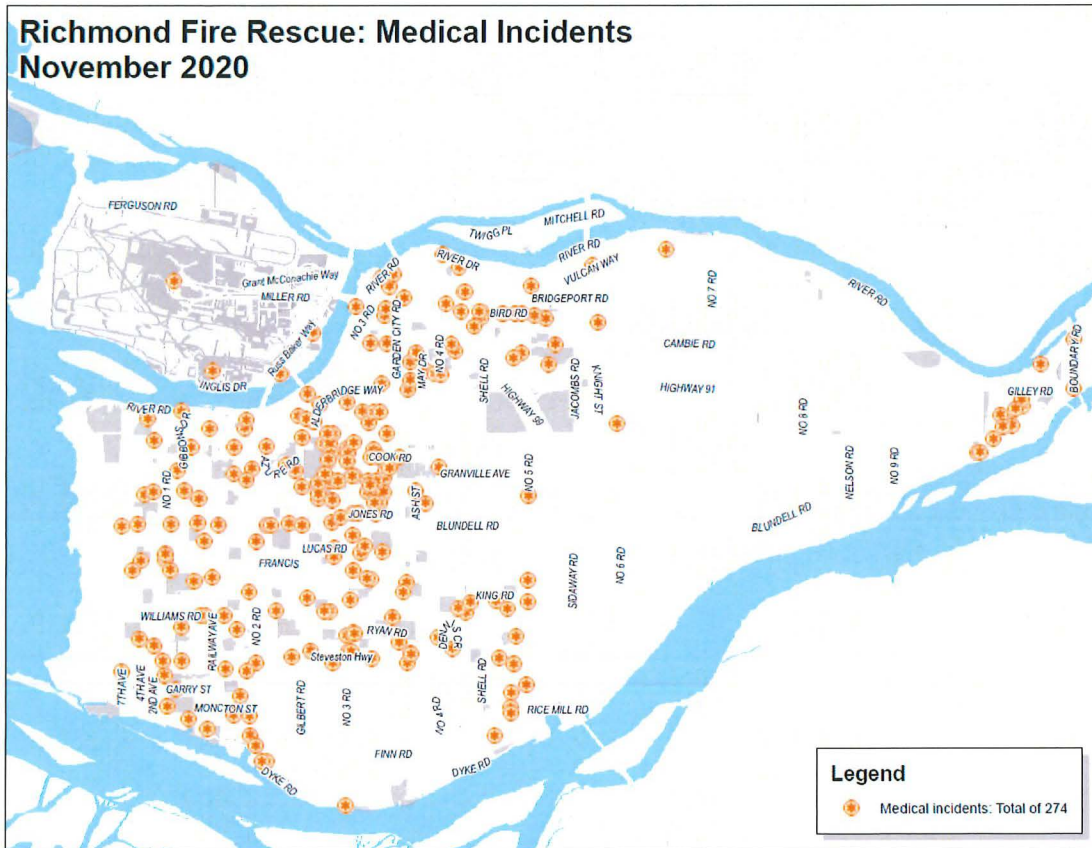
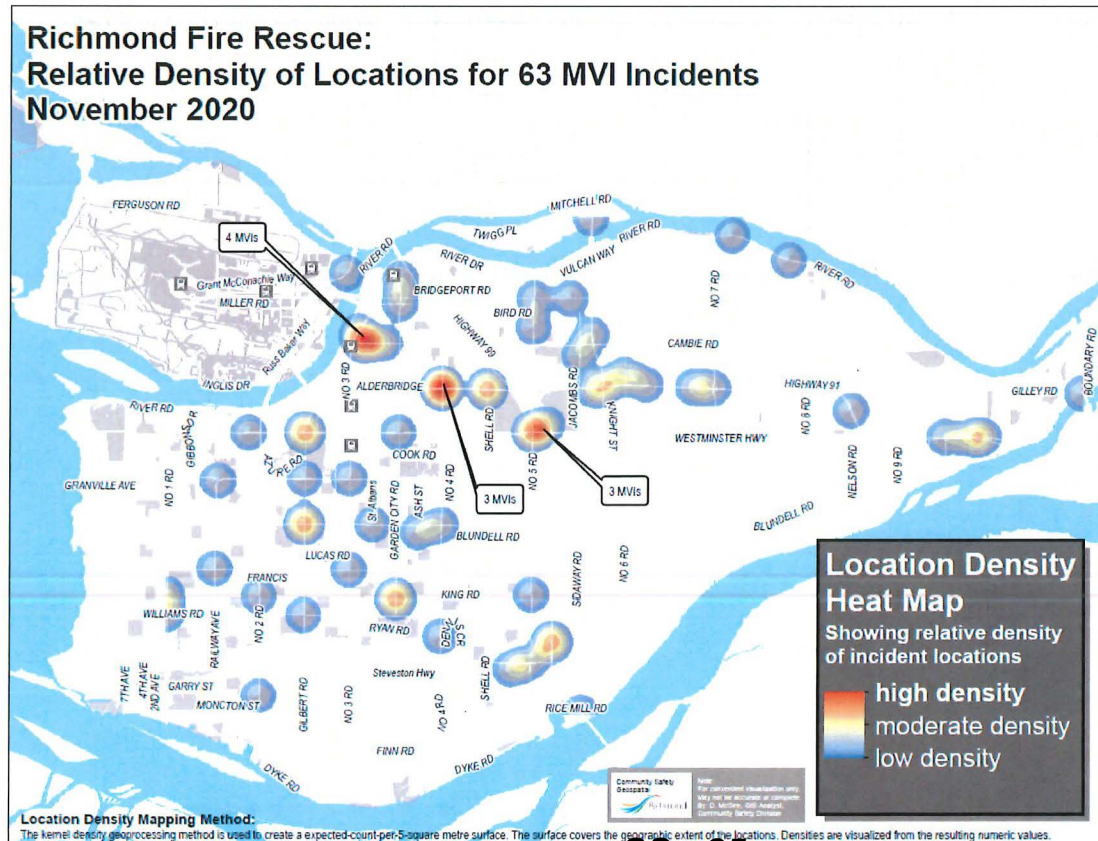
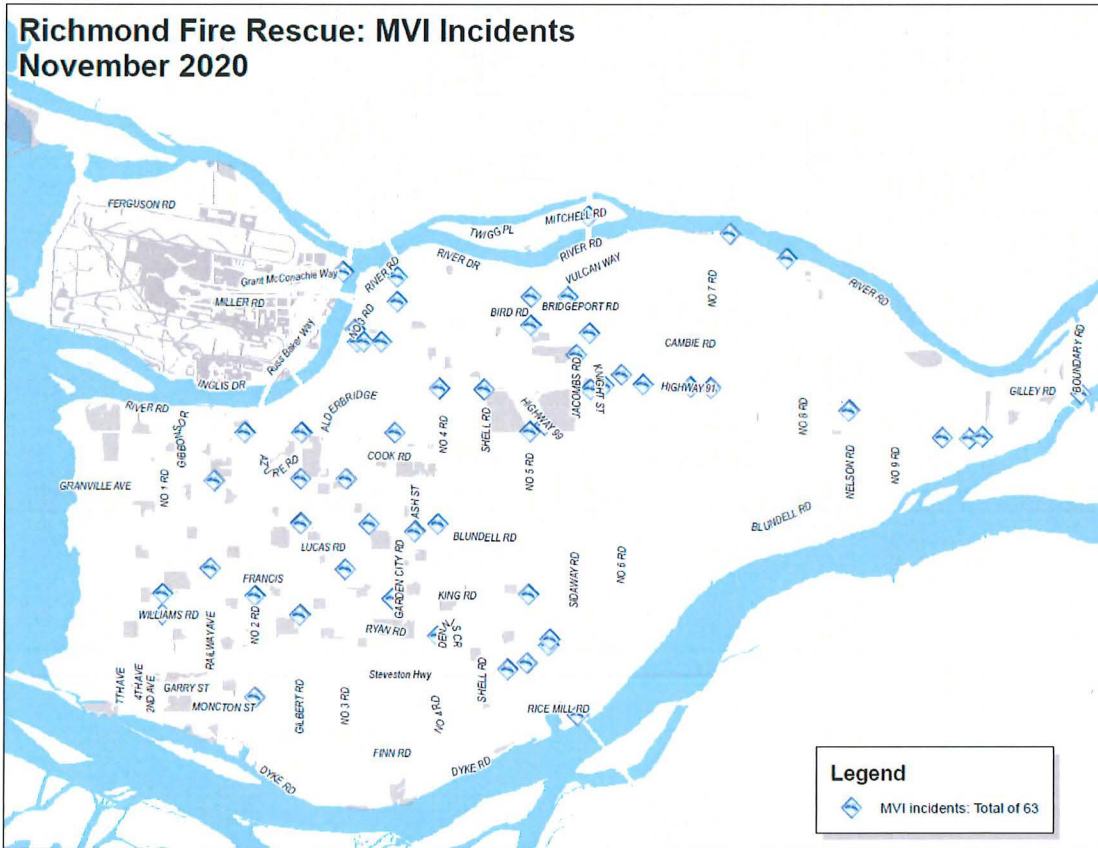


