



**Community Safety Committee
Electronic Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023
4:00 p.m.**

Pg. # ITEM

MINUTES

CS-4 *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on February 14, 2023.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

April 12, 2023, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

DELEGATION

CS-8 1. Transit Police **Presentation** by Chief Officer Dave Jones

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. **ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY
REPORT – JANUARY 2023**
(File Ref. No. 09-5375-09) (REDMS No. 7117615)

CS-22 **See Page CS-22 for full report**

Designated Speaker: Susan Lloyd

Community Safety Committee Agenda – Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Pg. # ITEM

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – January 2023”, dated February 10, 2023, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

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3. **PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2023**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 7137599)

CS-26

See Page CS-26 for full report

Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – January 2023”, dated February 15, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

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4. **PEACE OFFICER FEASIBILITY**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7149587)

CS-33

See Page CS-33 for full report

Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “Peace Officer Feasibility”, dated, February 24, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing be received for information.

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5. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2023**

(File Ref. No. 09-5375-01) (REDMS No. 7133484)

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See Page CS-38 for full report

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2023”, dated February 13, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.



6. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove

Items for discussion:

None.

7. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - JANUARY 2023**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 7125591)

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See Page CS-50 for full report

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report - January 2023", dated February 10, 2023 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.



8. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan

Items for discussion:

(i) Youth Academy

(ii) Walter Tyrrell memorial

9. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT





Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 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 Carol Day
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 January 17, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2022 AND YEAR IN REVIEW

(File Ref. No. 09-5375-09) (REDMS No. 7079920)

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – December 2022 and Year in Review”, dated January 10, 2023, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

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2. BUSINESS LICENCE ACTIVITY REPORT – 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW
(File Ref. No. 12-8375-03) (REDMS No. 7114271)

In response to queries from the Committee regarding illegal ride hailing, staff noted that (i) Bylaw staff coordinates with the Passenger Transportation Branch (PTB) as the lead investigative agency in conjunction with the police force of jurisdiction, such as the RCMP or Transit Police to investigate illegal ride hailing, (ii) staff are working in conjunction with the PTB to bring in other cities to coordinate through operational responses and best practices, (iii) enforcement has had an impact in curbing illegal ride hailing activities, however it is difficult to gauge the scale of the problem given that much of the illegal ride hails occur through offshore technology, (iv) PTB has been successful in responding to illegal ride hailing offenses, including vehicle seizures, and (v) staff are exploring options with all levels of government to increase penalties such as potentially seizing licenses.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Business Licence Activity Report – 2022 Year in Review”, dated January 23, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW
(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 7114441)

In response to queries from the Committee, staff noted that (i) soil bylaw enforcement can be a multi month/step process for some properties to achieve compliance, where approval is required from many different agencies, and will be reflected as non compliant until the necessary permits are received from the City and the Agricultural Land Commission, (ii) staff can report back with a breakdown of the noncompliant properties, (iii) the reported increase in short-term rental violations is linked to the lifting of travel restrictions in October 2022 by the federal government, (iv) staff are looking at proactive messaging options for landlords to help identify/prevent short term rental violations, and (v) there is a high degree of compliance with respect to short-term rental violations.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Activity Report – 2022 Year in Review”, dated January 23, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

CARRIED

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**4. RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
DECEMBER 2022 AND YEAR IN REVIEW**

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 7101015)

In response to queries from the Committee, Fire Chief Jim Wishlove noted (i) the average service response time reported is inclusive of all calls (fire, motor vehicle accidents, and medical calls), (ii) all crews are trained in traffic management; (iii) the increase in medical calls for 2022 over 2021 are the result of the lifting of first responder limitations, (iv) RFR outreach engagements can differ monthly and can depend on opportunities available (community/national events), and (v) there has not been any trends noted in Richmond with respect to fires from an EV battery or charger.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – December 2022 and Year in Review”, dated January 12, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

CARRIED

5. FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion: *None.*

**6. RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - DECEMBER 2022 AND
YEAR IN REVIEW**

(File Ref. No. 09-5375-02) (REDMS No. 7087295)

Discussion ensued with respect to violations of theft from mailboxes, noting reluctance/apprehension in reporting to police. Chief Supt. Chauhan noted when violations are reported, Richmond RCMP responds and an investigation is generated.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Blockwatch program, noting that a number of Blockwatch captains have left the program. Chief Supt. Chauhan noted that Blockwatch coordinators are working diligently to ensure the program’s continued success, with ongoing recruitment efforts to encourage residents to join the program. It was suggested that Blockwatch be promoted through various publications such as newsletters.

In response to queries from the Committee, Chief Supt. Chauhan noted that (i) the Richmond RCMP has responded to reported hate crimes and that the “Hate Has No Place” campaign, together with increased public engagement has had a positive effect on such incidents (ii) Richmond RCMP has responded to incidents related to shoplifting, and (iii) with respect to hospital wait times related to mental health and medical incidents, priority is given, when possible, to Richmond RCMP members accompanying patients.

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It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report - December 2022 and Year in Review", dated January 14, 2023, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

CARRIED

7. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Item for discussion:

Joint Road Safety Blitz – this item was removed from the Agenda.

Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan noted that road safety initiatives are ongoing.

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

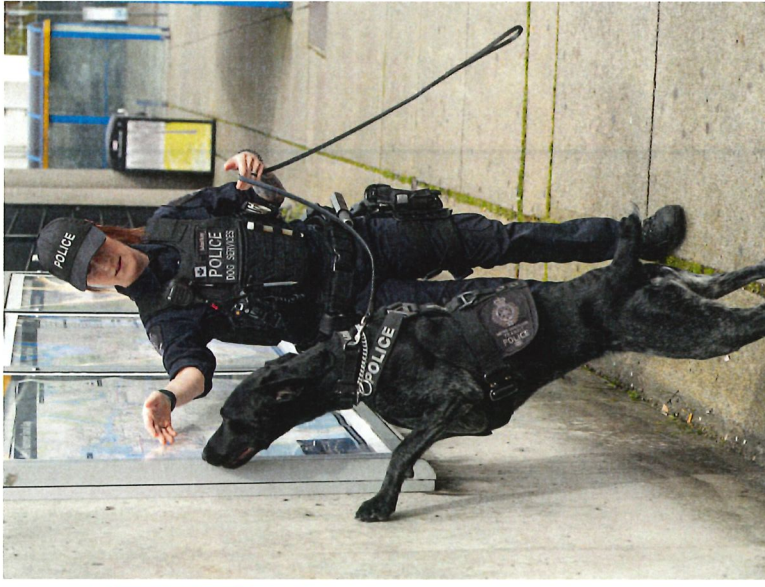
That the meeting adjourn (4:48 p.m.).

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, February 14, 2023.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

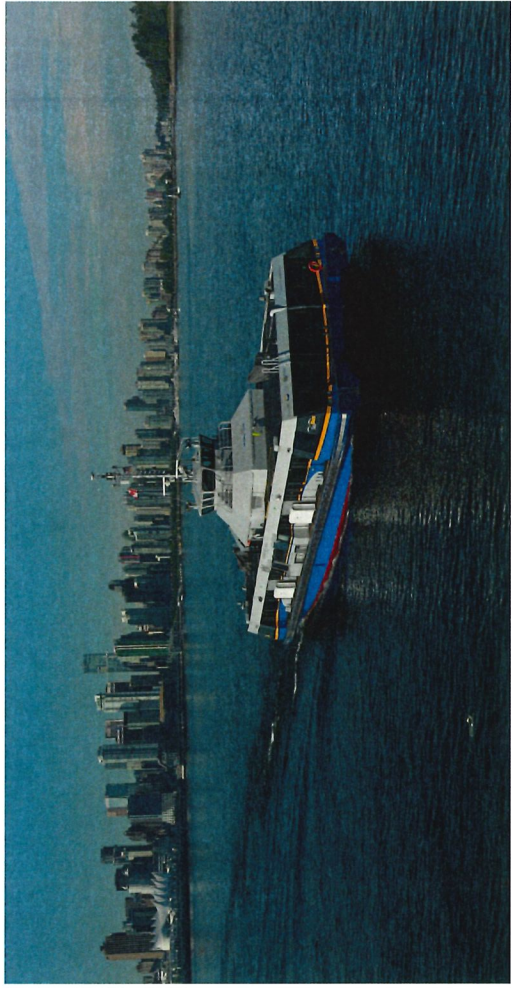
Lorraine Anderson
Legislative Services Associate



