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**Community Safety Committee  
Electronic Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024  
4:00 p.m.**

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MINUTES

CS-4      *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on December 12, 2023.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

February 13, 2024, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7496812)

CS-9

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*Designated Speaker: Geoffrey Bramhill*

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

*That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – November 2023”, dated December 11, 2023 from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*



2. **PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7486249)

CS-14

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*Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

*That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – November 2023”, dated December 11, 2023 from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.*



3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 7481298)

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*Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

*That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – November 2023”, dated December 11, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.*



4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

*Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove*

Items for discussion: None.

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5.      **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023**  
(File Ref. No. 7465755) (REDMS No. 09-5000-01)

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*Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

*That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2023”, dated December 14, 2023, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.*

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

*Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan*

Items for discussion:

- (i)      *S.P.I.C.E. (Special Police Incident Community Engagement)*
- (ii)     *Homicide SPICE Deployment*

7.      **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT



**Community Safety Committee**

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair  
Councillor Andy Hobbs  
Councillor Laura Gillanders  
Councillor Kash Heed  
Councillor Bill McNulty

Also Present: Councillor Chak Au  
Councillor Carol Day  
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

**MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on November 15, 2023, be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION**

**1. ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER 2023**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7454271)

It was moved and seconded  
*That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – October 2023”, dated November 17, 2023 from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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**2. PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER 2023**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7455592)

In response to queries from the Committee, staff provided an overview of the enforcement response to commercial vehicle parking on agricultural land, noting that staff can provide a memorandum on the matter.

Discussion then ensued regarding short term rental bylaw offences, noting that 536 tickets have been issued year-to-date; likely the highest in the region.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – October 2023”, dated November 17, 2023 from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

**3. RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER 2023**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 7437214)

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – October 2023”, dated November 10, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

**4. FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Fire Chief Wishlove provided an update of activity on Halloween noting that the public awareness campaigns and the added benefit of it being a weekday, resulted in a typical weekday call volume.

**5. RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER 2023**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 7425563)

In response to queries from the Committee, Chief Supt. Chauhan noted (i) advancement in technology makes it possible for individuals to contact, connect and monitor phones through clever techniques for which the Crime Prevention Team, together with Block Watch volunteers, continue to engage with and educate the public on the precautions for these types of risks (ii) with respect to robberies, the Property Crime Team have been engaged with businesses, and looking at profiling for any repeat offenders with the aim of targeted enforcement, (iii) planned operations continue to be conducted to address/combat the increase in shoplifting, including enhanced efforts for more frequent, targeted operations and engaging with businesses to develop theft prevention strategies.

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It was moved and seconded

*That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – October 2023”, dated November 10, 2023, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

**6. RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

**(i) Toy Drive Campaign**

Chief Supt. Chauhan provided an update of the Toy Drive Campaign for Richmond children and families, noting the collective efforts and assistance of Richmond Fire-Rescue, community partner members and other volunteers, in raising just over \$29,000 and breaking last year’s record-breaking total by collecting 4,670 lbs. of toys and 535 lbs. of used textiles for the Salvation Army.

**7. RICHMOND TRAFFIC INTERSECTION CAMERAS AND PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM**

(File Ref. No. 99-LAW) (REDMS No. 7471928)

It was moved and seconded

***That:***

- (1) *A more detailed assessment of the costs associated with implementing the Proposed Public Safety Camera System, including phasing options and funding sources, as described in the report titled “Richmond Traffic Intersection Cameras and Proposed Public Safety Camera System” dated December 6, 2023 from the City Solicitor and General Manager, Community Safety be presented for Council’s consideration and approval through a future budget process;***
- (2) *The feasibility of obtaining a Court declaration in advance of the expenditures associated with implementing the Proposed Public Safety Camera System, as described in the report titled “Richmond Traffic Intersection Cameras and Proposed Public Safety Camera System” dated December 6, 2023 from the City Solicitor and General Manager, Community Safety be explored;***
- (3) *Any necessary Privacy Impact Assessment for the Proposed Public Safety Camera System be undertaken to satisfy the requirements of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act; and***

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- (4) *A copy of this report titled “Richmond Traffic Intersection Cameras and Proposed Public Safety Camera System” dated December 6, 2023 from the City Solicitor and General Manager, Community Safety be provided to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and Richmond Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with respect to (i) the rationale for the proposed public safety camera system, noting the cameras would be specific to (and could be instrumental in the outcomes of) serious crime investigations, (ii) estimated costs of the proposal, and (iii) potential privacy concerns for individuals. Further discussion clarified the strict judicial order (strictly authorized by the courts) that would be requisite to access any information/images the cameras may have.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllr. Gillanders opposed.

8. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

(i) *Business License and Property Use Violation Update*

Discussion ensued with regard to enforcement of illegal commercial escort and sex services and staff advised that bylaws staff will be proceeding with inspections of certain businesses to ensure compliance. Staff advised that in these cases, bylaws staff focus on enforcement of business license and property use violations and that any criminal code violations or organized crime activity would be investigated by the Richmond RCMP.

(ii) *Illegal Ride Hailing*

In response to queries from the Committee, staff noted Richmond RCMP, City Business License staff, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement Branch (the lead agency) and Transit Police, work in conjunction to enforce provisions, rules and regulations and laws against illegal ride hailing, and that legitimate, licensed businesses continue to operate in Richmond. It was further noted that there is no information that would suggest these legitimate business are losing any market share to the illegal businesses.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded  
*That the meeting adjourn (4:50 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, December 12, 2023.

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Councillor Alexa Loo  
Chair

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Lorraine Anderson  
Legislative Services Associate





**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** December 11, 2023  
**From:** Cecilia Achiam **File:** 12-8375-01/2023-Vol  
General Manager, Community Safety 01  
**Re:** **Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – November 2023**

**Staff Recommendation**

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – November 2023”, dated December 11, 2023 from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

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

REPORT CONCURRENCE	
<b>ROUTED TO:</b>	<b>CONCURRENCE</b>
Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b> <i>JA</i>
<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b> <i>Screen</i>	

## Staff Report

### Origin

This report for the Animal Protection Services department provides information and statistics for enforcing bylaws related to Animal Protection Services.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

*Proactive stakeholder and civic engagement to foster understanding and involvement and advance Richmond's interests.*

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #3 A Safe and Prepared Community:

*Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.*

### Analysis

#### Animal Protection Services

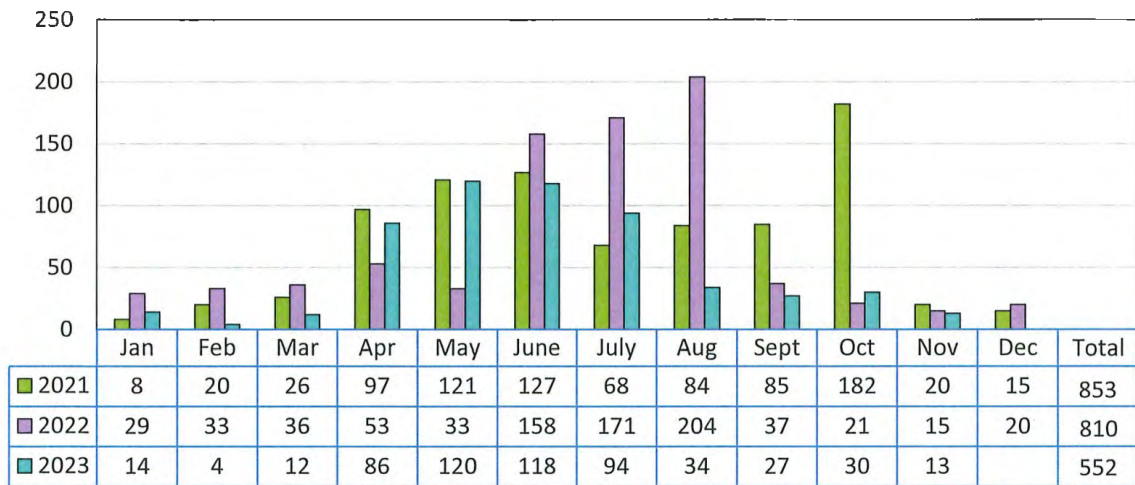
On November 21, 2023, approximately 7,500 renewal notices were mailed out for the 2024 dog license renewal cycle. Dog licenses are valid for a calendar year and not based on the purchase date. Owners have until February 29, 2024, to renew their licenses for a discounted fee. Following this deadline, staff will begin canvassing efforts to follow up with accounts that have not renewed or updated their status. A total of 1,400 dog licenses have been issued within two weeks after the sending the renewal notices.

In November, BC SPCA Officers responded to 143 calls for service pertaining to a range of animal control and dog licencing violations. The officers also engaged in complaint based patrols covering numerous parks, dikes and school grounds. In addition to the standard patrol locations of Garry Point, Garden City and South Arm Park, staff also visited the "hot spot" locations of MacNeill Secondary, Homma Elementary and the Steveston off Leash Park.

Throughout the month of November, a total of 13 bylaw violation notices were issued by BC SPCA Officers. These violations span a variety of offences, primarily for permitting a dog to be at large and failure by owner to leash a dog. In addition to enforcement actions, these patrols also serve an educational purpose by contributing to increased compliance awareness.

Figure 1 below reflects the monthly and year-to-date animal control and dog licencing enforcement activity measured by ticket issuance.

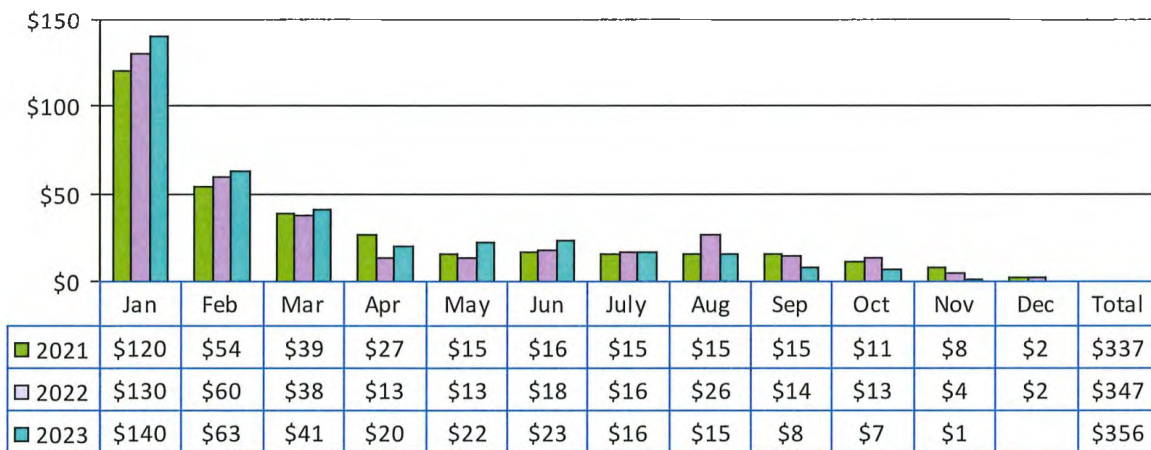
Figure 1: Animal Protection Services Violation Issuance Comparison



With the beginning of the 2024 dog licence application/renewal cycle, violation notices issued for failure to obtain a valid dog license decrease until the canvassing period begins in April. Between the months of December to March, the Animal Control Officers' focus has been to educate the public on compliance with the Dog Licencing Bylaw.