Figure 3: Location of MVI calls in November 2020 (total 63)





To: Community Safety Committee

Date: December 8, 2020

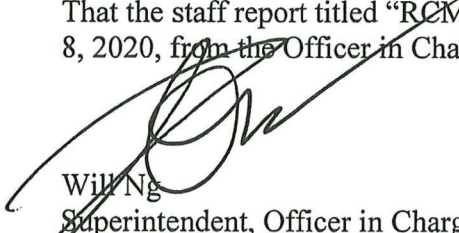
From: Will Ng
Superintendent, Officer in Charge

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Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2020

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2020”, dated December 8, 2020, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.


Will Ng
Superintendent, Officer in Charge
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Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This monthly activity report for the RCMP provides information on each of the following areas:

1. Activities and Noteworthy Files
2. Analysis of Police Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Auxiliary Program
5. Block Watch
6. Community Police Station Programs
7. Crime Prevention Unit
8. Road Safety Unit
9. Victim Services
10. Youth Section

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

Enhance and protect the safety and well-being of Richmond.

Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Stabbing

On November 1, 2020, Richmond RCMP officers attended the 6000 block of No. 3 Road for reports of a stabbing. The victim was stabbed during an altercation with a group of suspects, who fled prior to police arrival. The victim received treatment in hospital and was later released. Police believe this was a targeted incident and the investigation is ongoing.

Fatal Pedestrian Collision

On November 1, 2020, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a vehicle collision involving a pedestrian in the 8500 block of Cambie Road. The pedestrian was transported to hospital but later succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene and was cooperative with police. The collision remains under investigation and police have asked the public for witnesses and dash camera footage of the incident.

Firearm Seizure

On November 11, 2020, Richmond RCMP officers attended a residence in the 11000 block of Steveston Highway for reports of a man shooting at birds. While hunting is permitted in the area, police observed numerous hunting violations and seized a number of firearms during the subsequent search. The incident remains under investigation and charges are pending.

Arrests

On November 18, 2020, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising that six arrests had been made in connection with a significant drug production investigation. The investigation resulted in searches at three Richmond properties last month, which yielded substantial amounts of illicit street drugs, pill presses and firearms, including:

- 300,000 doses of suspected methamphetamine and 200 kilograms of drug precursors;
- 6,810 doses of suspected fentanyl;
- 2,000 doses of illicit cannabis marihuana;
- Three pill presses collectively capable of manufacturing up to 30,000 pills an hour; and
- Six firearms, including four carbine-style rifles, high capacity magazines and firearm suppressors.