Chief Officer Dave Jones March 14, 2023



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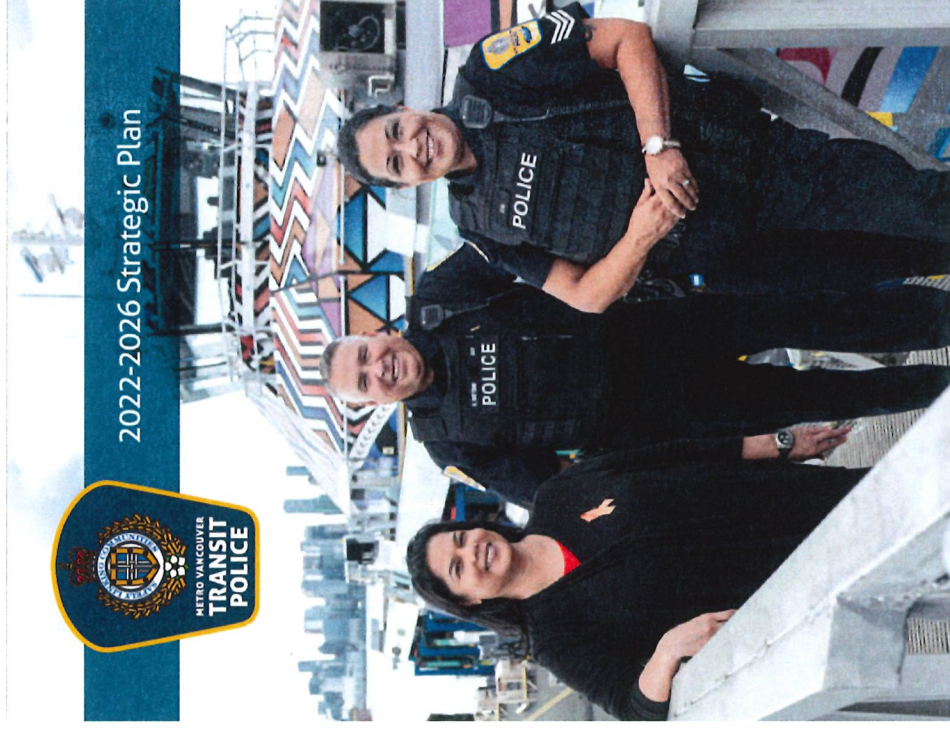


2022-2026 Strategic Plan

Plan was developed over a two-year period, which included a one-year delay due to the pandemic.

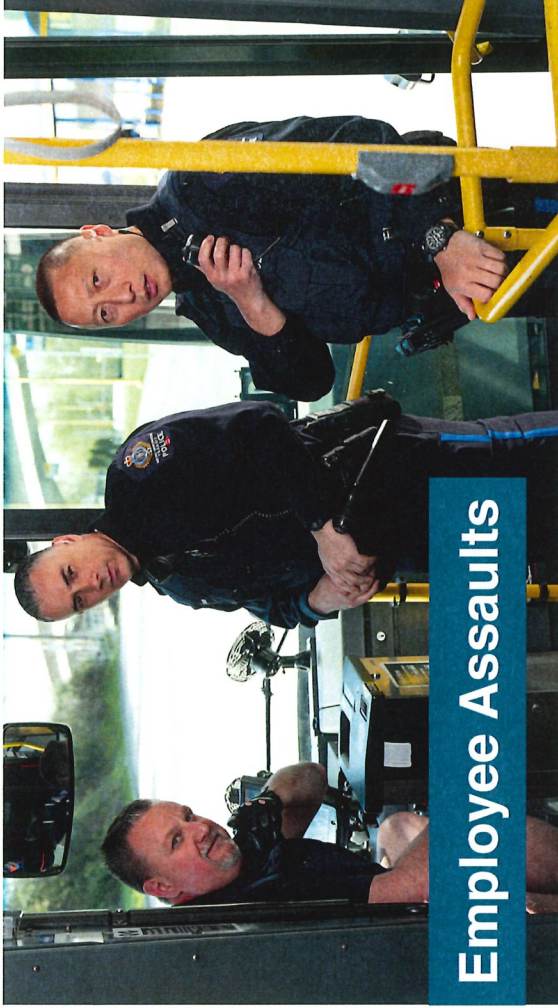
Outreach and consultation took place with TransLink, regional police agencies, community organizations, transit riders and Indigenous partners.

Plan is centered on three Pillars with 19 Key Performance Indicators.

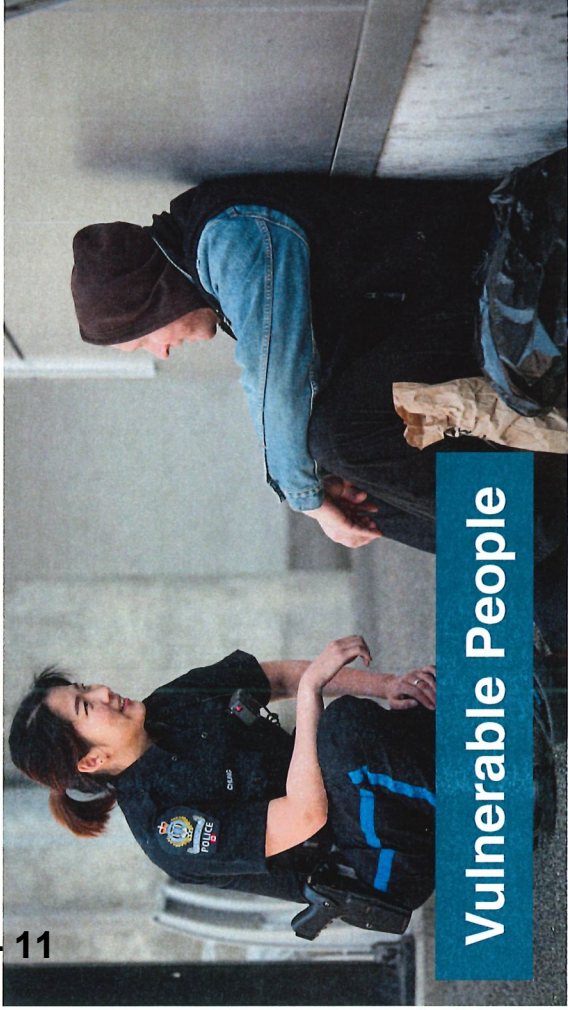




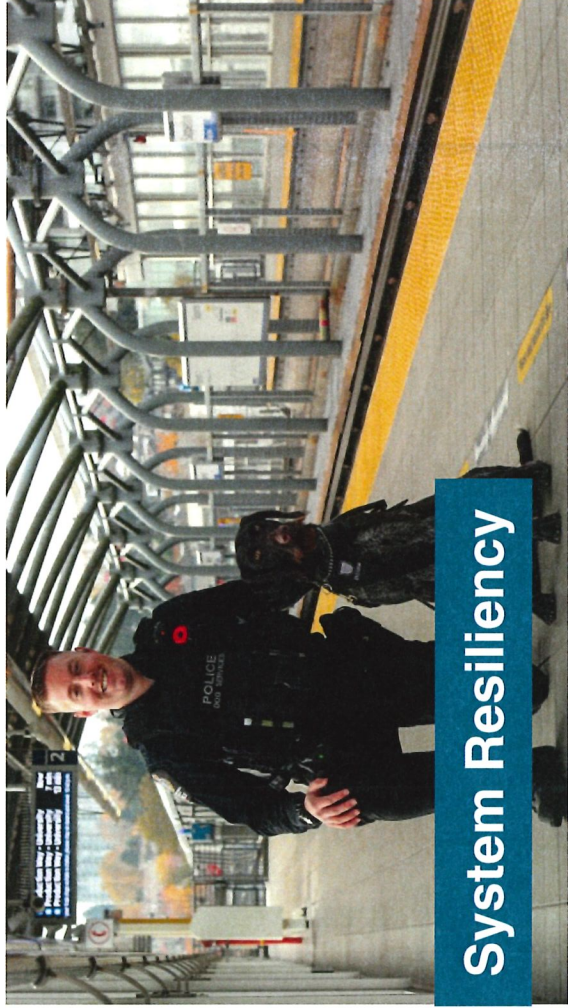
Sex Offences



Employee Assaults



Vulnerable People



System Resiliency

Targeted Mobile Enforcement Team

- Illegal use of bus lanes
- Fare gate violations
- Distracted driving around transit hubs
- Road safety checks



Transit Police Enforcement Team
@TP_Enforcement

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We were out with the [@RichmondRCMP](#) Road Safety Unit conducting ALPR checks.

In 2 hours we found:

- 5 unlicensed drivers
- 2 vehicles without insurance
- 7 other violations

👉 Working with our partners to ensure the safety of drivers, pedestrians and Transit users. 👉



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Crime Suppression Team

- Plainclothes unit
- Intelligence-led policing

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Moves throughout 22 communities of Metro Vancouver

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Man accused of packing loaded gun at Burnaby mall during height of gang killings denied bail
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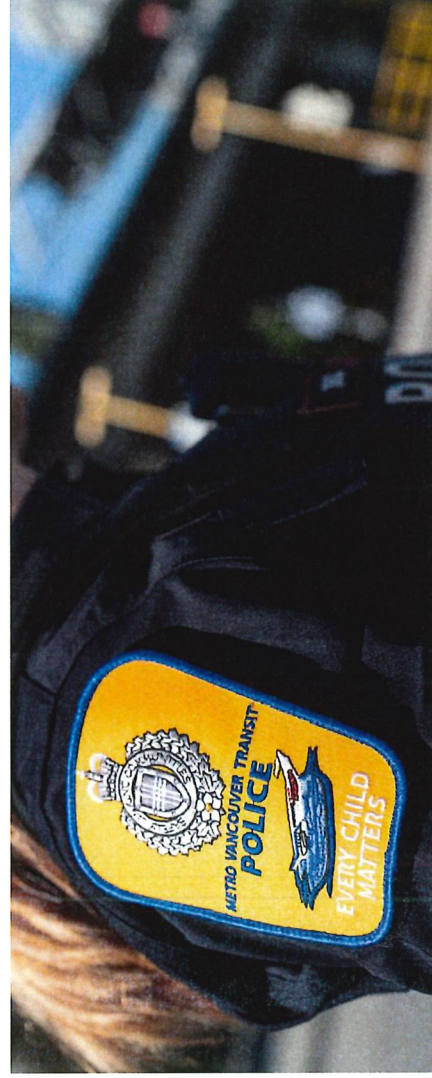
Community Engagement Team



Strengthening Support to Indigenous Peoples

- Now over two-years into the action plan.
- Commitment statement, Indigenous consultation/engagement, GBA+ training and Blue Eagle Program all key actions implemented to date.