The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 2. While ticket issuance is within cyclical norms in the post-canvassing period, the overall year-to-date revenue has exceeded that of prior years.

Figure 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



Richmond Animal Shelter Activity

In November, a total of 84 domestic animals left the care of the Richmond Animal Shelter. Of the 84 animals, 67 were adopted and 13 were redeemed by their owners; one animal was transferred out of the shelter, and three were deceased upon arrival. Among the 67 adopted domestic animals, seven were dogs and 55 were cats. The remaining five adopted animals in November were domestic birds or rabbits.

Administrative Staff Activity

In November, staff received 240 calls from the public related to animal services. These calls consisted of a variety of subject matters related to dog licences, bylaw infractions, off leash dogs in parks, adjudication process and general inquiries. There was an increase in calls to the administrative team due to the 2024 dog licenses renewal program. Year-to-date (YTD), from January to November, there were 3,209 administrative inquiries and requests.

Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

An adjudication session was held on November 6, 2023. Six violations were reviewed by the adjudicator, four notices were upheld and two were dismissed. The next adjudication session will take place in 2024.

Revenue and Expenses

The Animal Protection Services department derives revenue from dog licences and fines as shown in Table 1. Table 2 highlights Animal Protection Services revenue and expenses for November YTD. The zero figures in the Budget and Actual columns in Table 1 below were due to advance 2024 dog licencing payments. These deferred payments will be accounted for in the 2024 Animal Protection Services Activity reports.

Table 1: Animal Protection Services Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Nov 2023	Actual Nov 2023	YTD Budget Nov 2023	YTD Actual Nov 2023
Dog Licences	0	0	255,100	297,419
Fines	1,133	1,125	9,795	59,015
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>264,895</b>	<b>356,434</b>

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

	YTD Budget Nov 2023	YTD Actual Nov 2023
Revenue	264,895	356,434
Expenses	1,482,250	1,542,978
<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>(1,217,355)</b>	<b>(1,186,544)</b>

**Financial Impact**

Nonc.

**Conclusion**

Staff administer a wide range of bylaws and programs related to animal protection and shelter operations, which includes patrols public parks and school grounds, dog licencing and animal control. This report provides a summary of monthly enforcement and administrative activity, including revenue and expenses.



Geoffrey Bramhill  
 Acting Manager, Animal Protection Services and Contract Administration  
 (604-276-4136)



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** December 11, 2023  
**From:** Mark Corrado **File:** 12-8375-01/2023-Vol  
 Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing 01  
**Re:** **Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – November 2023**

### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – November 2023”, dated December 11, 2023 from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

Mark Corrado  
 Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing  
 (604-204-8673)

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
ROUTED TO:	CONCURRENCE	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER
Finance Department Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b>	INITIALS: 	<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b> 

### Staff Report

#### Origin

This monthly report for the Property Use and Parking Enforcement sections of Community Bylaws provides information and statistics on the calls for service and bylaw enforcement actions related to unsightly premises, land use, noise, soil deposit/removal, short-term rentals, parking permits and enforcement.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area # 3 A Safe and Prepared Community:

*3.2 Leverage strategic partnerships and community-based approaches for comprehensive safety services.*

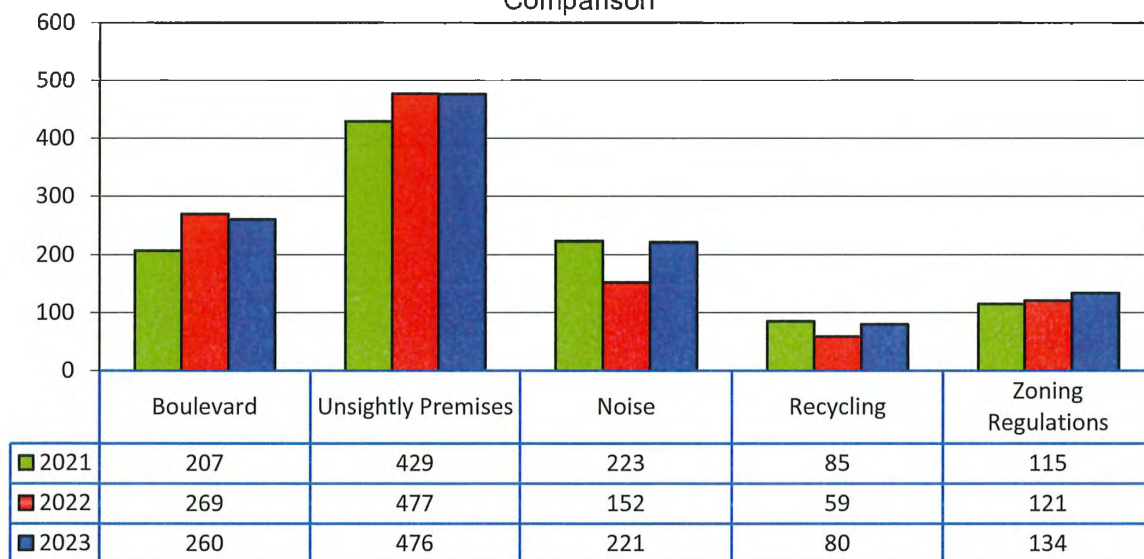
*3.4 Ensure civic infrastructure, assets and resources are effectively maintained and continue to meet the needs of the community as it grows.*

#### Analysis

##### Property Use Calls for Service

In November 2023, a total of 124 calls for service received were opened for investigation, which is a 38 per cent increase (90) from the same period last year. Depending on the nature of the investigation, staff must often liaise with multiple departments and other government agencies to conduct a fulsome review of a given complaint. Among 21 potential calls for service categories, Figure 1 highlights the most common calls for service received for Property Use officers to follow up on and investigate.

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



Zoning-related calls for services consist of a variety of file types contributing to a slight increase in overall calls received this year. The top two file types opened in November were for businesses operating contrary to zoning allowances and reports of illegal suites. In cases involving alleged illegal suites, staff collaborate with peers in building approvals to conduct a joint inspection to determine the validity of the complaint. Compliance is achieved when a dwelling is brought back to the originally approved permit plans.

In November, fourteen noise related calls for services were received. These noise calls ranged in type from HVAC/mechanical, delivery and construction related noise. All complaints in November came into compliance as a result of investigative and enforcement action.

Other Community Bylaws Calls for Service

Figure 2 shows a three-year break down of other calls for service that are closely related to Property Use matters. Table 1 highlights the short-term rentals calls for service for the listed years.

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

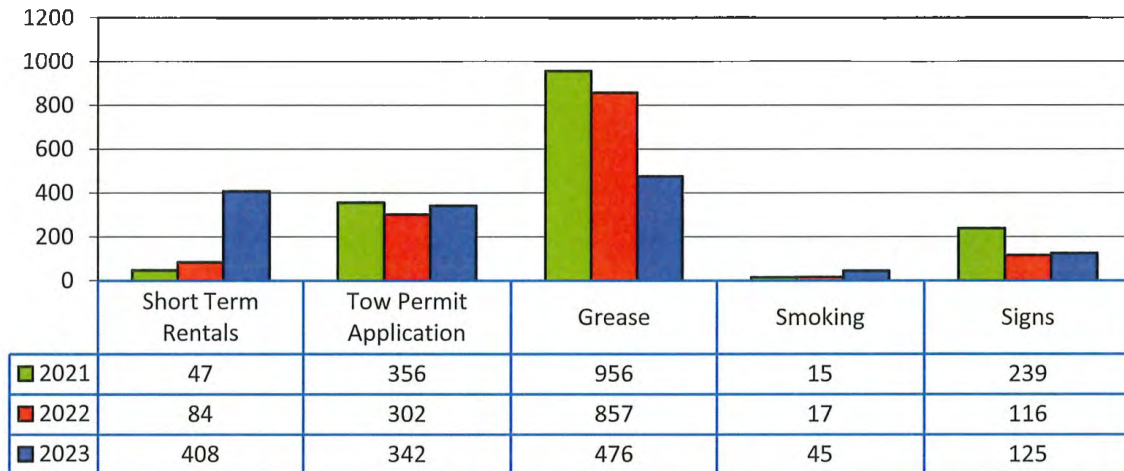


Table 1: Pre-pandemic Short-Term Rental Calls for Service\*

Year	Calls for Service
2018	273
2019	174
2020	65

\*Figures represent the total calls received up to the end of November in the given year.

In November, 16 calls for service related to short-term rental violations were received and this further contributed to the overall rise in short-term rental files for this year. Dedicated temporary full time staffing resources monitor complaints submitted by the community as well as proactively generating files. Complaints are resolved by either removing the short-term rental



listing or by obtaining a boarding and lodging or bed and breakfast licence depending on eligibility.

### Tow Permit Applications

A year-to-date total of 342 tow permit applications have been reviewed and issued.

### Grease Inspections

In November, staff conducted 52 grease trap inspections. These inspections are primarily proactive and serve to ensure the safe handling of grease products and that no product is being deposited in an unsafe manner. A total of 476 inspections have taken place year-to-date.

### Soil Activity

Staff are responsible for responding to public complaints and issues of non-compliance related to unauthorized filling; monitoring permitted soil deposits and removal sites; and inspecting properties that are undergoing remediation to come into compliance with applicable City bylaws. Staff conducted 61 site inspections in the month of November.

Stop Work and/or Removal Orders issued for the following properties:

- 12331 Gilbert Rd
- 6451 No. 7 Rd
- 6191 No. 7 Rd

The following properties are now in compliance:

- 6180 No. 5 Rd
- 20371 Westminster Hwy
- 10031 Blundell Rd
- 16300 BLK River Rd – unopened road allowance cleared of asphalt

There are 19 soil deposit proposals under various stages of the application process. Staff are monitoring 10 approved sites and are currently addressing 30 properties that are considered non-compliant.

### Bylaw Prosecutions

No new bylaw charges were sworn in November.