Toy Drive

On November 21, 2020, the Richmond RCMP hosted the 6th Annual Toy Drive in support of the Richmond Christmas Fund. While COVID-19 safety measures changed the traditional format of the Toy Drive, this year's drive-through event was successful in raising 1,000 cubic feet in toys and over \$11,000 for families in need.

Analysis of Police Statistics

Arson

In November 2020, there were six reported incidents of arson, which is down five incidents from the previous month and up three incidents from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is within the expected range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 14 assault serious events in November 2020, which represents an 18 per cent decrease from the previous month and no change from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is within the expected range.

Auto Theft

In November 2020, there were 29 incidents of auto theft, which is the same number reported the previous month. This month, auto thefts increased 32 per cent when compared to November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the expected range

Drugs

In November 2020, there were 35 drug files, which is up nine per cent from the previous month and down 65 per cent from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the expected range.

Mental Health

There were 135 mental health-related incidents in November 2020, which is down 15 per cent from the previous month and down 20 per cent from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health related incidents is within the expected range.

Year to date, the number of mental health files has decreased 16 per cent when compared to the same period in 2019. Police apprehension numbers remained steady with 75 events this month; however, average hospital wait times increased to 97 minutes, which is the highest average wait time seen this year.¹

Residential Break and Enter

There were 45 break and enters to residences in November 2020, which represents a 35 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 21 per cent decrease from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of residential break and enters is within the expected range.

Year to date, residential break and enters have decreased 23 per cent when compared to the same period in 2019. There were a high number of break and enters to residences reported in October 2020. Criminal analysis has linked this activity to known offenders and targeted enforcement actions have been conducted. These measures helped contribute to a reduction in this crime type this month.

Commercial Break and Enter

In November 2020, there were 25 break and enters to businesses, which is down 36 per cent from October 2020 and down 39 per cent from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters is within the expected range.

Robbery

There were two robbery incidents in November 2020, which is down three incidents from the previous month and down seven incidents from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is within the expected range.

Sexual Offences

In November 2020, there were 13 sexual offence files, which represents a 13 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 24 per cent decrease from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sex offences this month is within the expected range.

¹ A person apprehended under the Mental Health Act may be brought to a hospital for assessment by a health practitioner who would determine if hospitalization, medical treatment or a further referral is required.

Shoplifting

There were 59 shoplifting thefts in November 2020, which down 11 per cent from the previous month and down eight per cent from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of reported shoplifting thefts in November 2020 is within the expected range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 136 theft from automobile incidents in November 2020, which is down 11 per cent from the previous month and down 27 per cent from November 2019. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the expected range.

COVID-19 Statistics

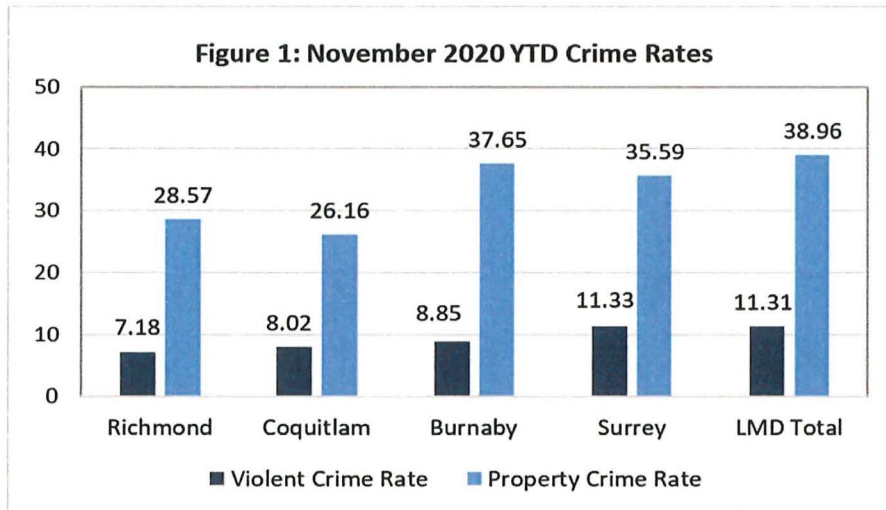
Table 1 outlines the number of police calls for service related to COVID-19. This month, there were 27 COVID-19-related files, which is a marked increase from the four files reported the previous month. Many incidents were related to individuals not adhering to public health requirements, such as mask-wearing. There were also multiple calls regarding prohibited social gatherings. Additionally, two violation tickets were issued under Section 58 of the *Quarantine Act* to individuals failing to comply with quarantine requirements.

Table 1: COVID-19-related Calls for Service November 2020	
Total COVID-19-related files	27
Quarantine Act (Federal)	4
Public Health Act (Provincial)	16
COVID-19-Related Measures Act	7

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.² Out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate and the second lowest property crime rate in November 2020. Year to date, Richmond's property crime rate has decreased 12 per cent compared to the same period in 2019.