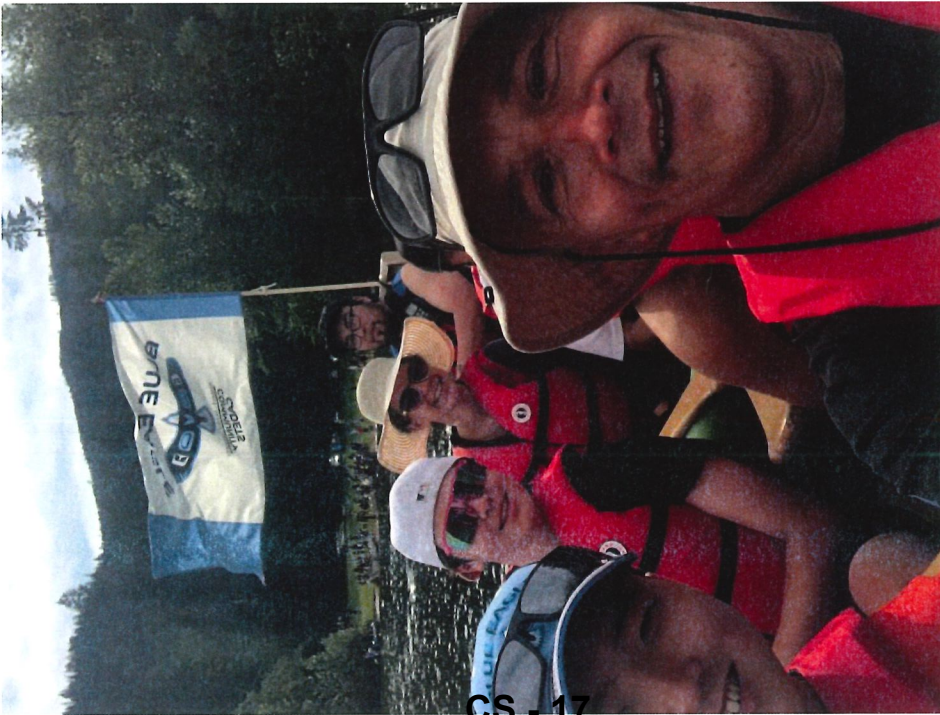
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Community Safety Officer Program



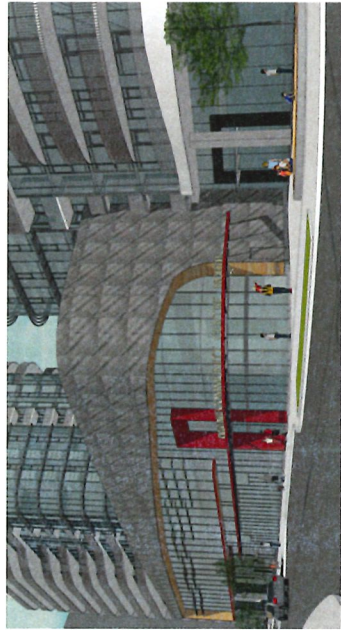
First 12 CSOs to be hired by the late spring and deployed by the fall 2023.

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ATTENDANCE AT
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EVENTS

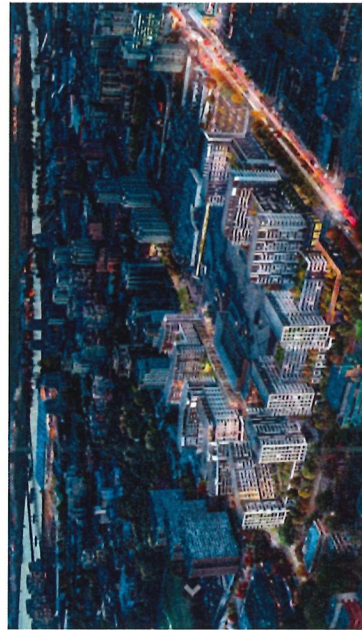
PATROL SUPPORT
FOR LOWER
PRIORITY TASKS

Communities Close to Transit



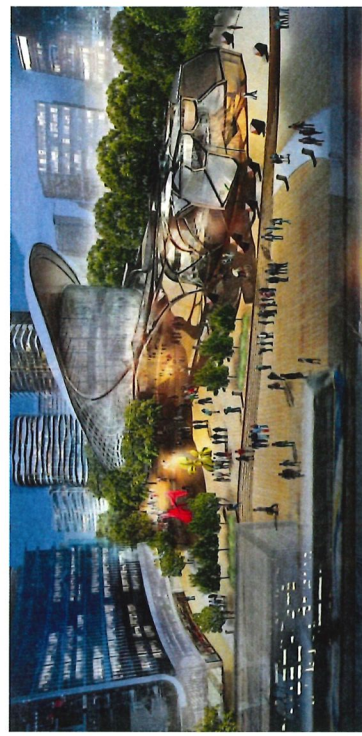
Above: Capstan Village

Below: New Developments near Richmond Ctr.



Above: New Developments by Aberdeen Station

Below: New Developments by Landsdowne Ctr.





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City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** February 10, 2023
From: Cecilia Achiam **File:** 09-5375-09/2023-Vol
General Manager, Community Safety 01
Re: **Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – January 2023**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – January 2023”, dated February 10, 2023, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

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

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

Staff Report

Origin

This monthly report for the Animal Protection Services department provides information and statistics for enforcing bylaws related to Animal Protection Services as well as education and public awareness initiatives.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2023 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

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

1.1 Enhance safety services and strategies to meet community needs.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2023 Strategy #8 An Engaged and Informed Community:

Ensure that the citizenry of Richmond is well-informed and engaged about City business and decision-making.

8.2 Ensure citizens are well-informed with timely, accurate and easily accessible communication using a variety of methods and tools.

Analysis

Animal Protection Services

For the month of January, staff posted a reminder on the City's social media platforms about the importance of having readily available water resources such as hummingbird feeders and water basins, for birds that do not migrate south during the winter months.

In January 2023, the total number of dogs licenced was 1,404. This figure represents 140 new dog licence applications and 1,264 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dogs licenced year to date is 4,281.

For the month of January, BC SPCA Officers received 155 calls for service related to various animal control and dog licencing infractions, while proactively patrolling a combined total of 42 parks, dikes and/or schools.

Figure 1 below, reflects the monthly and year-to-date animal control and dog licencing enforcement activities measured by violation issuance. It should be noted for reference, that the annual canvassing of outstanding dog licences is conducted by staff during the months of May through October and will consistently show an increase of issued violations as depicted in Figure 1 below. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 2. For the month of January, BC SPCA Officers issued 14 bylaw violation notices, which can be attributed to BC SPCA Officer foot patrols of non-permitted off-leash parks, City dikes and school grounds. These proactive patrols have resulted in ticketing for non-compliance of both the Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 7138 and the Animal Control Regulation Bylaw No. 7932, together with educational compliance.

Figure 1: Animal Protection Services Violation Issuance Comparison

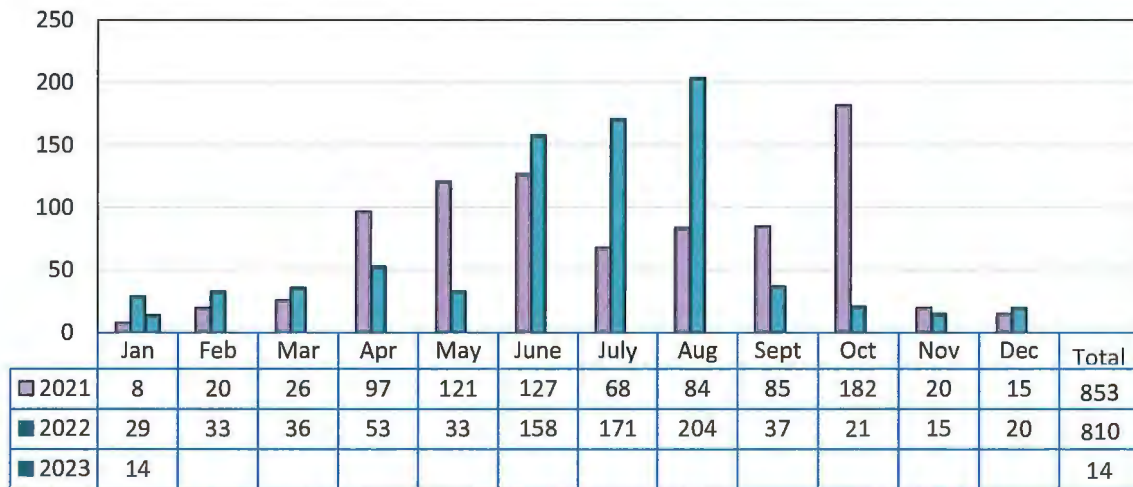
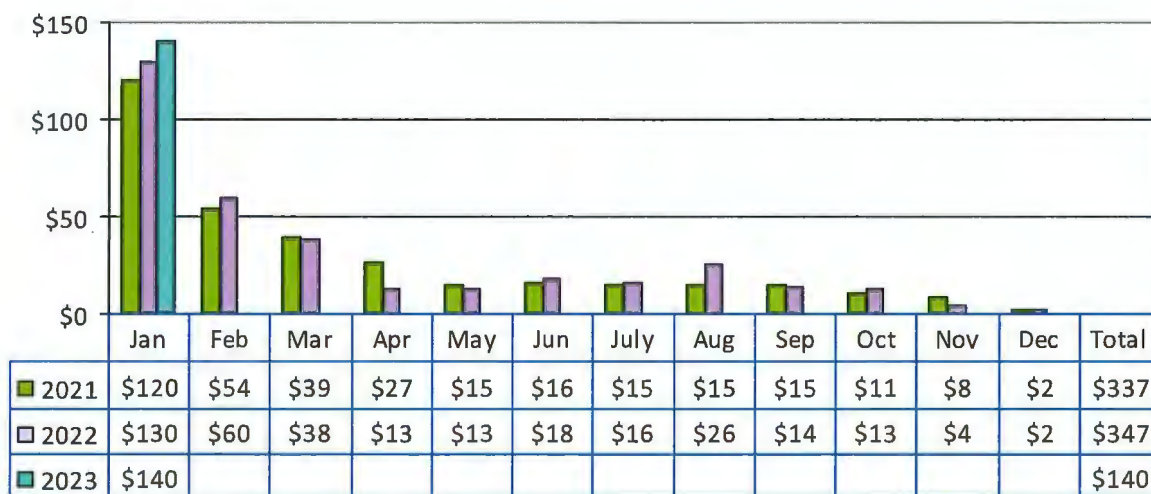