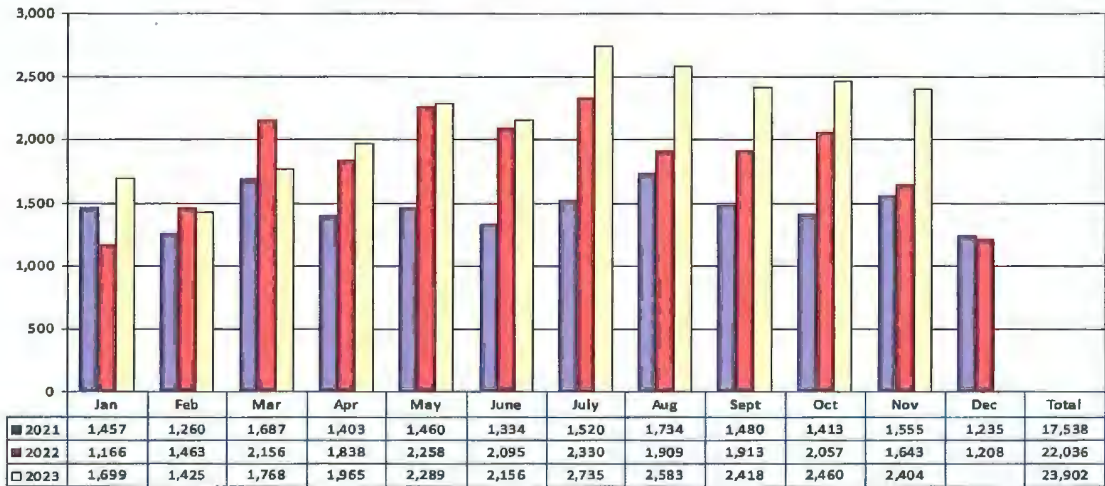
### Parking Enforcement

Staff responded to 324 calls for service in November, marking a 23 percent increase in (264) calls received during the same month last year. Parking enforcement revenue has trended upward year-to-date, which can be attributed to increased parking permit and daily meter revenues as well as “hotspot” targeted enforcement and license plate recognition technology.

Figure 3: Parking Revenue Comparison (000's)



Figure 4: Parking Violations Issuance Comparison



Ticketing

Table 2 reflects non-parking related Bylaw ticket issuance for the month of November and year-to-date.

Table 2: Community Bylaw Offences

Ticket Issuance (BVN's & MTI's)	November	YTD
Short-Term Rental Offences	28	564
Soil Deposit and Removal Offences	22	132
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	1
Unightly Premises Offences	2	12
Noise Offences	2	19
Solid Waste and Recycling Offences	0	0
Parks Offences	0	5
Sign Offences	7	73
Watering Offences	0	65
<b>Totals</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>871</b>

This increase is in large part driven by proactive and complaint based investigations into short term rentals. Staff issued 564 short term rental violations year to date, which represents a 623% increase over the previous highest year in 2018 (78). A variety of violation notices can be issued for non-compliant operation of a short-term rental. Often, an illegal rental operator will receive multiple violation notices upon inspection. Staff continue to monitor properties that have been found to be non-compliant and will re-inspect to ensure compliance.

The increase in soil-related violation instances can be attributed to failures to comply and failure to remove material. Staff proactively monitor the sites with prior non-compliance issues. In instances where properties have extensive prior violations or show no intention of coming into compliance, long form prosecution action will be taken to ensure compliance with Soil Deposit and Removal Bylaw No. 10200.

#### Bylaw Adjudication

An adjudication session was held on November 23, 2023. There were 13 cases upheld and 4 cases dismissed.

#### Revenue and Expenses

Revenue in the Property Use section is primarily derived from permits, tickets and court fines related to bylaw prosecutions. Soil permit applications and volume fees follow a seasonal trend and increase in the spring and summer months. The collection of revenue in other Bylaw fines can be primarily attributed to fines issued for the operation of unpermitted short-term rentals. These results are shown in Table 3.

Parking enforcement generates much of its revenue from meters, permits and fines. Parking typically sees receivable income as a result of the Richmond Night Market, which opened in late April. As this event is seasonal, the revenue in this budget line fluctuates. Table 4 outlines individual revenue sources within parking enforcement. Of note, November parking enforcement revenue exceeded budget for the month. Table 5 outlines the net revenue and expenses for both property use and parking enforcement.

Table 3: Property Use Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Nov 2023	Actual Nov 2023	YTD Budget Nov 2023	YTD Actual Nov 2023
False Alarm	4,750	528	52,250	25,644
Towing Permits	1,489	1,388	16,349	23,930
Newspaper Box Permits	0	0	7,362	5,616
Soil Permit Application and Volume Fees	9,297	2,347	94,744	38,976
Other Bylaw Fines	6,819	7,850	74,891	168,855
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>22,355</b>	<b>12,113</b>	<b>245,596</b>	<b>263,021</b>

Table 4: Parking Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Nov 2023	Actual Nov 2023	YTD Budget Nov 2023	YTD Actual Nov 2023
Contract Revenue <sup>1</sup>	5,000	5,000	55,000	55,000
Filming Revenue	0	168	0	12,503
Parking Revenue <sup>2</sup>	170,675	177,306	1,877,425	1,786,018
Receivable Income <sup>3</sup>	0	0	100,000	33,291
Other Bylaw Fines	0	0	0	200
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>175,675</b>	<b>182,474</b>	<b>2,032,425</b>	<b>1,887,012</b>

Table 5: Property Use and Parking Revenue and Expenses

		YTD Budget Nov 2023	YTD Actual Nov 2023
<b>Property Use</b>	Revenue	245,596	263,021
	Expenses	1,366,567	1,128,751
	<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>(1,120,971)</b>	<b>(865,730)</b>
<b>Parking</b>	Revenue	2,032,425	1,887,012
	Expenses	1,495,167	1,591,101
	<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>537,258</b>	<b>295,911</b>

**Financial Impact**

None.

**Conclusion**

Staff administer and enforce 38 bylaws. Most notably these bylaws are related to unsightly premises, land use, noise, soil deposit/removal, short-term rentals, parking permits and enforcement. This report provides a summary of staff’s activity in November.



Mark Corrado  
 Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing  
 (604-204-8673)

<sup>1</sup> City Towing Contract with Rusty’s towing

<sup>2</sup> Parking Revenue consists of Parking Meters, Monthly Parking Permits, and Parking Enforcement

<sup>3</sup> Receivable Income consists of Night Market Recoveries



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Community Safety Committee

**Date:** December 11, 2023

**From:** Jim Wishlove  
Fire Chief

**File** 09-5140-01/2023-Vol  
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**Re:** Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – November 2023

### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – November 2023”, dated December 11, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

Jim Wishlove  
Fire Chief  
(604-303-2715)

Att. 1

<b>REPORT CONCURRENCE</b>	
<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>	
<b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b> 
<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b>	

## Staff Report

### Origin

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #3, A Safe and Prepared Community:

*Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.*

### Analysis

#### Emergency Programs

During the month of November staff:

- Presented and participated in a two day Inclusive Resiliency Project at the Canadian Red Cross Inclusive Resiliency Conference in Ottawa. The conference was a valuable opportunity for all the participants to share their learnings, and successes regarding strengthening community resilience, emergency preparedness and strategizing ways to reach various vulnerable demographics within our communities.
- Supported the planning and participated in the execution of the Remembrance Day Safety and Security Plan.
- Provided support to the response to a sunken vessel off Imperial Landing by coordinating the various concerned parties, identifying salient issues and streamlining response efforts and lines of communication.

#### Public Outreach & Education

In November 2023, staff facilitated outreach events with attendees to provide educational opportunities to the community, including fire hall and vehicle tours for two organizations. Staff also participated in multiple community events, with a total of 4,000 attendees, including the Pumpkin Drop and RCMP Toy Drive.

#### Internal Staff Training

In November 2023, staff organized in-house training events including: Frontline Fire Service Leadership Levels I and II, Technical Water Rescue, Ground Survival, Medical First Responder, Fire Attack, and Live Fire.

### Emergency Response

One of the City's emergency response goals is to arrive on-scene, in time and with enough resources to contain a fire to the room of origin. The room of origin standard is especially important in terms of preventing further fire loss and damage, which can be reduced when a fire is contained to the room of origin. Meeting this standard also assists in mitigating loss of life, reduction of property damage and protection of the environment. In November 2023, there were 1,061 reported incidents of all types, representing an overall increase of 5 per cent in incidents between November 2022 and November 2023 (Table 2).

<b>Table 2: Total Incidents - November 2023</b>					
	<b>Incident Totals November (2023)</b>	<b>Incident Totals November (2022)</b>	<b>Number Change from November 2022 to 2023</b>	<b>Percentage Change from November 2022 to 2023</b>	<b>5 Year Average for November</b>
Alarm Active - No Fire	153	176	-23	-13	197
Explosion	1	0	+1	+100	0
Fire	40	31	+9	+29	28
Hazardous Materials	5	8	-3	-38	10
Medical	552	535	+17	+3	445
Motor Vehicle Incident	89	83	+6	+7	86
Public Hazard	9	16	-7	-44	9
Public Service	124	90	+34	+38	91
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	85	76	+9	+12	53
Specialized Transport	3	0	+3	+300	3
Technical Rescue	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>+46</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>922</b>

The average time on scene in November 2023 for emergency response crews was 32 minutes, which is lower than the number recorded in November 2022: 34 minutes. The time spent on scene can vary due to the nature and severity of each incident.

In November 2023, there were 40 fire incidents reported to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, representing a 29 percent increase from November 2022. The average number of fires reported each November over the last five years is 28.

Fire damage and property losses during November 2023 are estimated at \$577,036. This total includes \$575,981 for building/asset loss and \$1,055 for content loss. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated to be \$15,990,569 and the total value preserved from damage was \$15,413,533. These numbers translate to 96 per cent of value protected (Table 3), which is lower than the value observed in 2022: 99 per cent.

<b>Incident Type Breakdown</b>	<b>Incident Volume</b>	<b>Estimated Building/Asset Value (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Building/Asset Loss (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Content Value (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Content Loss (\$)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)</b>
Residential: Single family	5	3,290,779	552,901	1,936,260	25	4,674,113
Residential: Multi family	2	731,000	-	30	30	731,000
Commercial/Industrial	4	9,000	80	-	-	8,920
Outdoor	26	10,000,000	500	1,000	1,000	9,999,500
Vehicle/Vessel	3	22,500	22,500	-	-	-
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14,053,279</b>	<b>575,981</b>	<b>1,937,290</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>15,413,533</b>

\* 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).

#### Significant Events

Emergency response crews minimized harm, limited damage and stopped fire spread from the place of origin and performed life-saving interventions in these notable, November 2023 incidents:

- **November 13, 2023 – Structure Fire on Garden City Road.** Crews responded to a possible structure fire on Garden City Road. On arrival crews located a small fire in the detached carport of the property and other signs of fire. Crews extinguished the fire and checked for hot spots. No injuries were reported to public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.
- **November 14, 2023 – Outdoor Fire on No. 3 Road.** Emergency crews responded to a fire next to a commercial business. On arrival crews found items including clothing and a mattress piled against a concrete and metal lean-to beside a commercial business. Crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire and check for hot spots to ensure extinguishment. No injuries were reported to public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.
- **November 22, 2023 – Vehicle Fire on Alexandra Road.** Emergency crews responded to a fire at a commercial business on Alexandra Road. On arrival crews reported smoke on the second floor. The building was evacuated and crews provided air monitoring of each suite to identify any uninhabitable rooms. Any displaced people were re-accommodated on an alternative floor. No injuries were reported to public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.