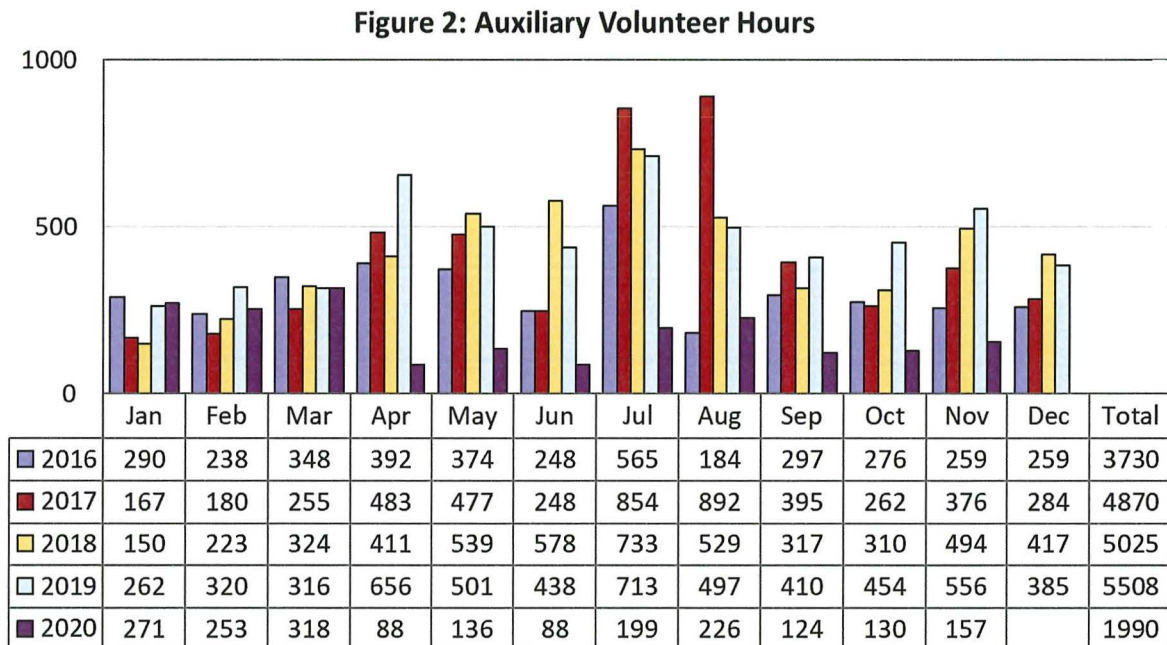
² Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people (using 2020 population projections).



Auxiliary Program

In November 2020, the Richmond RCMP Detachment had a complement of 31 Auxiliaries.³ Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, volunteer activities have been reduced. Auxiliaries provided a total of 157 volunteer hours during the month of November.

Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service provided from 2016 to 2020.



³ Previously referred to as Auxiliary Constables.

Auxiliary Program Activities

Auxiliaries attend events in the community to promote a positive police presence, support RCMP members and assist with community policing and crime prevention initiatives, as well as traffic and crowd control. During the month of November, Auxiliaries participated in:

- Bait Car
- Departmental Operations Centre
- Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives
- Home Security Checks (virtual)
- Toy Drive

Block Watch

At the end of November 2020, the Block Watch program had 313 groups totaling 6,736 participants. Currently, the program includes 440 captains and co-captains. Due to COVID-19, the Block Watch program has suspended the training of new captains.

Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations enhance the Richmond RCMP Detachment's policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. Due to COVID-19, all three community police stations have been closed to the public since March 2020. Volunteer deployments have continued, in accordance with guidelines established by RCMP "E" Division's Crime Prevention Services; however, the scope of volunteer activities has been limited. City staff and volunteers continue to pursue safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community engagement and police accessibility.

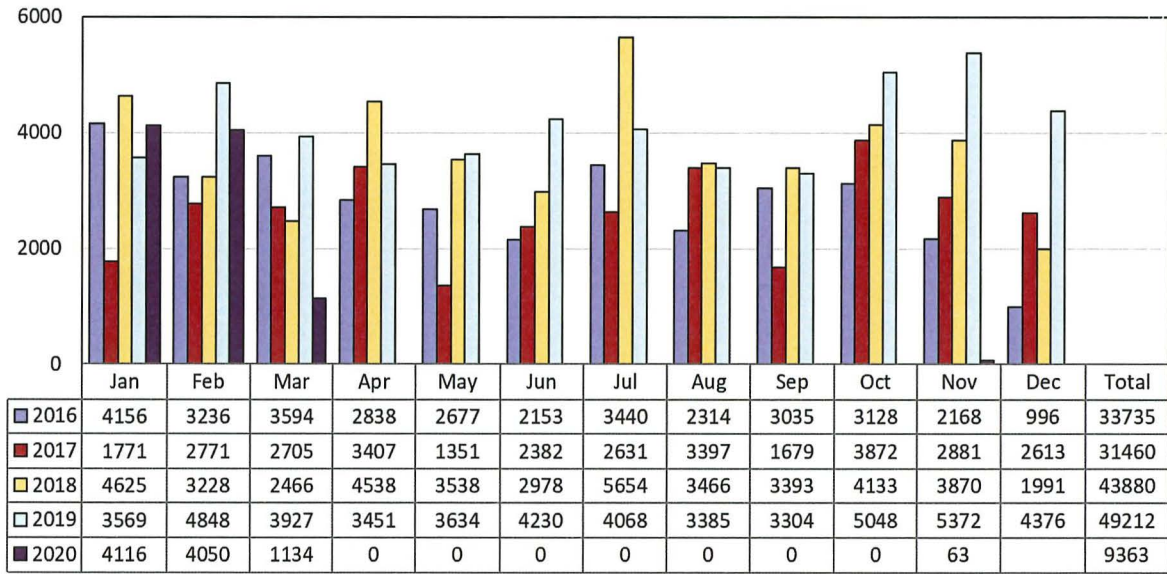
During the month of November volunteer highlights included:

- Three Lock Out Auto Crime deployments took place, which resulted in 63 information letters. Crime prevention notices have been temporarily replaced by information letters, which are mailed to registered vehicle owners.
- On November 21, 2020, 13 volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the 6th Annual Toy Drive.