Figure 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue Comparison (000's)



Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

The next adjudication session is scheduled for February 22, 2023.

Revenue and Expenses

The Animal Protection Services department derives its revenue from dog licences and fines. Table 1 outlines their individual revenue, while Table 2 highlights Animal Protection Services revenue and expenses within the Community Safety division.

Table 1: Animal Protection Services Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Jan 2023	Actual Jan 2023
Dog Licences	108,210	138,015
Fines	851	2,065
Total Revenue	109,061	140,080

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

	Budget Jan 2023	Actual Jan 2023
Revenue	109,061	140,080
Expenses	134,757	130,755
Net Revenue (Expense)	(25,696)	9,325

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

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



Susan Lloyd
 Manager, Animal Protection Services and Contract Administration
 (604-247-4467)



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** February 15, 2023
From: Mark Corrado **File:** 12-8375-02/2023
Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing
Re: **Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – January 2023**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – January 2023”, dated February 15, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

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

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

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 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

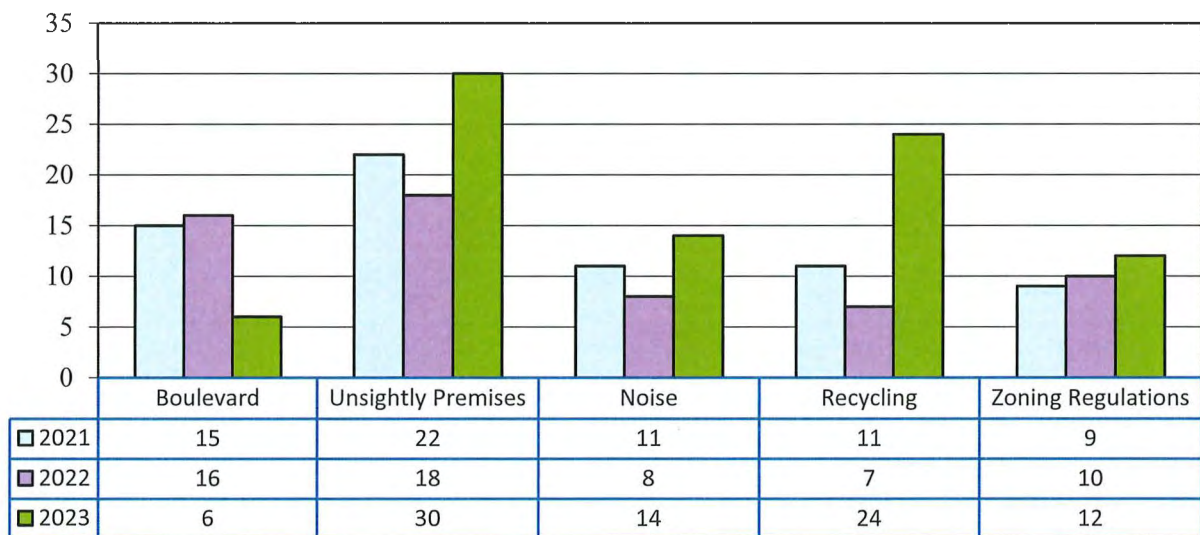
1.1 Enhance safety services and strategies to meet community needs.

Analysis

Property Use Calls for Service

In January, staff received 130 calls for service which is up 26 per cent (103) from the same time 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 the 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 - January Year-To-Date Comparison

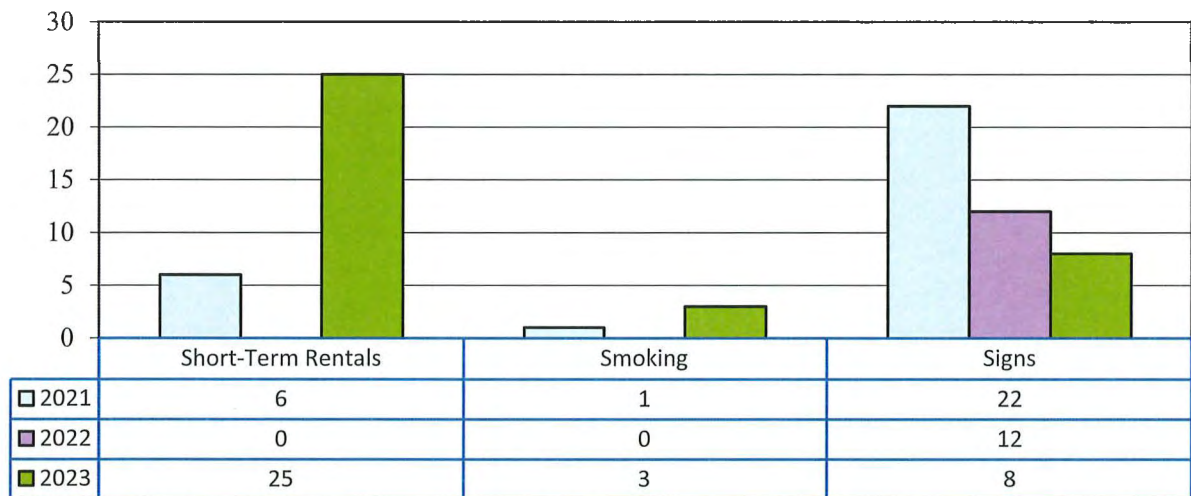


Staff seek to obtain compliance through proactive education, voluntary compliance or, when required, formal legal proceedings. As of January 2023, calls for service related to unsightly premises were up slightly, but are not indicative of an overall trend. The spike in calls concerning recycling complaints can be attributed to one complainant regarding the removal of curbside bins after pick up.

Other Community Bylaws Calls for Service

Figure 2 shows other calls for service, which are closely related to Property Use matters.

Figure 2: Property Use Calls For Service - January Year-To-Date Comparison



Calls for service regarding short-term rental violations have started to increase due in part to the return of normal travel behaviours. Since the fourth quarter of 2022, two dedicated staff positions have been filled to address short-term rental related calls. This is further highlighted in Table 1.

Tow Permit Applications

To lawfully tow from a private parking lot in Richmond, a valid tow permit is required as per Vehicle for Hire Bylaw No. 6900. Tow permits are valid for two years from the date of issue. This month a total of 45 tow permit applications were received.

Grease Inspections

In January, staff conducted 47 grease-trap inspections. These inspections are primarily pro-active and serve to ensure the safe handling of grease products and that no product is being deposited in an unsafe manner.

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 23 site inspections in the month of January.

Stop Work/Removal Orders issued for the following properties:

- 11040 Blundell Road
- 11060 Horseshoe Way – fill to be removed from City road allowance.

The following properties are now in compliance:

- 12320 No. 2 Road
- 20291 Westminster Highway
- 8051 Anderson Road
- 13451 Steveston Highway
- 11991 Mitchell Road
- 6860 No. 3 Road

There are 22 soil deposit proposals under various stages of the application process. Staff are monitoring 11 approved sites and are currently addressing 30 properties that are considered non-compliant.

Bylaw Prosecutions

No new bylaws charges were sworn in January.