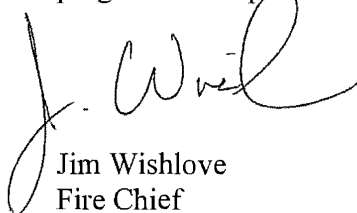
- **November 22, 2023 – Structure Fire on Udy Road.** Emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Udy Road. On arrival, light smoke and a small fire were visible in the kitchen of a residential property. On investigation, crews found that under a counter of an island in the middle of the kitchen a warming drawer had ignited. Crews were able to extinguish the fire quickly with a rapid attack. Crews provided ventilation due to the substantial amount of smoke in the house. Air monitoring was also carried out. No injuries were reported to public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.
- **November 23, 2023 - Structure Fire on Garden City Road.** Emergency crews responded to reports of a large fire on Garden City Road. On arrival crews confirmed a large working fire at an unoccupied house surrounded by fencing. Multiple crews aggressively attacked the fire and were able to extinguish it. BC Emergency Health Services and RCMP attended the scene. No injuries were reported to public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.
- **November 23, 2023 – Structure Fire on Ashcroft Avenue.** Emergency crews responded to a fire in a dryer of a residential property. First arriving crews quickly attacked and extinguish the fire, containing the damage to the appliance itself and preventing any further spread. Crews then proceeded to ventilate the property. There were no residents displaced. The damaged dryer was removed from the home and the power to the dryer plug was isolated. No injuries were reported to public or RFR personnel. A Fire Investigator attended.
- **November 214, 2023 – Structure Fire on Vulcan Way.** Emergency crews responded to a large fire in an oven at a commercial property on Vulcan Way. All onsite staff were evacuated. To assist in extinguishment crews used the roof access to the oven, via the overhead chimney. The fire was extinguished and contained to the chimney and roof vent of a very large commercial oven. Once it was deemed safe, all of the onsite staff were escorted inside the building to collect their personal effects. No injuries were reported to public or RFR personnel. A security company attended to provide site and scene security. A Fire Investigator attended.

### Financial Impact

None.

### Conclusion

Richmond Fire-Rescue continues to monitor activities to identify and create public outreach programs to respond to emerging trends and to regularly promote effective prevention behaviours.



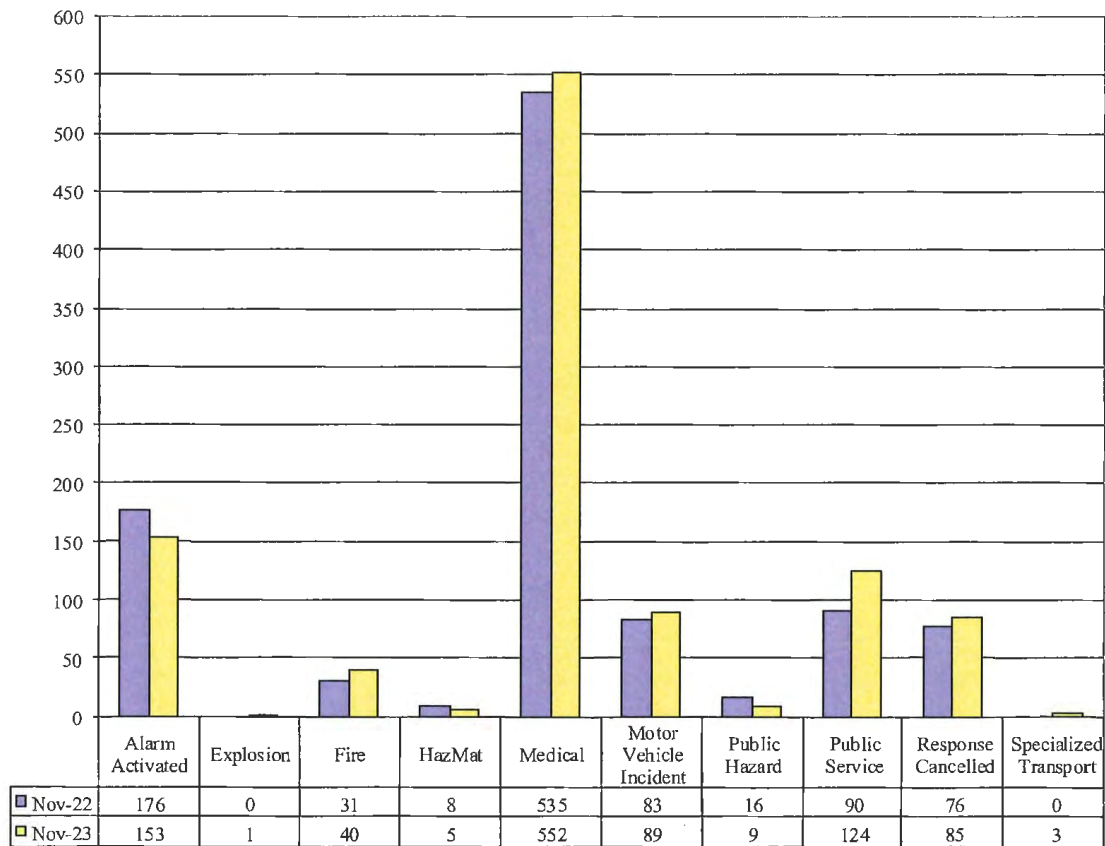
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Att. 1: Suppression Activity for November 2023.

### Incident Volumes

The following chart provides a month-to-month comparison regarding incidents occurring in November 2022 and 2023. In November 2023, there were 1,061 total incidents, compared to 1,015 in November 2022. This represents an overall increase of 5 per cent between last year and 2023.

Table 4: November 2022 & November 2023 Incident Volumes

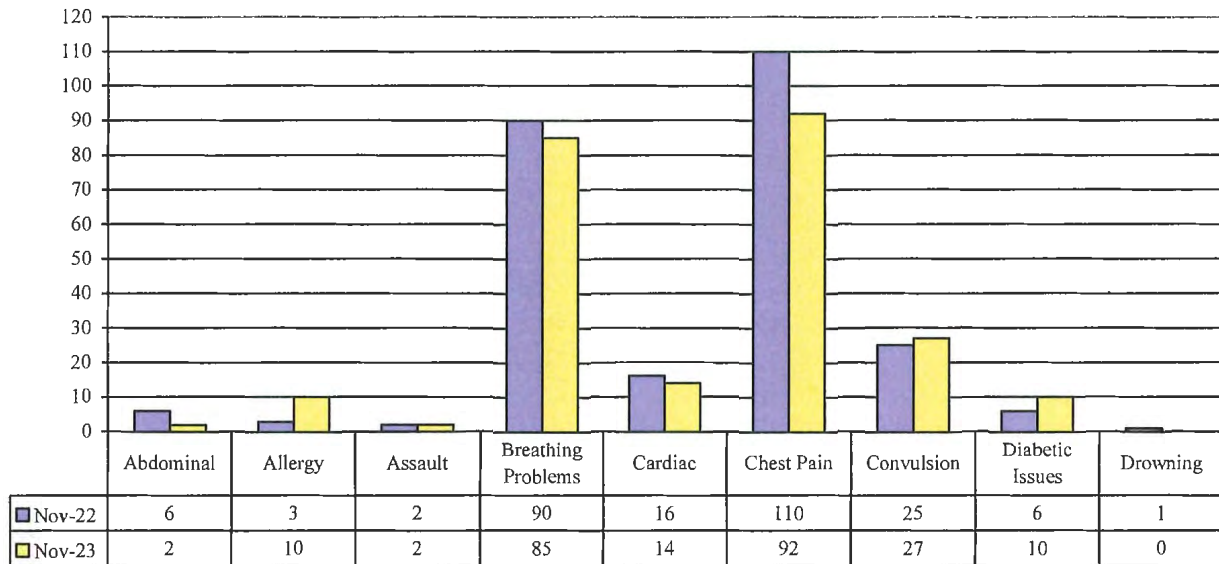


**Incident Type Legend:**  
**HazMat:** includes fuel or vapour, spills, leaks, or containment  
**Medical** includes: cardiac arrest, emergency response, home or industrial accidents  
**Public Hazard** includes: aircraft emergency, object removal, or power lines down  
**Public Service** includes: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

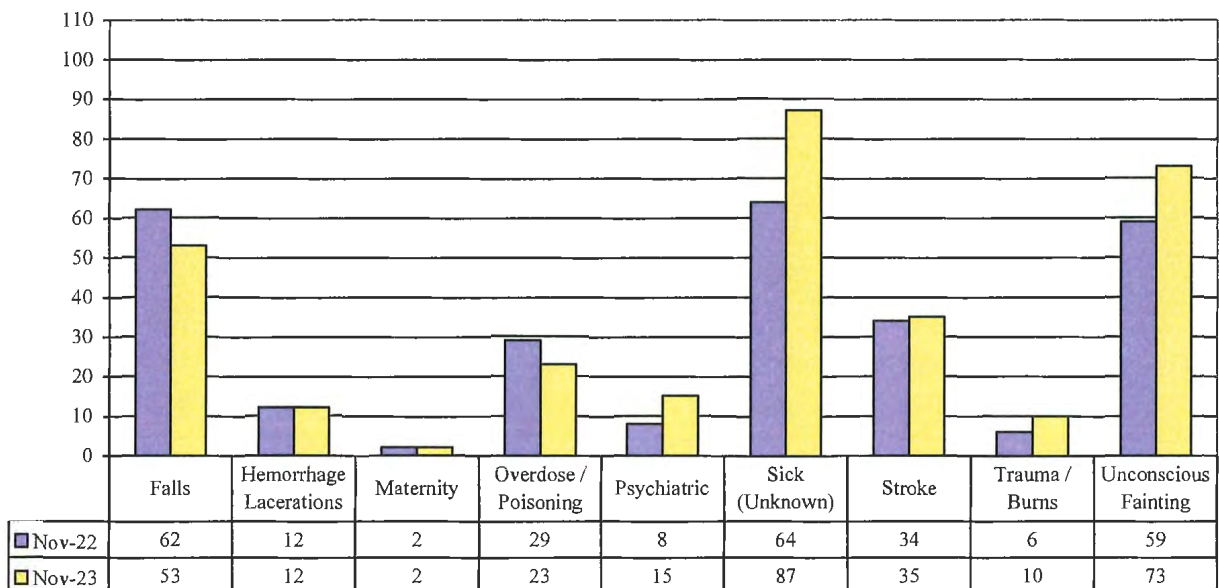
**First Responder Totals**

Medical first responder incidents comprised 52 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR during the month of November 2023. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for November 2022 and 2023 is set out in the following table by sub-type. There were 552 medical incidents in November 2023 compared to 535 in November 2022, an increase of 3 per cent.

**Table 5a: November 2022 & November 2023 Medical Calls by Type**



**Table 5b: November 2022 & November 2023 Medical Calls by Type**



The following chart provides the overdose / poisoning incident volume breakdown for November 2023. In November, out of 23 total overdose / poisoning calls, 11 were located outdoors and 12 were located in a commercial property or residence.