Lock Out Auto Crime

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.⁴

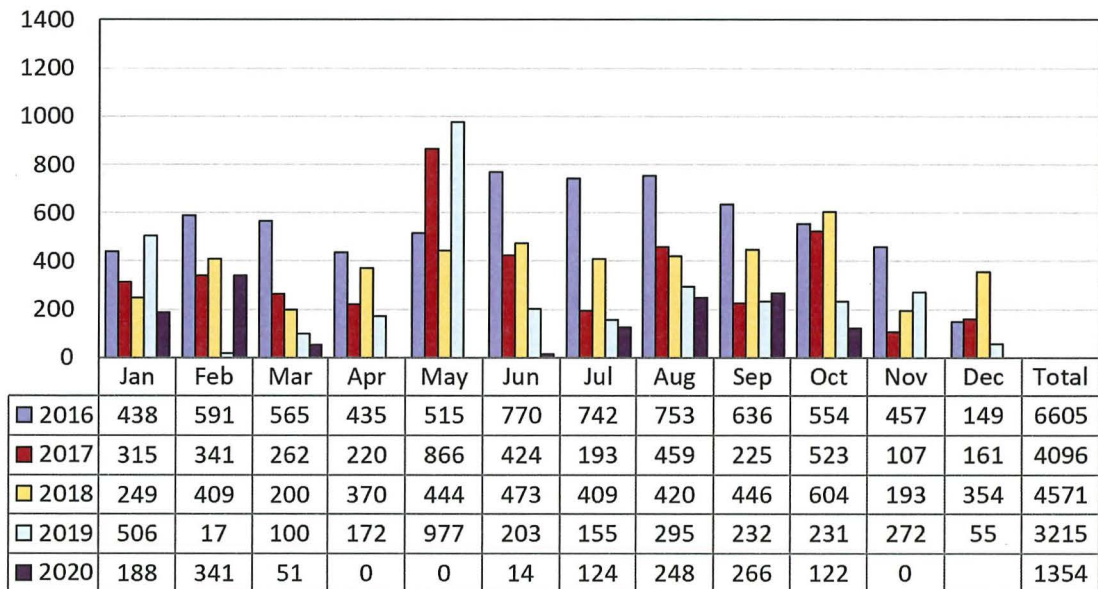
Figure 3: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice



Speed Watch

Figure 4 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

Figure 4: Speed Watch Letters Sent



⁴ In November 2020, Lock Out Auto Crime letters were issued in place of notices.

Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit reduces crime and enhances community engagement through public awareness and education initiatives. During the month of November, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives
- Faith Patrols
- Lock Out Auto Crime
- Project Rainbow
- Remembrance Day
- Toy Drive

Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond's roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigation of serious vehicle collisions and public education programs. Table 2 compares statistics for November 2020 to both September 2020 and October 2020.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

Infraction	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020
Distracted Driving	46	130	84
Driver License	117	230	207
Impaired	29	23	27
Intersection Offences	37	55	54
Moving Violations ⁵	57	165	217
Speeding	214	288	332
Seatbelts	2	5	4
Vehicle Related ⁶	58	99	82
Other ⁷	7	7	0
Total	567	1,002	1,007

Victim Services

In November 2020, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 63 new clients and attended three crime/trauma scenes after hours. Victim Services reduced in-person client services in March 2020 and began offering services by phone but continue to attend some of the more serious calls in-person. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 235 files. Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, property crime and two fatal accidents.

⁵ Moving violations refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

⁶ Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

⁷ Other refers to miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies that contribute to safe and healthy behaviours essential to the development of productive and civic-minded adults. During the month of November, Youth Section highlights included:

- There were 36 in-person Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) classes. An additional 28 classes were delivered via Zoom as the program moved to virtual lessons due to an increase in COVID-19 exposures in schools. The majority of schools completing DARE in the first term have committed to the online program, while two are completing the program with classroom teacher instruction.
- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 73 proactive school visits at Secondary Schools and 86 visits at Elementary Schools. Police officers engaged with the students at recess and lunch, as well as during morning and afternoon supervision.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

This month, the Richmond RCMP conducted a number of noteworthy investigations, including a large-scale drug production investigation, which resulted in the arrests of six suspects. In addition, police continue to investigate a fatal vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. Crime statistics for November 2020 indicate that most crime types were within the expected ranges. COVID-19-related files increased this month and included two violation tickets issued under the *Quarantine Act*.

While the number of community policing initiatives were limited this month due to COVID-19, volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the annual Toy Drive in support of the Richmond Christmas Fund. This year's event was reimagined as a drive through event and helped raise significant donations for families in need. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs
2: Crime Statistics
3: Crime Maps

Auxiliary Constables

- The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community policing activities related to public safety and crime prevention.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/auxiliary.htm

Block Watch

- Community-based crime prevention program aimed at helping neighbors organize themselves to prevent crime.
- Residents can receive email alerts of neighbourhood residential break and enters by registering their email addresses at: blockwatch@richmond.ca
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm

Distracted Driving Program

- Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers.
- A letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle with information on the safety risks associated to the observed behaviour and applicable fine amounts.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm

Fail to Stop

- Trained volunteers monitor areas that have been referred to the program by local businesses or residents where drivers are not making a full stop at the stop sign, or running a red light.
- An information letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

Lock Out Auto Crime

- Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), volunteers patrol city streets and parking lots looking for automobile security vulnerabilities.
- Notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and contents secure.

- For more information, visit
- www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm

Project 529

- This program allows riders to easily and securely register their bikes. This up-to-date database of bikes alerts its registrants if a fellow 529 bike is stolen.
- Project 529 is a unique, multi-national registry that holds a database of all registered and stolen bikes.

Speed Watch

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed.
- Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed.
- Volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. The letter includes the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

Stolen Auto Recovery

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, trained volunteers equipped with portable computers identify stolen vehicles.
- These volunteers recover hundreds of stolen vehicles each year throughout the Lower Mainland.

Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

- Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and providing a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues.

NOVEMBER 2020 STATISTICS

RICHMOND RCMP

This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents and MHA-related calls for service are included. Individual UCR codes are indicated below the specific crime type.