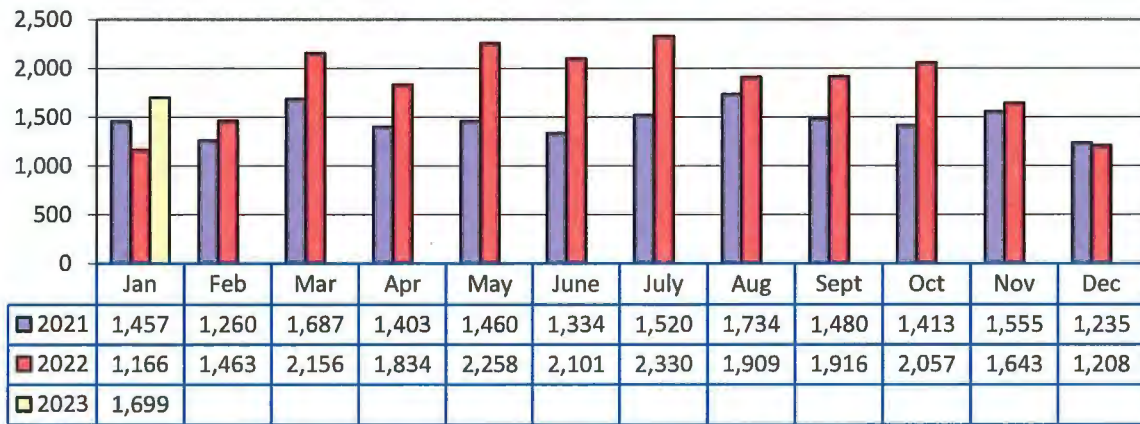
Parking Enforcement

For the month of January, staff proactively patrolled for stopping and parking infractions while continuing to monitor assigned files. Staff received 286 calls for service for parking related matters, a seven per cent decrease (309) from the same period in 2022. Management of files by staff are priority-based, with all safety and obstruction requests receiving top priority. Parking revenue and ticket issuance comparisons are listed in Figures 3 and 4 below.

Figure 3: Parking Enforcement Revenue Comparison (000's)



Figure 4: Parking Violations Issuance Comparison



When contrasted with 2022 data from the same period, parking enforcement revenue and ticket issuance have both increased by 15 and 46 per cent respectively. This is as a result of data-driven patrol scheduling, as well as the strategic use of license plate recognition technology for permit and time restriction enforcement.

Ticketing

The following table reflects non-parking related Bylaw ticket issuance for the month of January and year to date.

Table 1: Community Bylaw Offences

Ticket Issuance (BVN's & MTI's)	January	YTD
Short-Term Rental Offences	48	48
Soil Deposit and Removal Offences	0	0
Watercourse Protection Offences	0	0
Unightly Premises Offences	1	1
Noise Offences	0	0
Grease Trap Offences	0	0
Solid Waste and Recycling Offences	0	0
Sign Offences	3	3
Watering Offences	0	0
Totals	52	52

Short-term rental offences are up due to the work of dedicated staffing resources, and the development of new technologies for identifying and monitoring advertised short-term rental properties. The work by staff to date has also contributed to an increase in the number of valid boarding and lodging licenses, with 11 new licenses issued in the last two months.

Bylaw Adjudication

The next adjudication session is scheduled for February 22, 2023.

Revenue and Expenses

Revenue in the Property Use section is primarily derived from permits, tickets and court fines related to bylaw prosecutions. The actual amount collected each month can vary depending on the timing of court rulings and ticket payments. Soil permit applications and volume fees follow a seasonal trend and tend to pick up after the winter season. The collection of false alarm revenue in January can be attributed to the payment of invoices from 2022. Newspaper box permit revenue exceeds budgeted expectations due to annual renewal fees. These results are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Property Use Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Jan 2023	Actual Jan 2023
False Alarm	4,748	7,168
Towing Permits	1,394	1,970
Newspaper Box Permits	1,303	2,619
Soil Permit Application and Volume Fees	7,385	11,555
Other Bylaw Fines	6,378	5,575
Total Revenue	21,208	28,887

Parking enforcement generates much of its revenue from meters, permits and fines. The remainder of the revenue is generated from filming and receivable income. Table 3 outlines individual revenue types. Table 4 outlines the net revenue and expenses for both Property Use and Parking.

Table 3: Parking Revenue by Source

Program Revenue	Budget Jan 2023	Actual Jan 2023
Contract Revenue ¹	5,000	5,000
Parking Revenue ²	170,674	134,969
Receivable Income ³	8,333	0
Total Revenue	184,007	139,969

¹ City Towing Contract with Rusty's towing

² Parking Revenue consists of Parking Meters, Monthly Parking Permits, and Parking Enforcement

³ Receivable Income consists of Night Market Recoveries (Seasonal)

Table 4: Property Use and Parking Revenue and Expenses

		Budget January 2023	Actual January 2023
Property Use	Revenue	21,208	28,887
	Expenses	125,049	90,892
	Net Revenue (Expense)	(103,841)	(62,005)
Parking	Revenue	184,007	139,969
	Expenses	135,150	123,188
	Net Revenue (Expense)	48,857	16,781

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Staff administer and enforce a wide range of bylaws related to unsightly premises, land use, noise, soil deposit/removal, short-term rentals, parking permits and enforcement. This report provides a summary of this month's activity, including revenue and expenses.



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



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

Date: February 24, 2023

From: Mark Corrado
Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing

File: 12-8375-01/2023-Vol
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Re: Peace Officer Feasibility

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "Peace Officer Feasibility", dated, February 24, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing be received for information.

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

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

At the Regular Council Meeting held on November 28, 2022, Council made the following referral:

That staff examine and report back on the feasibility and implications of transitioning bylaw enforcement officers to peace officer status, including outlining the difference between bylaw enforcement and peace officers duties.

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.

1.1 Enhance safety services and strategies to meet community needs.

Analysis

Bylaw Enforcement Officers are assigned their powers, duties and functions via the *Community Charter*, which empowers Council with the ability, by Bylaw, to establish these positions. The appointment status for Bylaw Enforcement Officers was altered on October 10, 2017, when Council adopted the following resolution:

That all appointments by Council of bylaw enforcement officers pursuant to the Police Act be rescinded.¹

Since October 2017, pursuant to Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 9742 (Bylaw 9742), the following powers and duties are assigned to Bylaw Enforcement Officers:

- (a) enforcement of the City's bylaws within the boundaries of the City;
- (b) entry onto or into private premises to verify compliance with the Council's regulations, prohibitions or requirements, including City bylaws, pursuant to Section 16 of the *Community Charter*;
- (c) assist in the prosecution of bylaw contraventions, including appearances in court to provide evidence;
- (d) for certainty, issuance of tickets pursuant to Section 264(1)(b) of the *Community Charter* and subject to the City's Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321;
- (e) for certainty, issuance of bylaw offence notices, subject to the City's Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122;
- (f) for certainty, prosecution of bylaw contraventions under the *Community Charter* or the *Offence Act* in the Provincial Court of British Columbia by swearing an information and, with the approval of the City Solicitor, the General Manager of Community Safety, or the

¹https://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/_8_Omnibus_Bylaw_Definition_Housekeeping_Amendments_CNCL_10101748457.pdf

Chief License Inspector, retainer of legal counsel to prosecute the bylaw contravention and settlement of the proceedings; and

- (g) for certainty, with the approval of the City Solicitor, the General Manager of Community Safety, or the Chief License Inspector, defense or commencement and prosecution of an appeal from a decision in a bylaw enforcement proceeding, including the retainer of legal counsel to defend or commence and prosecute the appeal and settlement of the appeal.

Importantly, Bylaw 9742 does not assign Bylaw Enforcement Officers the ability to serve court summons in respect of an alleged offence under a bylaw of the City, pursuant to Section 28 of the *BC Offence Act*. Since 2017, the issuance of a court summons has been conducted by a third party process server on behalf of the City.

There are two ways Bylaw Enforcement Officers may be appointed in BC: (1) under the *BC Police Act*; or (2) under the *Community Charter*. This report provides a comparison of these two legislative appointment methods and the distinctions made in legislation regarding the powers, duties and functions of Special Municipal Constables.

Appointment of Bylaw Enforcement Officers under the BC Police Act

Under Section 36 of the *Police Act*, Bylaw Enforcement Officers can be appointed by either (a) a municipal police board or (b) a municipal Council, if the jurisdiction is policed by the RCMP via a Municipal Police Unit Agreement.

Pursuant to the *Police Act*, each Bylaw Enforcement Officer must be individually appointed and swear an oath under the *Police Act*. As part of their appointment, the municipal Council or police board typically stipulate further what specific duties, functions and powers a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may possess. Prior to October 2017, Bylaw Enforcement Officers in Richmond were:

- individually appointed;
- given duties that were specified in the appointment;
- sworn under the *Police Act*;
- given the ability to enter on or into private property under Section 16 of the *Community Charter*;
- allowed to serve court summons; and
- able to issue tickets and notices if authorized under the Municipal Ticket Information and Notice of Bylaw Violation Bylaws.

Appointment of Bylaw Enforcement Officers under the Community Charter (Status Quo)

Currently, the City's Bylaw Enforcement Officers are appointed by Council under Bylaw 9742 and a City employment letter is sufficient to enact the appointment.

Bylaw Enforcement Officers have all of the above powers, duties and functions of their antecedents who were sworn under the *Police Act* with one key exception. Bylaw 9742 does not grant Bylaw Enforcement Officers the power to serve court summons, which are a necessary procedural step in a long form prosecution for a Bylaw violation in Provincial Court. Currently, the City contracts out the service of summons to a third party agency.

Peace Officer Definition

Council does not have the power under either the *Community Charter* or the *Police Act* to confer Peace Officer status. Furthermore, the *Police Act* does not empower Bylaw Enforcement Officers with the ability to enforce the *Criminal Code*. The term Peace Officer is not defined under the *Police Act*, the *Community Charter* or the *Offence Act*. Instead, in Part 1 definitions, the *Police Act* defines “officer” (i.e. peace officer) as a “provincial constable, special provincial constable, designated constable, municipal constable, special municipal constable, auxiliary constable or enforcement officer² [appointed by the Minister] but not a member of the RCMP”. Bylaw Enforcement Officers are omitted from the definition and, therefore, it cannot be inferred they are Peace Officers under the *Police Act*.