<b>Table 5c: Overdose / Poisoning Incidents By Type – November 2023</b>	
	<b>Details</b>
Opioids	2
Other Miscellaneous Drugs	6
Alcohol	5
Unknown (No patient contact / BC Emergency Health Services staff on scene)	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>

### Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for November 2023 are listed below:

<b>Table 6: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – November 2023</b>			
	<b>Suspicious</b>	<b>Accidental</b>	<b>Undetermined</b>
Residential - Single-family	1	4	0
Residential - Multi-family	0	2	0
Commercial/Industrial	0	2	2
Outdoor	14	8	4
Vehicle	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>

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

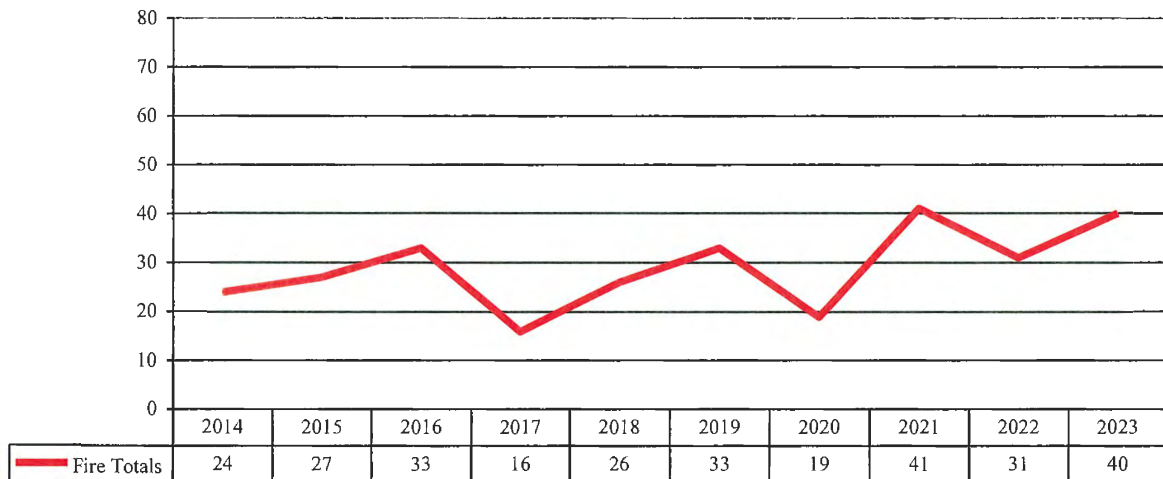
### Hazardous Materials

<b>Table 7: Hazardous Materials Incidents By Type – November 2023</b>	
	<b>Details</b>
Gasses (Natural / Propane)	4
Vapour Leak (Misc)	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>

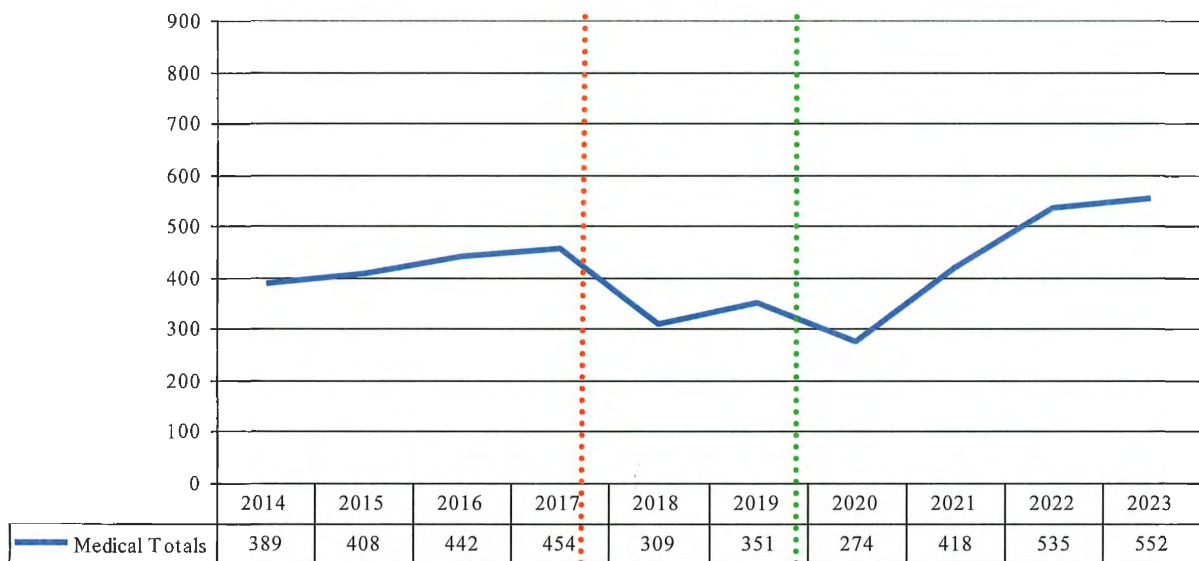
**Incident Year to Year Comparisons**

The following charts provide total incident volumes on a year-to-year comparison in November from 2014 to 2023.

**Table 5d: Total Fire Calls for Service in November from 2014 to 2023**



**Table 5e: Total Medical Calls for Service in November from 2014 to 2023**



Changes to BC Emergency Health Services Clinical Response Model dispatch system (2017-2018)

Start of Covid-19 pandemic

Figure 1: Location of reportable fires attended in November 2023 (total 40)

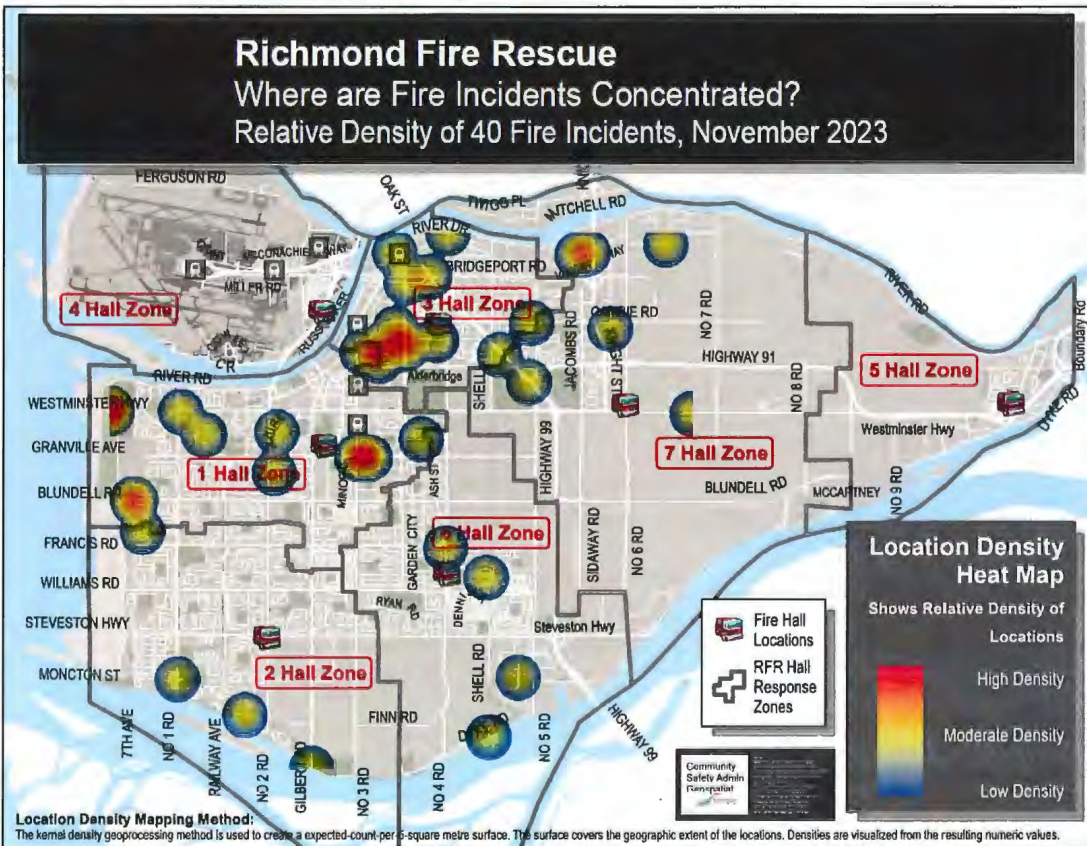


Figure 2: Location of Medical Incidents in November 2023 (total 552)