In 2019, changes were implemented regarding the collection of UCR data. The new standards provide much more stringent criteria to classify a file as unfounded. As a result, there will be an increase in many crime statistics, and clearance rates will conversely decline. This creates numerous challenges when comparing previous years' data. Full details on the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey are available at Statistics Canada: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54973-eng.htm>. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

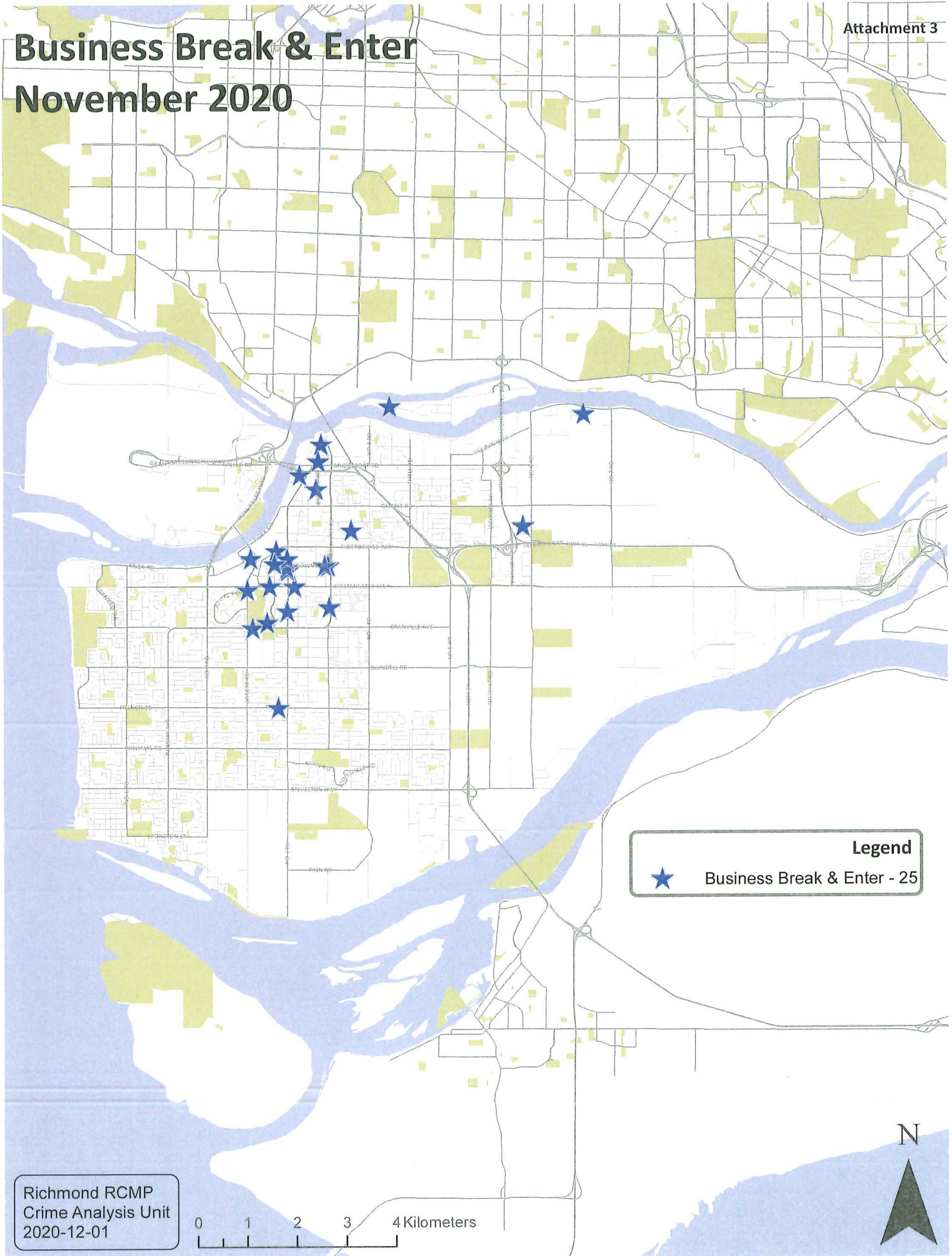
The 5 year average range data is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range (using one standard deviation) due to primarily non-operational reasons such as the new UCR standards or other scoring issues, the total will be noted in **purple**. Below expected numbers will be noted in **blue**.

Year-to-Date percentage change is used to numbers from the prior year, but the new CCJS/UCR standards reduce the utility of this metric. 2019 YTD numbers will be biased to increase from the 2018 totals, despite any positive police action.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Nov-20	November		2019	2020	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	128	118.8	101-136	1604	1560	-3%	-44
Robbery <small>UCR 1310 (1-3)</small>	2	6.8	3-10	77	50	-35%	-27
Assault Common <small>UCR 1430</small>	53	40.2	33-47	572	558	-2%	-14
Assault Serious <small>UCR 1410, 1420</small>	14	11.4	9-14	120	148	23%	28
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1545, 1530, 1556, 1510, 3450/55/50</small>	13	13.6	9-18	209	180	-14%	-29
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	592	627.2	588-667	7158	6120	-15%	-1038
Business B&E <small>UCR 2120-1</small>	25	31.2	24-38	361	354	-2%	-7
Residential B&E <small>UCR 2120-2</small>	45	65.2	52-78	539	415	-23%	-124
Auto Theft <small>UCR 2135 (1-10), 2176</small>	29	27.8	22-33	274	251	-8%	-23
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132, 2142</small>	136	179.6	154-205	1841	1530	-17%	-311
Theft <small>UCR 2130, 2140</small>	60	81.0	72-90	1056	654	-38%	-402
Shoplifting <small>UCR 2133, 2143</small>	59	59.8	51-69	944	576	-39%	-368
Fraud <small>UCR 2180 (a-b), 2155, 2155</small>	74	72.2	63-81	824	797	-3%	-27
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	192	161.6	140-183	2135	2099	-2%	-36
Arson <small>UCR 1529, 2110</small>	6	3.8	2-6	34	71	109%	37
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	913	907.6	847-968	10877	9924	-9%	-953
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	35	64.6	34-95	627	571	-9%	-56
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	135	130.4	110-151	2099	1766	-16%	-333