Under Section 35 of the *Police Act*, in non-RCMP municipalities, the Police Board has the authority to appoint Special Municipal Constables who can support municipal police departments in the enforcement of the criminal code as well as municipal bylaws. Special Municipal Constables can, as directed by the Police Board, have the same powers, duties and immunities as Municipal Constables or Police Officers. In some cities this includes the ability to serve court summons; canvass neighbourhoods for evidence; secure police perimeters; tag and transport evidence; and provide support and security at major events.

In the City of Vancouver, Special Municipal Constables have three major job functions: jail guards, traffic authority and community safety personnel. The City of Delta also has Special Municipal Constables and defines the role as Community Safety Officers. Critically, these Special Municipal Constables are not appointed under section 36 of the *Police Act* and are therefore not employed as Bylaw Enforcement Officers. Moreover, RCMP policed jurisdictions do not have a municipal Police Board and do not have authority to appoint Special Municipal Constables.

Most importantly, the *Police Act* makes a distinction between the powers and duties of Special Municipal Constables and Bylaw Enforcement Officers. Bylaw Enforcement Officers do have some degree of protection under other legislation. The courts have established that properly appointed Bylaw Enforcement Officers acting in the course of their duties may be recognized as “peace officers”, for the purposes of criminal prosecution, if they are obstructed in the course of their duties.³ However, while “peace officer” is a defined term in the *Criminal Code* and the *Interpretation Act (British Columbia)*, neither definition references Bylaw Enforcement Officers.

Critically, in RCMP policed jurisdictions, if Bylaw Enforcement Officers are appointed under the *Police Act*, they are then required to conduct their duties under the direction of the Officer-In-Charge of the local RCMP Detachment and are not accountable to the Local government Council. Appointment under the *Police Act* is not recommended given that the City would lose a

² Enforcement Officer is defined under section 18.1.11 of the *Police Act* “Subject to the approval of the minister, the designated board may appoint one or more of the entity's employees as enforcement officers to enforce those enactments, or parts of enactments, of British Columbia or Canada that the minister prescribes as the enactments to be enforced by the designated law enforcement unit.”

³https://www.younganderson.ca/images/seminar_blogs/Appointment_and_Powers_of_Bylaw_Enforcement_Officer-s-DH.pdf

key oversight power in regards to frontline Bylaw Enforcement Officers who are charged with upholding the City's Bylaws.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

As outlined in this report there are two methods of appointment of Bylaw Enforcement Officers: (1) under the BC *Police Act*; and (2) under the *Community Charter*. It is not recommended that the appointment be made under the *Police Act* as the City would lose significant oversight over the enforcement of its Bylaws.



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City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

Date: February 13, 2023

From: Jim Wishlove
Fire Chief

File: 09-5375-01/2023-Vol
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Re: Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2023

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – January 2023”, dated February 13, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

Jim Wishlove
Fire Chief
(604-303-2715)

Att. 1

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Staff Report

Origin

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

Emergency Programs

In January 2023 staff completed a review, update and transfer of the majority of the Emergency Program preparedness and planning web page information to the Richmond Fire-Rescue website. Improvements include accessibility, follow-up links and easier for the public to access.

During Saturday, January 21 to Monday, January 23, 2023, staff supported the response to the Vancouver Harbour oil sheen, including coordination calls with the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) and other response partners. Regular updates were provided to participating City staff to monitor the trajectory of the pollution.

Internal Staff Training and Public Outreach & Education

In January 2023, staff delivered in-house fire-training, educational activities and programs including: Cancer Awareness Education, Incident Command Systems, Frontline Leadership, Apparatus Maintenance Portal, Technical High Angle Rope Rescue, Rapid Intervention, Violence Prevention & Awareness and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Training.

In January 2023, staff also facilitated outreach events to provide educational opportunities to the community, including an education booth at Minoru Centre for Active Living and a Fire Hall tour for the students of William Cook Elementary.

An online school education program aimed at elementary school pupils was developed and implemented in January 2023. Co-facilitated by in-school teachers at School District 38 and educators, the online program consists of educational videos, online quizzes and customized hard-copy learning materials. After a class has completed the full curriculum of the program, emergency response staff will attend the school to present Certificates of Completion to the students, completing the experience and outreach cycle for that particular program.

Staff presented certificates of completion, took a group photo, completed a turnout gear demonstration, and gave a truck tour to the following kindergarten classes in January:

- On January 25, staff visited one class at McKinney Elementary School, which is the first class to complete the new Online Education Program for Kindergarten.
- On January 27, staff visited two classes at Dixon Elementary School who also completed the program.

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 fire loss and damage, which can increase significantly once a fire extends beyond the room of origin. Meeting this standard also assists in mitigating loss of life, reduction of property damage and protection of the environment. In January 2023, there were 969 reported incidents of all types, representing an overall increase of two per cent in incidents from January 2022 to January 2023 (Table 1).

Table 1: Total Incidents - January 2023				
	Incident Totals (2023)	Percentage Change from January 2022 to 2023	Number Change from January 2022 to 2023	5 Year Average for January
Alarm Active No Fire	171	-13	-26	169
Explosion	0	-100	-1	1
Fire	20	-23	-6	25
Haz-Mat	5	-50	-5	11
Medical	540	+14	+66	398
MVI	66	-13	-10	84
Public Hazard	10	-9	-1	10
Public Service	72	-27	-27	69
Response Cancelled/Unfounded	83	+48	+27	59
Specialized Transport	2	-33	-1	4
Tech Rescue	0	-	-	0
Total	969	+2	+16	830

The average time on scene in January 2023 for emergency response crews was 29 minutes, which is six minutes less on average than the number recorded in 2022 of 35 minutes. The time spent on scene can vary due to the nature and severity of each incident.

In January 2023, there were 20 fire incidents reported to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, representing a 23 per cent decrease from January 2022. The average number of fires reported each January over the last five years is 25.

Fire damage and property losses during January 2023 are estimated at \$30,000. This total includes \$28,000 for building/asset loss and \$2,000 for content loss. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated to be \$23,974,866 and the total value preserved from damage was \$23,944,866. These numbers translate to 99 per cent of value protected (Table 2), which is the same value observed in 2022.

Table 2: Fire Incidents By Type and Loss Estimates - January 2023						
Incident Type Breakdown	Incident Volume	Estimated Building/ Asset Value (\$)	Estimated Building/ Asset Loss (\$)	Estimated Content Value (\$)	Estimated Content Loss (\$)	Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)
Residential: Single family	1	2,429,000	-	1,500	-	2,430,500
Multi family	4	4,771,766	-	-	-	4,771,766
Commercial/Industrial	5	16,757,600	15,000	-	-	16,742,600
Outdoor	7	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle/Vessel	3	13,000	13,000	2,000	2,000	-
Totals*	20	23,971,366	28,000	3,500	2,000	23,944,866

* 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 medical interventions in these notable January 2023 incidents:

- **January 6, 2023 – Motor Vehicle Incident on No. 2 Road.** Emergency crews responded to a vehicle that had been driven into a building. The vehicle was lodged in a recycling depot in the mall located at No. 2 Road and Blundell Road. One customer suffered minor injuries and was attended to by BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) staff. The driver reported no injuries. A Fire Investigator was contacted to assess the damage for further action by staff.
- **January 21, 2023 – Drowning near Airport Road.** Emergency crews responded to a drowning on Airport Road. A body was found by a passing logging boat who had towed the body to the dock. Emergency response staff assisted RCMP and BCEHS with the removal of the body from the water. There were no other injuries to the public or RFR personnel.
- **January 28, 2023 - Building Fire on Moffatt Road.** Multiple emergency crews responded to reports of a fire on Moffatt Road. First on scene crews established command and found smoke showing from the south side of a three story apartment building. The fire had been extinguished by the resident. Emergency crews entered to assure extinguishment, checked for extension and performed ventilation. BCEHS crews attended to the two occupants of the affected suite who had smoke inhalation and transported them to Richmond General Hospital. Upon clearing residual smoke, air monitoring was performed. The alarm panel was left in trouble mode and a Fire Watch form was sent to the Strata Manager. The affected suite was locked and care of the building was passed to the Strata Manager. There were no reports of injuries to the public or staff. A Fire Investigator and the RCMP attended the scene.

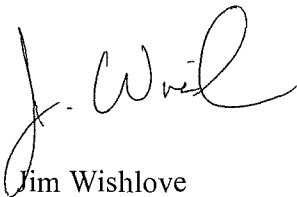
- **January 31, 2023 – Motor Vehicle Incident on Garden City Road.** Emergency crews responded to a motor vehicle incident involving two vehicles on Garden City Road. On arrival, crews took the scene under control. One driver required extrication by emergency crews, who used spreaders and cutters to remove the driver from the vehicle. Both drivers were provided treatment by BCEHS crews and taken to hospital. Traffic was disrupted northbound on Garden City Road as one of the vehicles struck a hydrant and a transformer pole. One vehicle's electric battery had partially separated from its battery pack, resulting in a small fire which crews kept under control. City Public Works staff attended and managed the damaged hydrant and delivered sand to completely cover the battery and smother the fire. The intersection remained closed for several hours due to the overhead electrical hazard and the threat from the electric vehicle battery. Crews were advised not move the battery core until the fire was completely suppressed. The RCMP were also on scene and a Fire Investigator attended.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Richmond Fire-Rescue continues to monitor activities to identify and create programs to respond to emerging trends.