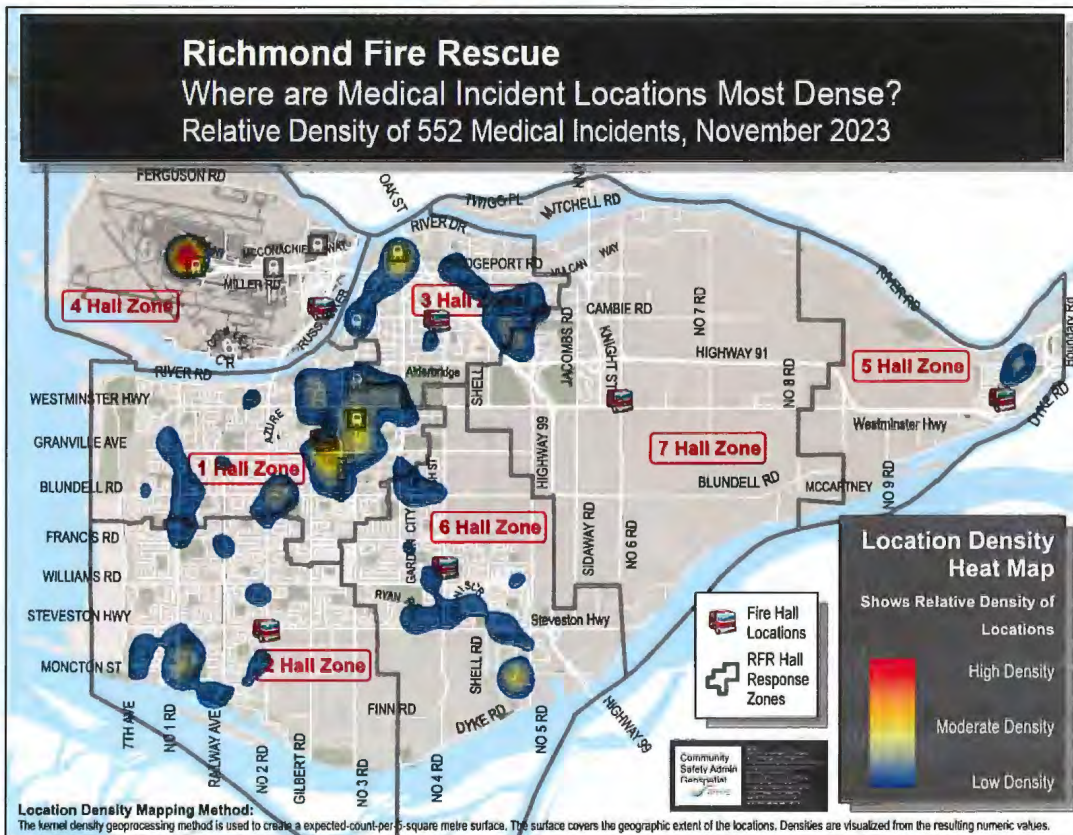
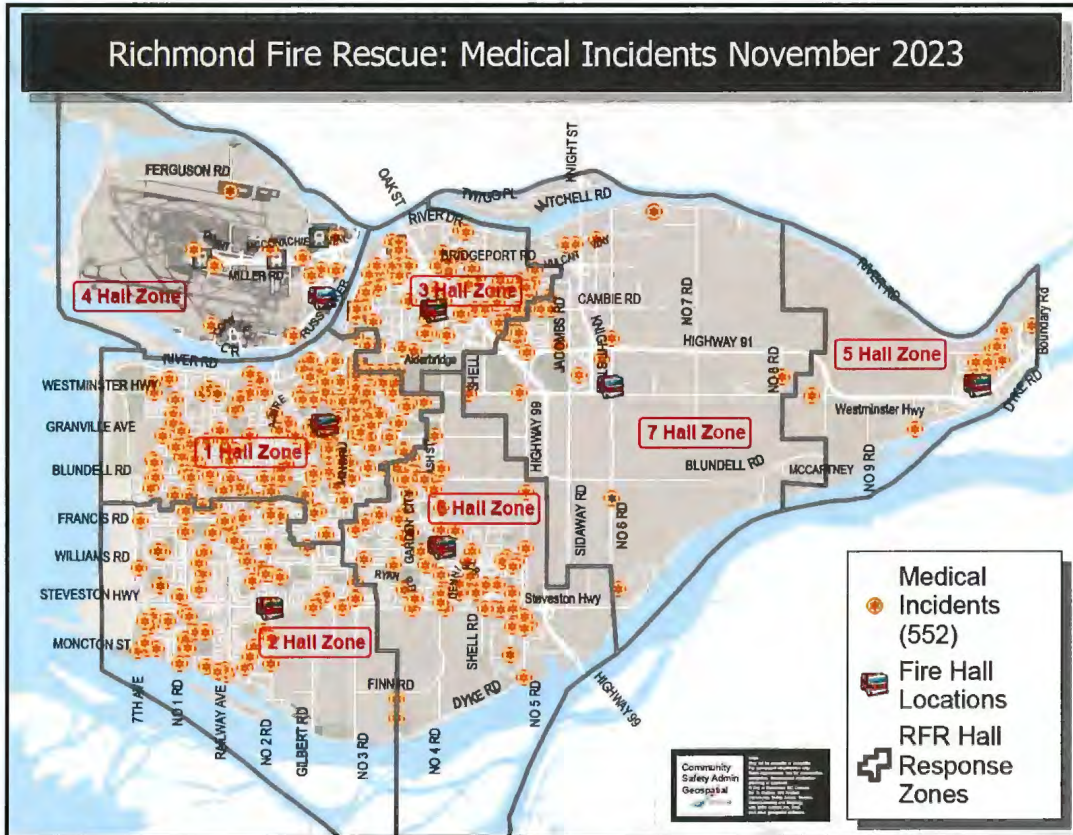
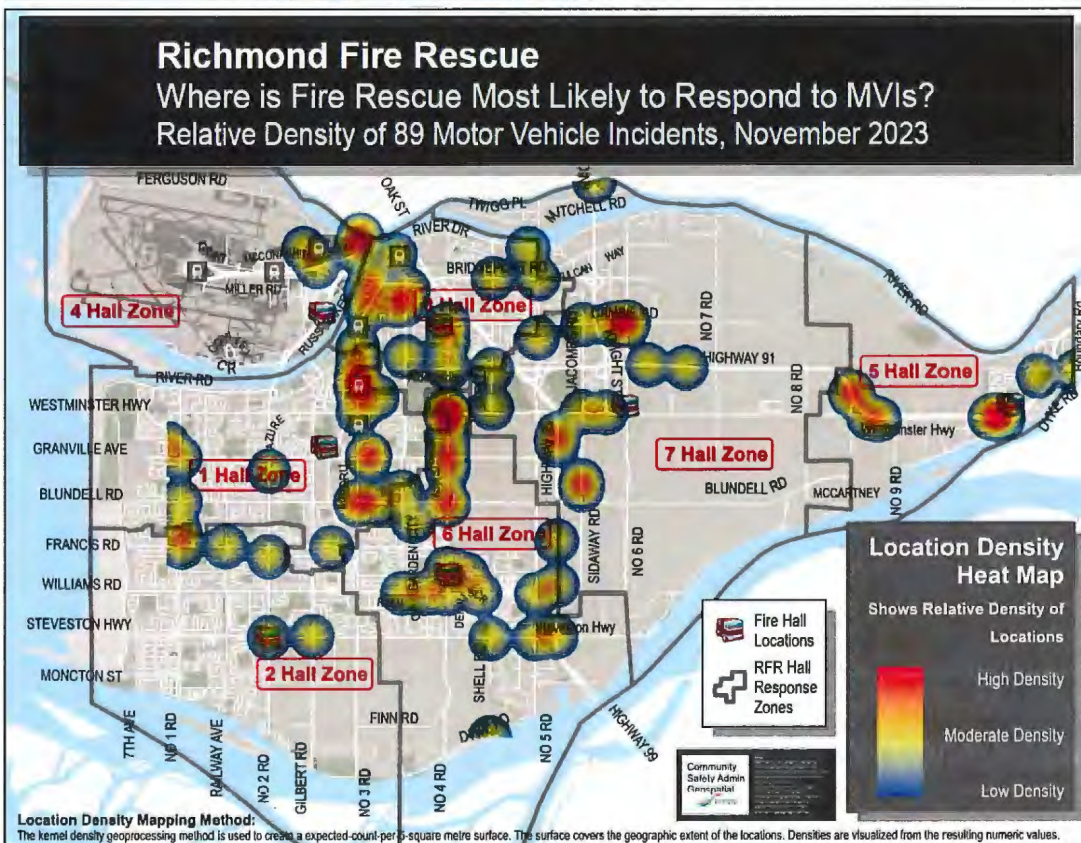
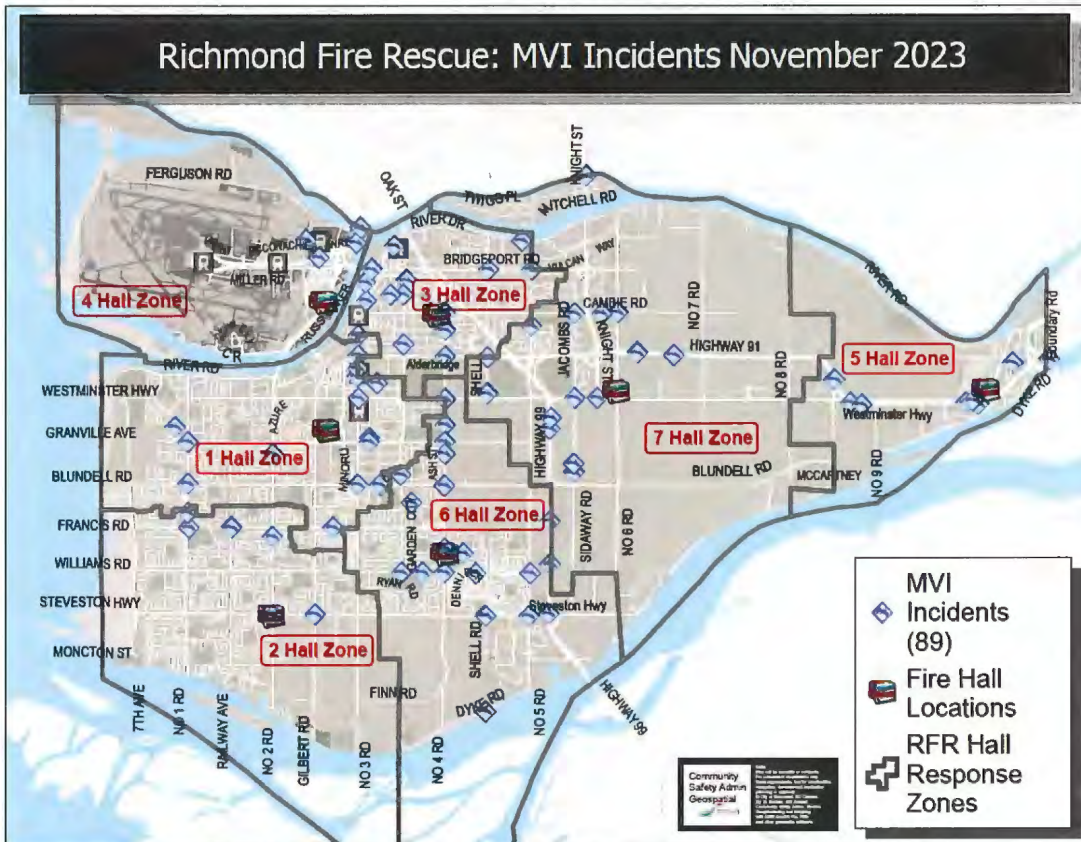


Figure 3: Location of MVI Incidents in November 2023 (total 89)







# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

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**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** Dave Chauhan  
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge  
**Date:** December 14, 2023  
**File:** 09-5000-01/2023-Vol  
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**Re:** RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2023

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### Recommendation from the OIC

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2023”, dated December 14, 2023, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

Dave Chauhan  
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge  
(604-278-1212)

Att. 3

REPORT CONCURRENCE	
CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER 	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 
APPROVED BY CAO 	

## Report

### Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters of 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. Block Watch
5. Community Police Station Programs
6. Crime Prevention Unit
7. Road Safety Unit
8. Victim Services
9. Youth Section

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

*Proactive stakeholder and civic engagement to foster understanding and involvement and advance Richmond's interests.*

### Analysis

#### Activities and Noteworthy Files

##### *Arrests*

On November 14, 2023, Richmond RCMP officers responded to Alderbridge Way and Cedarbridge Way following a report of a vehicle collision. Police determined that the occupants of one vehicle had targeted the other vehicle for a robbery. Three occupants of the suspect vehicle were arrested. The incident remains under investigation.

##### *Toy Drive*

On November 18, 2023, the Richmond RCMP hosted its 9th Annual Christmas Toy Drive in partnership with Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives and Richmond Fire-Rescue. The fundraising event was held outside of Lansdowne Centre and featured mini-donuts for supporters who donated. Over \$29,000 in cash and 4.6 tons in toys were collected to support the Richmond Christmas Fund.

##### *Cryptocurrency Fraud*

On November 24, 2023, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising that charges had been laid in a complex cryptocurrency fraud investigation stemming from a home invasion in

September 2022. Approximately 10 million dollars were stolen in the incident. A 34-year-old Richmond man is facing 11 charges, including robbery, forcible confinement and assault.

#### *Double Homicide*

On November 30, 2023, Richmond RCMP officers attended a residence in the 6200 block of Goldsmith Drive for a report of a suspicious circumstance. Upon attendance, police located the bodies of a 46-year-old man and a 13-year-old boy. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team is conducting the investigation.

#### Analysis of Police Statistics

##### *Arson*

In November 2023, there were ten reported arsons, an increase of seven incidents from the previous month and an increase of three incidents from November 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is above the average range.

Approximately half of the incidents are believed to be connected to homeless persons setting fires to keep warm.