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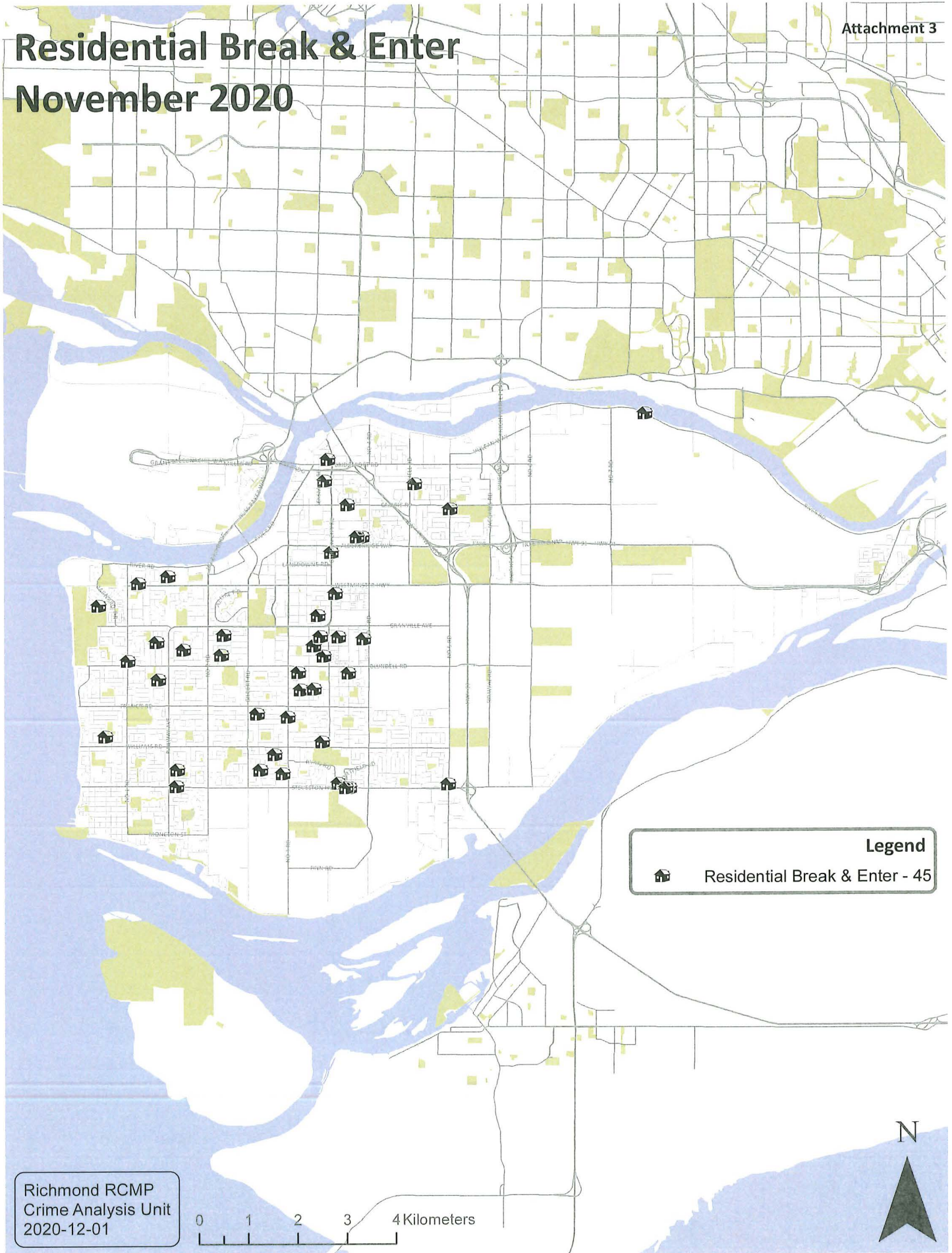