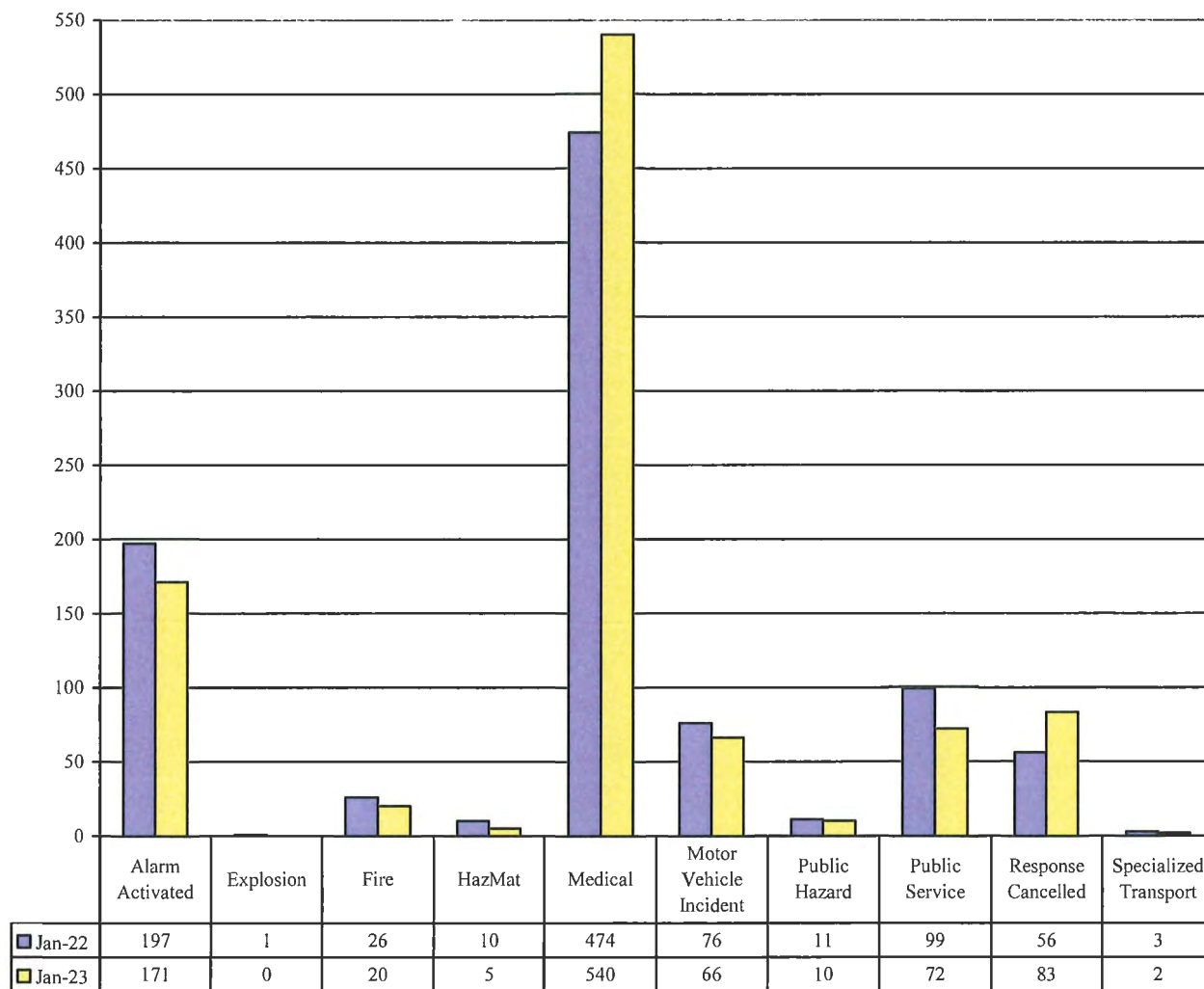
Jim Wishlove
Fire Chief
(604-303-2715)

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

Incident Volumes

The following chart provides a month-to-month comparison regarding incidents occurring in January 2022 and 2023. In January 2023, there were 969 incidents, compared to 953 in January 2022. This represents an overall increase of two per cent.

Table 3: January 2022 & January 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, 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 56 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR during the month of January 2023. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for January 2022 and 2023 is set out in the following table by sub-type. There were 540 medical incidents in January 2023 compared to 474 in January 2022, an increase of 66 per cent.

Table 4a: January 2022 & January 2023 Medical Calls by Type

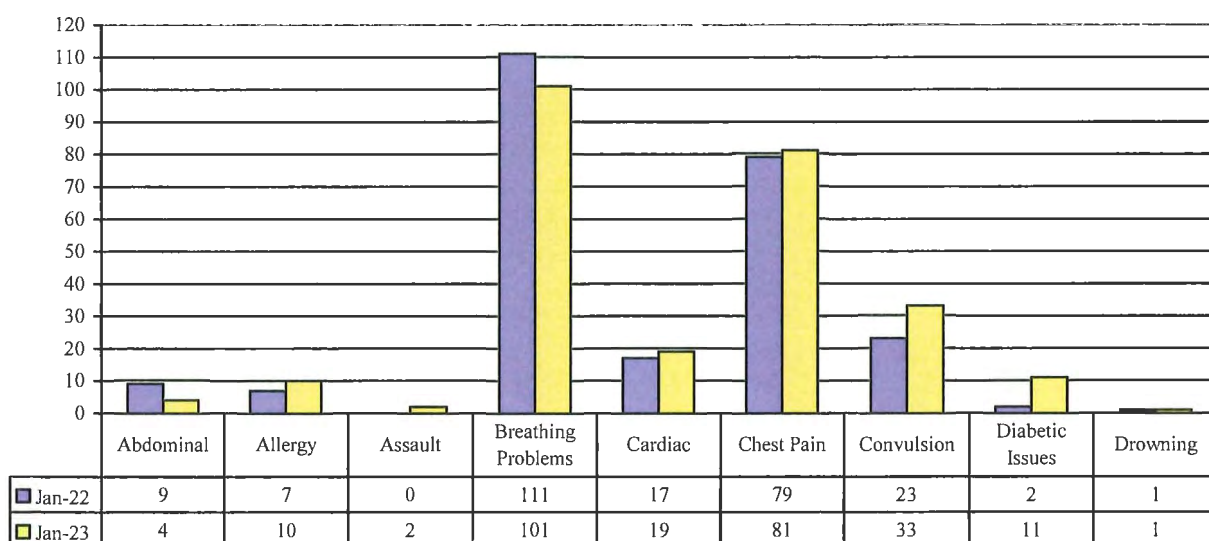
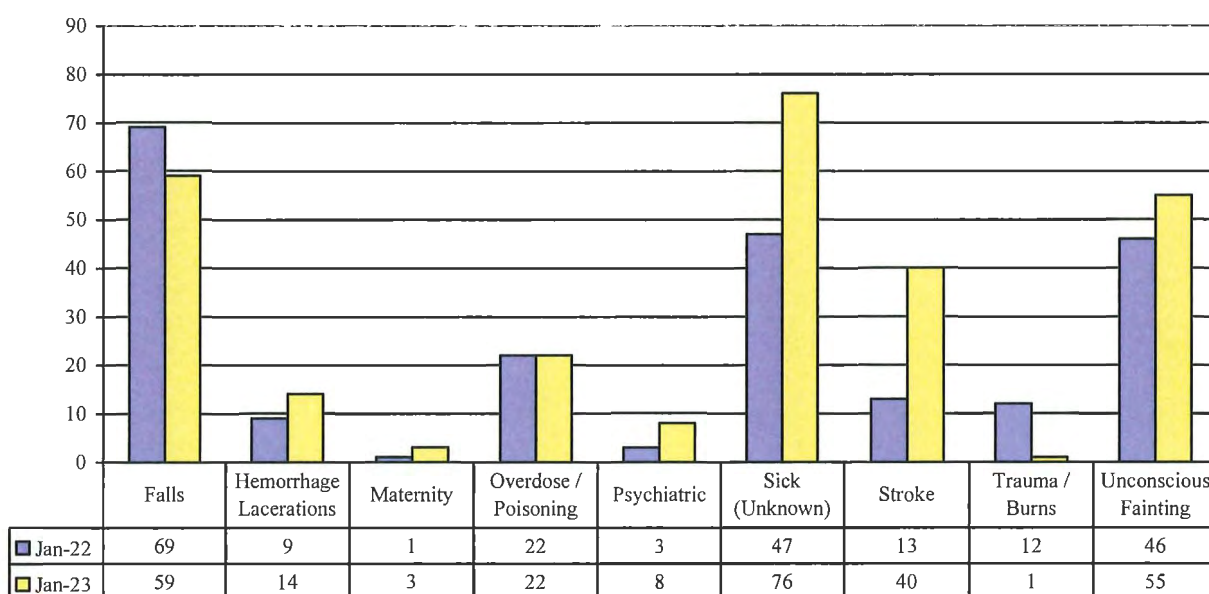