##### *Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)*

There were 16 serious assault events in November 2023, representing a 14 per cent increase from the previous month and no change from November 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is within the average range.

There was one unprovoked stranger assault in November 2023; police arrested the suspect after receiving multiple 911 calls reporting a man threatening people with a knife.

##### *Auto Theft*

In November 2023, there were 21 auto theft incidents, an eleven per cent increase from the previous month and an 11 per cent increase from November 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the average range.

##### *Drugs*

In November 2023, there were 44 drug offences, a two per cent decrease from the previous month and a 15 per cent decrease from November 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the average range.

Approximately 75 per cent of the files in November 2023 occurred at the Vancouver International Airport.

*Mental Health*

There were 213 mental health-related incidents in November 2023, a 15 per cent decrease from the previous month and a seven per cent decrease from November 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is below the average range.

There were 18 police apprehensions this month, the lowest number recorded in over five years. However, the average hospital wait time was 132 minutes and above the monthly average. The extended wait time has been attributed to five files with exceptionally long wait times.

*Residential Break and Enter*

There were 13 break and enters to residences in November 2023, a 50 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 19 per cent decrease from November 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of residential break and enters this month is below the average range.

*Commercial Break and Enter*

In November 2023, there were 29 break and enters to businesses, representing a six per cent decrease from the previous month and a 16 per cent increase from November 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the average range.

*Robbery*

There were six robberies in November 2023, half the number of incidents from the previous month, and there was an increase of three incidents from November 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is within the average range.

Eight persons of interest have been identified to date.

*Sexual Offences*

In November 2023, there were 15 sexual offence files, representing a 15 per cent increase from the previous month and a six per cent decrease from November 2022.<sup>1</sup> No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Approximately 53 per cent of the incidents were sexual assaults. Suspects have been identified in 73 per cent of the offences reported in November 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> The Sexual Offences category comprises a range of offences including: sexual assault, sexual interference, making and distributing child pornography, possessing and accessing child pornography and indecent acts/exposing.

### *Shoplifting*

There were 112 reported shoplifting thefts in November 2023, a 17 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 75 per cent increase from November 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is above the average range.

The top targeted location remained consistent with previous months. Twenty-two per cent of the identified suspects are Richmond residents.

### *Theft from Automobile*

There were 80 thefts from automobile incidents in November 2023, a 51 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 29 per cent decrease from November 2022. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is below the average range.

### *Hate Crimes and Incidents*

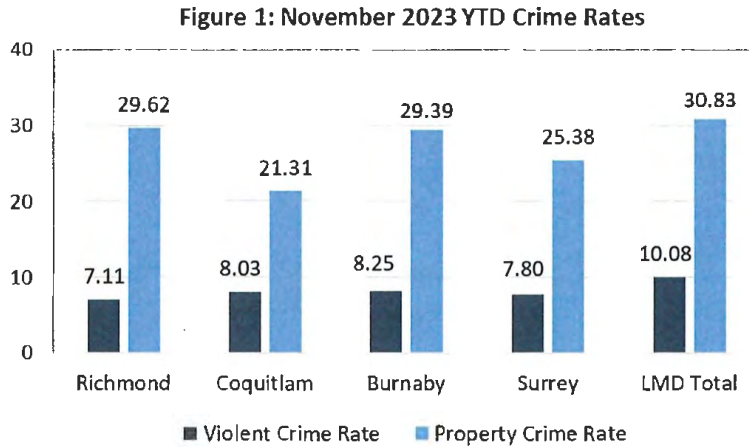
Table 1 presents the number of hate crimes and hate incidents reported between January 1, 2019 and November 30, 2023.<sup>2</sup> A “hate crime” refers to any criminal offence targeting an identifiable group. The criteria for an offence to be considered a hate crime, as per the *Criminal Code*, carries a higher threshold and usually involves one or more criminal offences. A “hate incident” may be motivated by the same factors as a hate crime but does not reach the threshold of being a criminal offence. No hate crimes or incidents were reported in November 2023.

Table 1 – Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents			
Year	Hate Crime Files	Hate Incident Files	Total
2019	11	9	20
2020	21	13	34
2021	21	24	45
2022	8	26	34
2023 (YTD)	6	19	25

<sup>2</sup> The BC Hate Crimes Unit uses the terms hate-motivated crime and hate-motivated incident.

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.<sup>3</sup> In November 2023, out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate. The property crime rate for Richmond was below the LMD average.



Block Watch

At the end of November 2023, the Block Watch program had 307 groups, totalling 7,090 participants. Currently, the program includes 442 captains and co-captains.

Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Richmond Detachment’s policing services by providing various crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue safety initiatives to improve crime prevention program awareness, community engagement and police accessibility. These initiatives help to reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month, reflecting weather conditions, seasonal initiatives and the availability of volunteers.

During November, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of two volunteer foot/van patrols, totalling 18 hours.
- A total of 14 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 477 information letters issued.
- There were 23 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, resulting in 527 information letters issued.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 1,454 vehicles, resulting in 109 information letters issued.

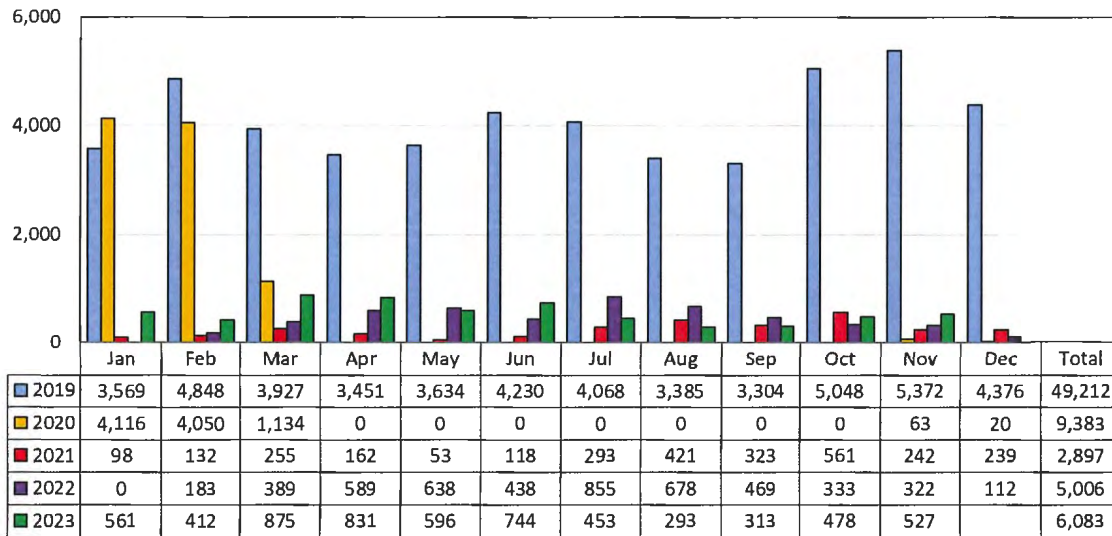
<sup>3</sup> Crime rate is year to date (YTD) and calculated per 1,000 people.

- November 4 – In partnership with ICBC, volunteers participated in a Walk Richmond event at South Arm Park.<sup>4</sup> Volunteers provided pedestrian safety information, safety reflectors and Community Safety App cards.
- November 8 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with pedestrian safety outreach at Lansdowne Mall and T&T Supermarket and distributed 1,200 safety reflectors.
- November 10 – Volunteers hosted a Crime Prevention information booth at the South Arm Community Centre, providing crime prevention resources and distributing safety reflectors.
- November 11 – 14 volunteers attended the Remembrance Day ceremony and conducted foot patrols, assisting with barricades, the command post and reception.
- November 15 – In partnership with ICBC, RCMP officers and volunteers attended a Seniors Wellness Clinic at the Minoru Centre for Active Living. They promoted Crime Prevention programs, the Community Safety App, and distributed safety reflectors.
- November 18 – Over 25 volunteers assisted with the Toy Drive, including handing out stickers and DARE resources and assisting with the photo booth and mascot handling.

*Lock Out Auto Crime*

Figure 2 provides a yearly comparison of the number of vehicle notices issued.<sup>5</sup>

**Figure 2: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice**



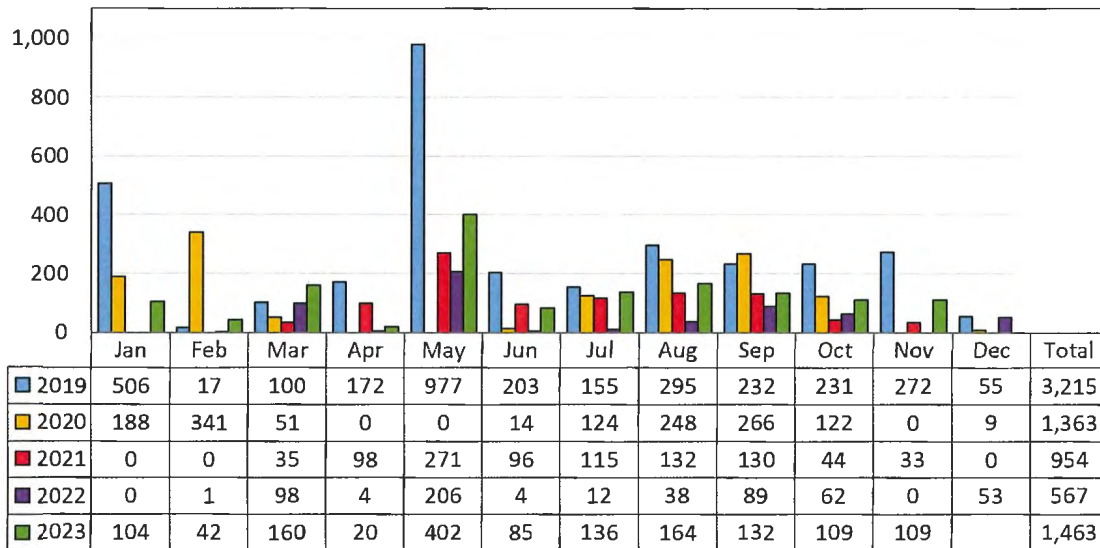
<sup>4</sup> Walk Richmond is a City initiative promoting physical activity by offering free walks and resources throughout the year.

<sup>5</sup> Beginning in November 2020, Lock Out Auto Crime letters were issued in place of notices. Letters are only issued to vehicles displaying security vulnerabilities; whereas previously, notices were issued to all vehicles. This has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of letters issued.

*Speed Watch*

Figure 3 compares the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners yearly.

**Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent**



Crime Prevention Unit

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

- Business Outreach
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- Pedestrian Safety
- Place of Worship Patrols
- 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 2023 to both October 2023 and September 2023. Violation tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>September 2023</b>	<b>October 2023</b>	<b>November 2023</b>
Distracted Driving	89	73	72
Driver License	175	179	146
Impaired	28	22	34
Intersection Offences	47	38	41



<b>Infraction</b>	<b>September 2023</b>	<b>October 2023</b>	<b>November 2023</b>
Moving Infractions <sup>6</sup>	56	73	85
Speeding	195	282	160
Seatbelts	6	10	7
Vehicle-Related <sup>7</sup>	112	139	108
Other <sup>8</sup>	20	8	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>668</b>

### Victim Services

In November 2023, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 45 new clients and attended five crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 80 files. In November, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, family conflicts and frauds.

### Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies contributing to safe and healthy behaviours essential to developing productive and civic-minded adults. During November, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 55 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 64 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch and morning and afternoon supervision.
- DARE classes were delivered to 280 elementary school students in 11 classes.

### **Financial Impact**

None.

### **Conclusion**

In November 2023, the Richmond RCMP conducted several noteworthy investigations, including a robbery and double homicide. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for arson and shoplifting thefts, which were elevated and residential break and enters, mental health-related incidents and thefts from automobiles, which were below average.

In November, the Richmond RCMP hosted its 9th Annual Toy Drive to support the Richmond Christmas Fund. The Community Engagement Team and volunteers continued promoting crime prevention and road safety initiatives, including pedestrian safety outreach. The Officer in

<sup>6</sup> Moving infractions refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

<sup>7</sup> Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

<sup>8</sup> Other refers to miscellaneous charges including failing to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

December 14, 2023

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Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



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

#### 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](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca)
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm](http://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](http://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](http://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.

### Spot the Target

- This initiative consists of frequently stolen items being placed in the volunteer van for participants to identify in order to enhance awareness of thefts from automobiles.

### 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 2023 STATISTICS

### RICHMOND RCMP

The following information is a limited list of select crime-type samples, which does not comprise the entirety or assortment of all crimes captured by the RCMP. The statistics in this chart should be considered independently of the analysis provided as the data is unrelated to the research provided earlier in this report.

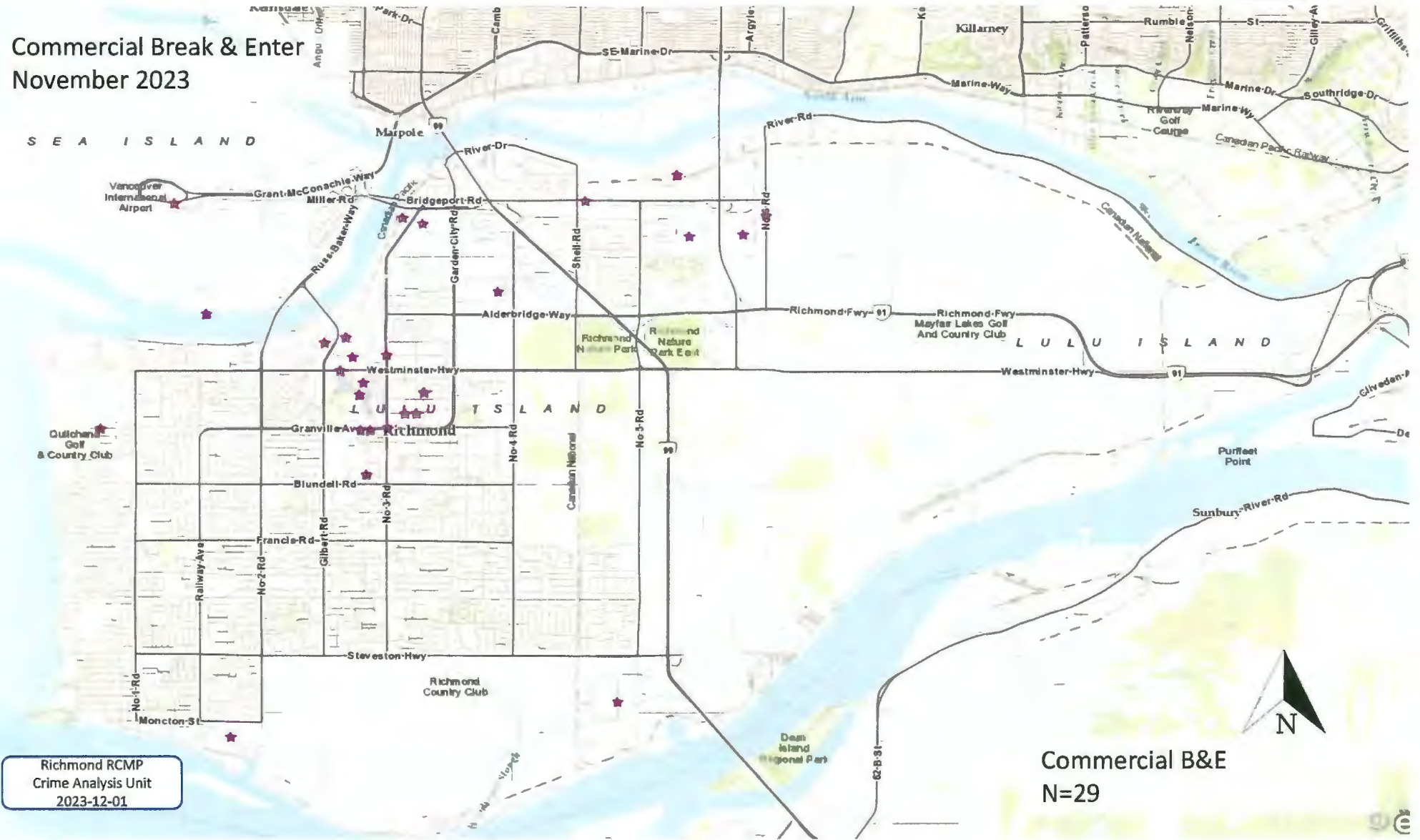
This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular 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.

The 5 year average is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence falls outside the 5 year range (using one standard deviation) due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red** if higher and **blue** if below. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the 5 year range due to primarily non-operational reasons such as the new UCR

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Nov - 23	November		2022	2023	% Change	# Change
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>155</b>	137.0	123-151	1383	1689	22%	306
Robbery UCR 1610 (1-3)	6	4.0	1-7	52	58	12%	6
Assault Common UCR 1430	54	51.2	47-55	491	546	11%	55
Assault Serious UCR 1410, 1420	16	13.6	11-17	176	217	23%	41
Sexual Offences	15	16.6	12-21	175	202	15%	27
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>664</b>	567.4	510-625	5726	7214	26%	1488
Business B&E UCR 2120 1	29	27.0	19-35	301	286	-5%	-15
Residential B&E UCR	13	47.0	22-72	251	255	2%	4
Auto Theft UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178	21	23.0	19-27	216	232	7%	16
Theft from Auto UCR 32, 2142	80	139.8	114-166	1167	1339	15%	172
Theft UCR 2130 2140	121	78.4	66-91	881	1253	42%	372
Shoplifting UCR 2143	112	59.2	51-68	692	1170	69%	478
Fraud	100	71.0	60-82	679	927	37%	248
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>248</b>	194.0	148-240	2508	2946	17%	438
Arson UCR 308, 2110	10	6.0	4-8	78	70	-10%	-8
<b>SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES</b> (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	<b>1067</b>	898.6	848-950	9623	11853	23%	2230
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	<b>44</b>	46.4	17-76	428	514	20%	86
<b>MHA RELATED CALLS</b> (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	<b>213</b>	245.4	230-260	1646	2611	59%	965

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# Residential Break & Enter November 2023

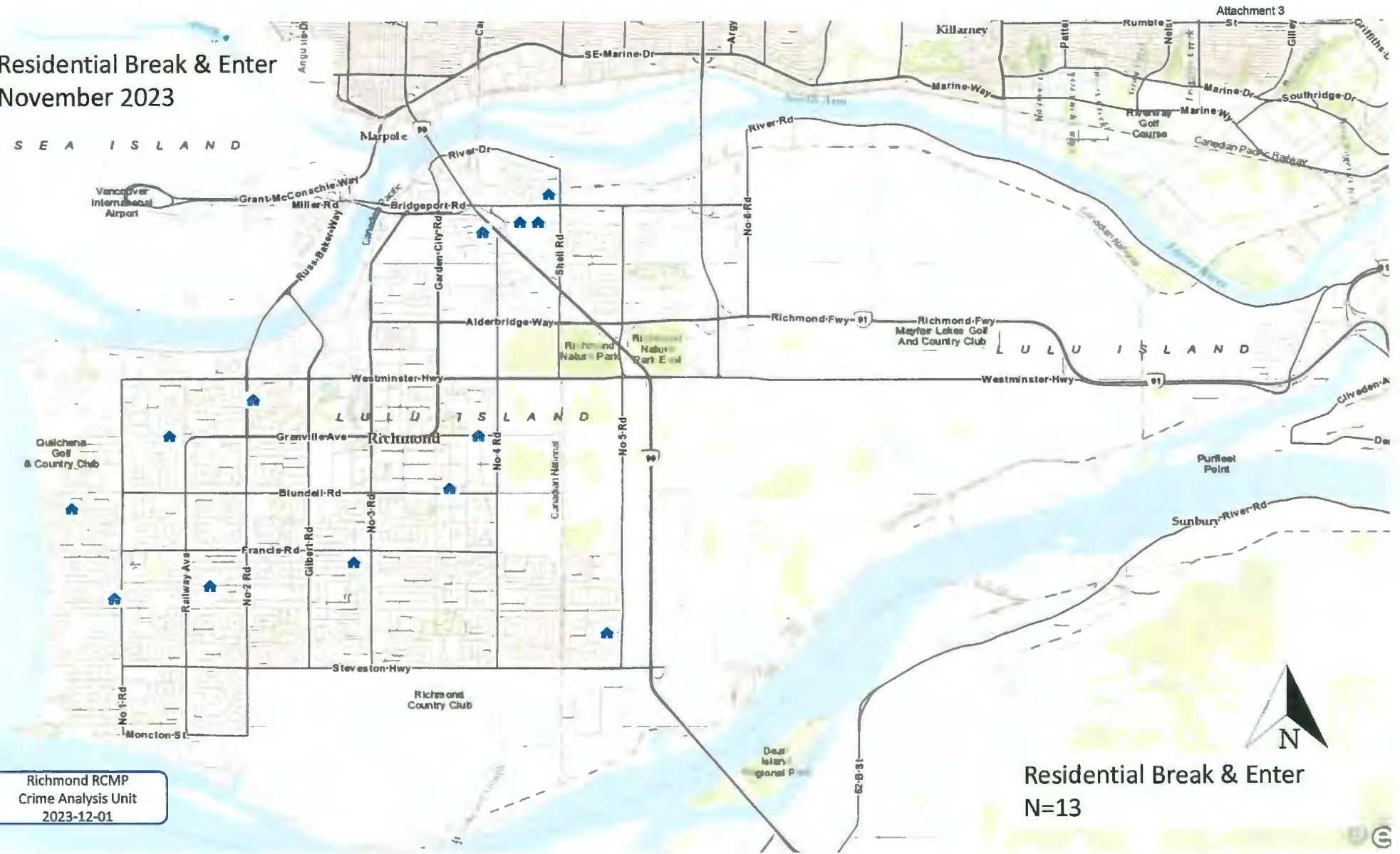
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# Auto Theft November 2023

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Quilchena  
Golf  
& Country Club





Theft From Auto  
November 2023

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