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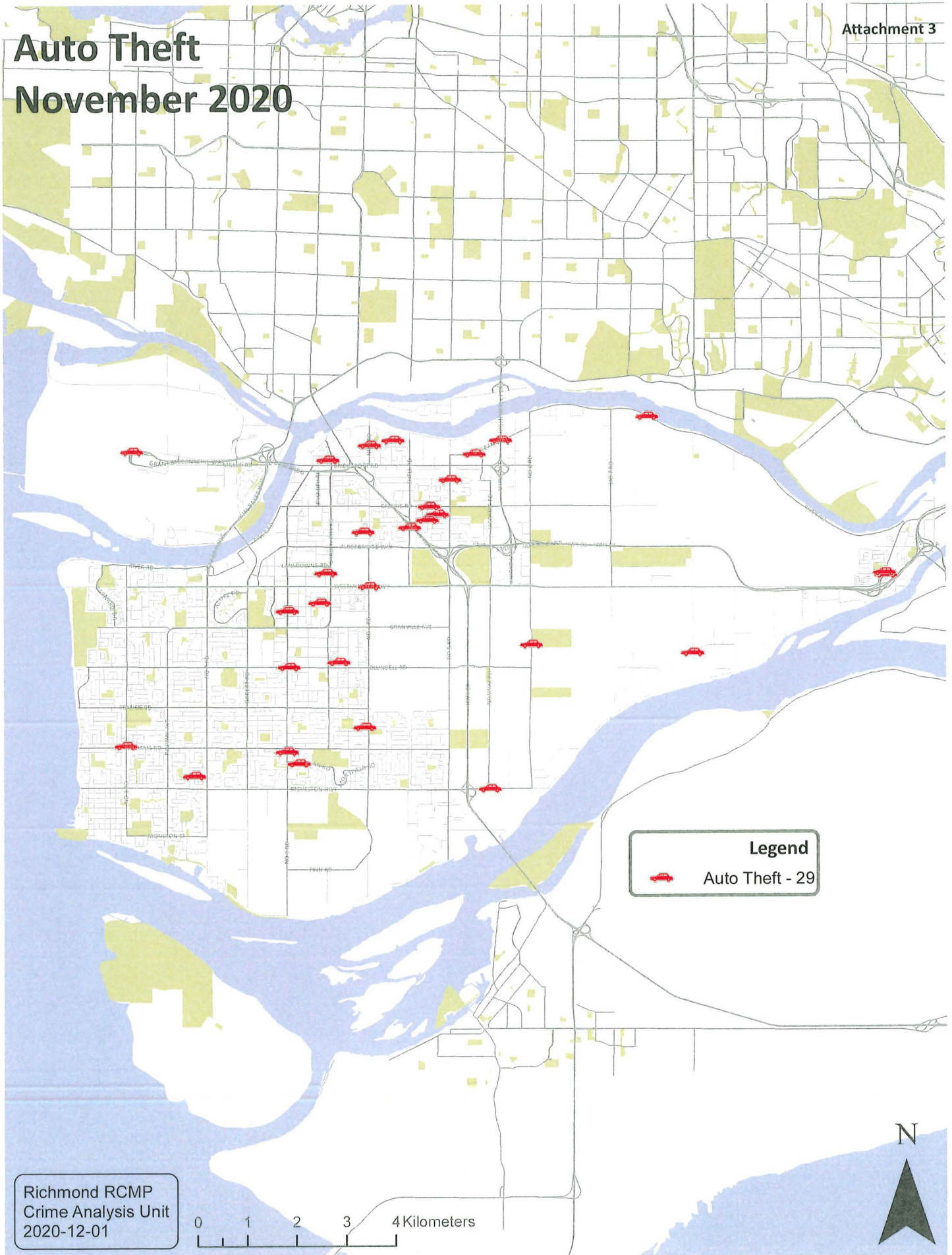
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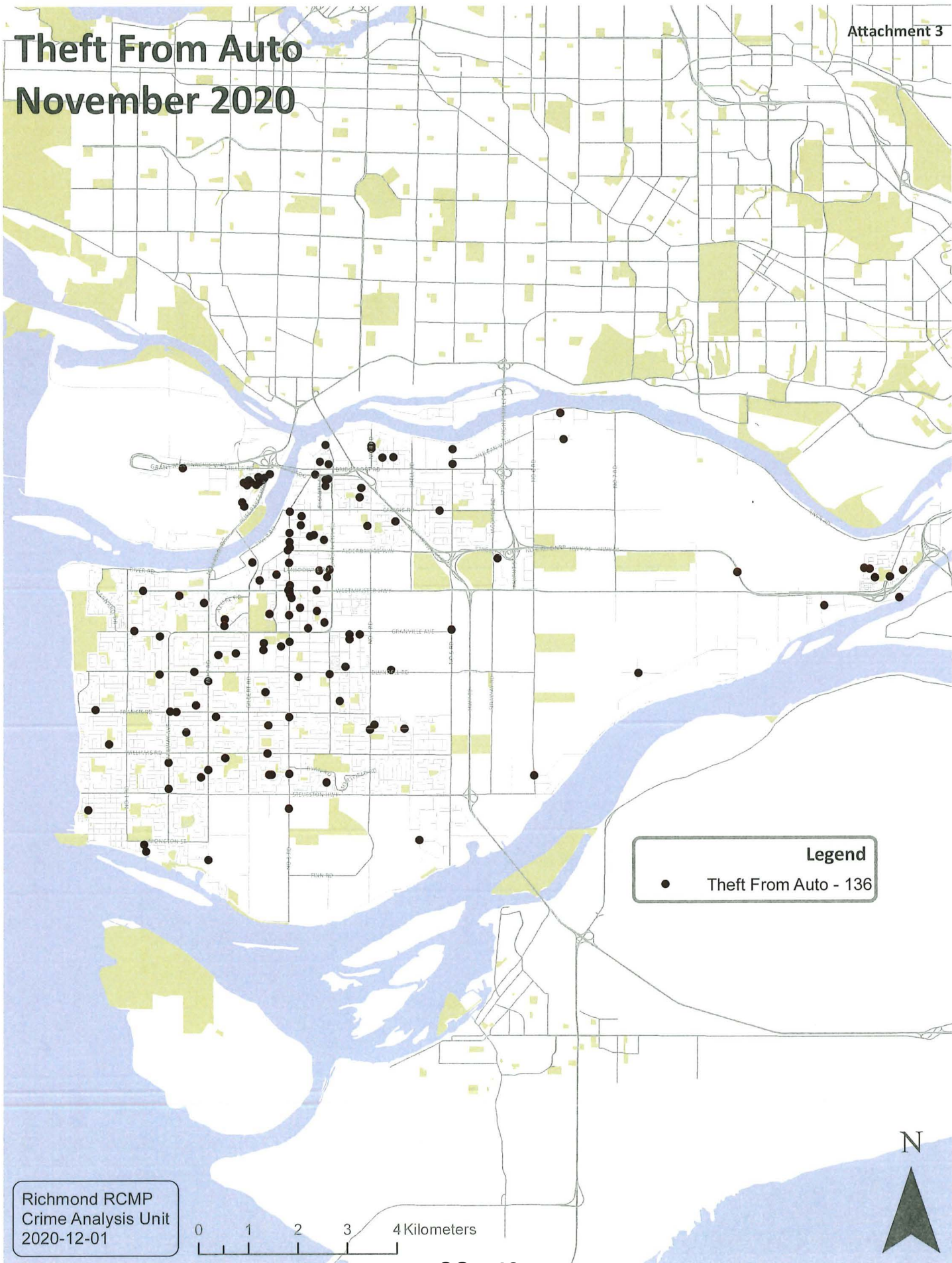


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