Table 4b: January 2022 & January 2023 Medical Calls by Type



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

Table 4c: Total Fire Calls for Service in January from 2014 to 2023

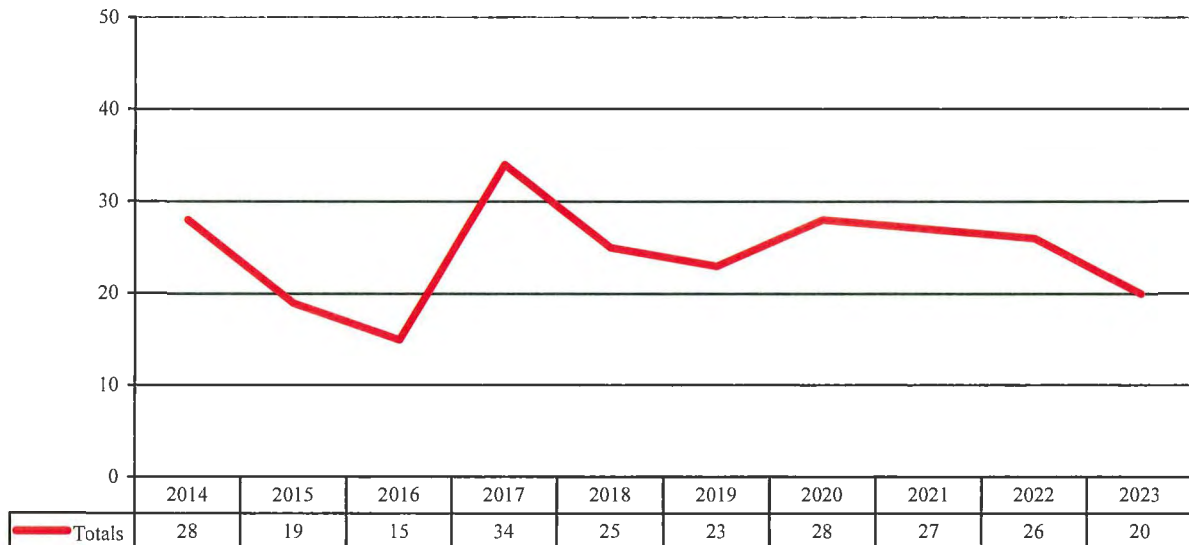


Table 4d: Total Medical Calls for Service in January from 2014 to 2023



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

Start of pandemic

Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for January 2023 are listed below:

Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – January 2023			
	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined
Residential - Single-family	-	1	-
Residential - Multi-family	-	4	-
Commercial/Industrial	-	5	-
Outdoor	1	5	1
Vehicle	1	2	-
Totals	2	17	1

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: Hazardous Materials Incidents By Type – January 2023	
	Details
Gasses (Natural / Propane)	5
Totals	5

Figure 1: Location of reportable fires attended in January 2023 (total 20)



Richmond Fire Rescue:
Relative Density of Locations for 20 Fire Incidents
January 2023

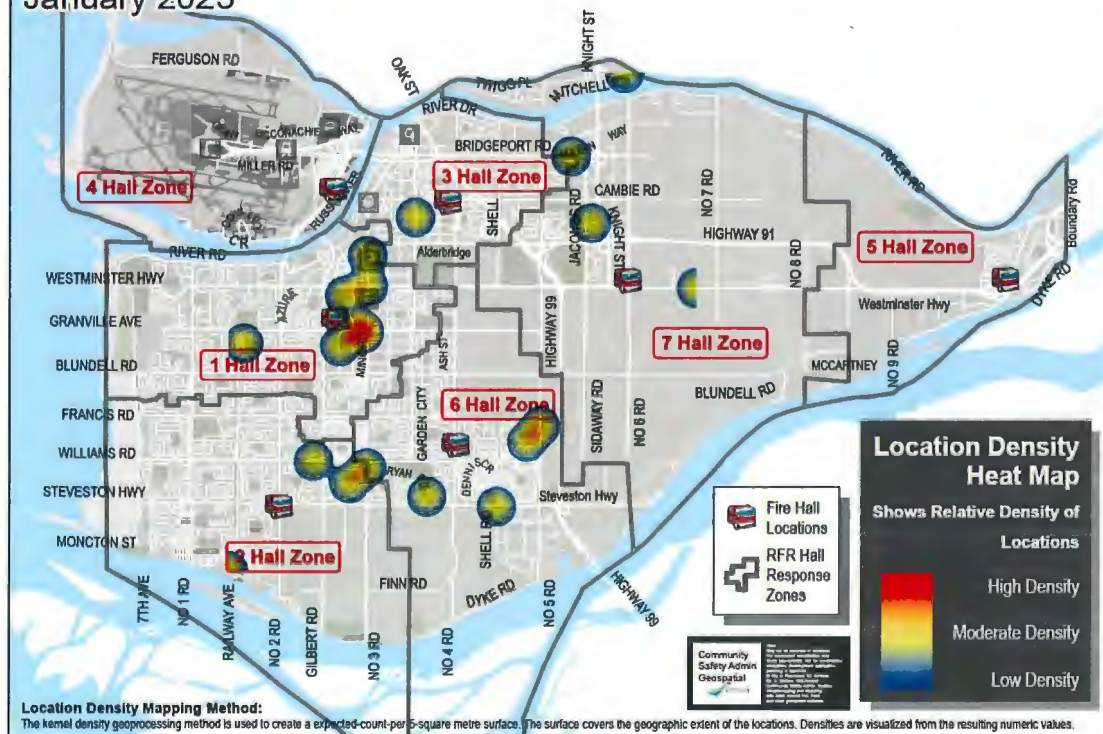


Figure 2: Location of Medical Incidents in January 2023 (total 540)

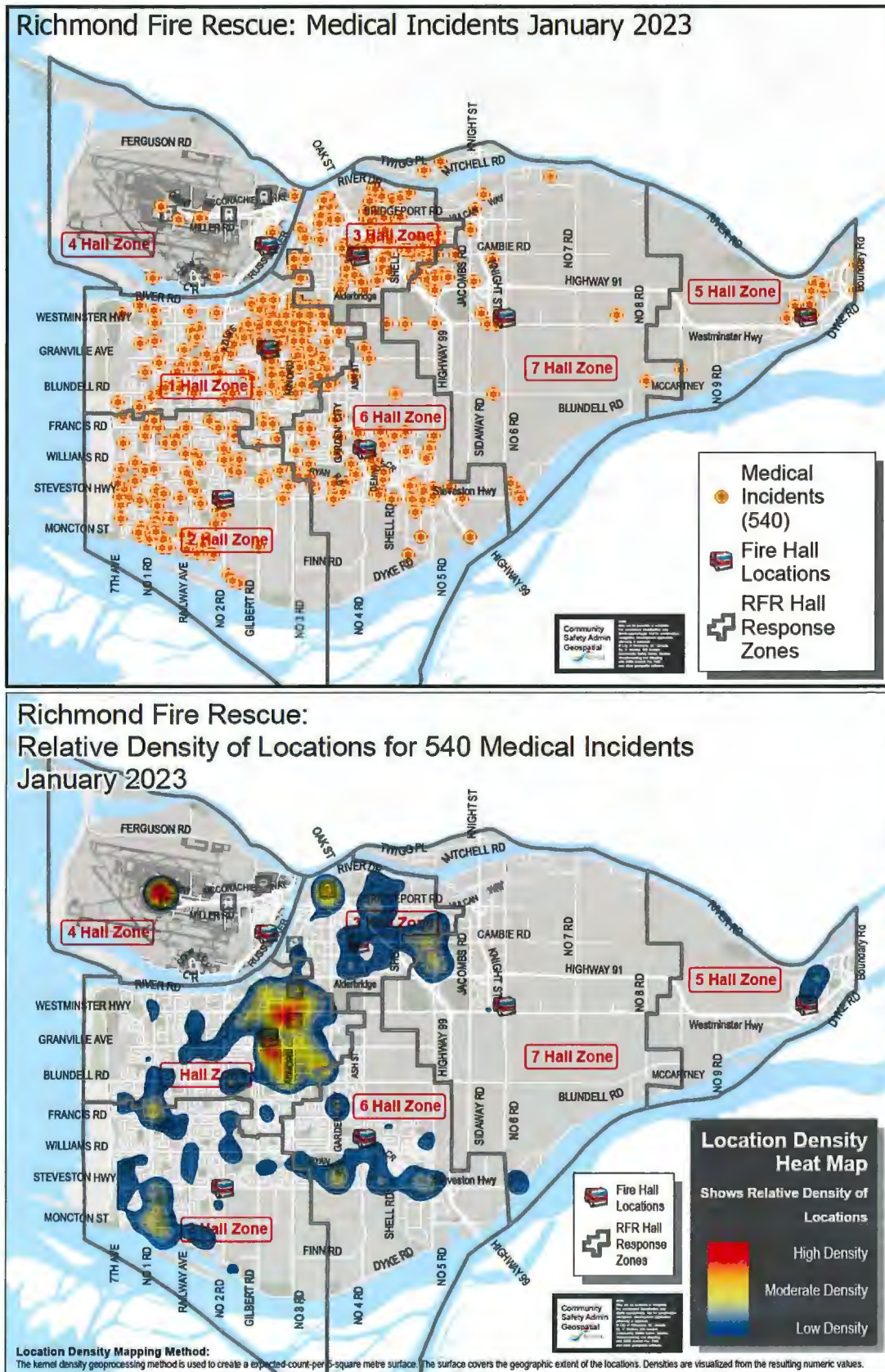
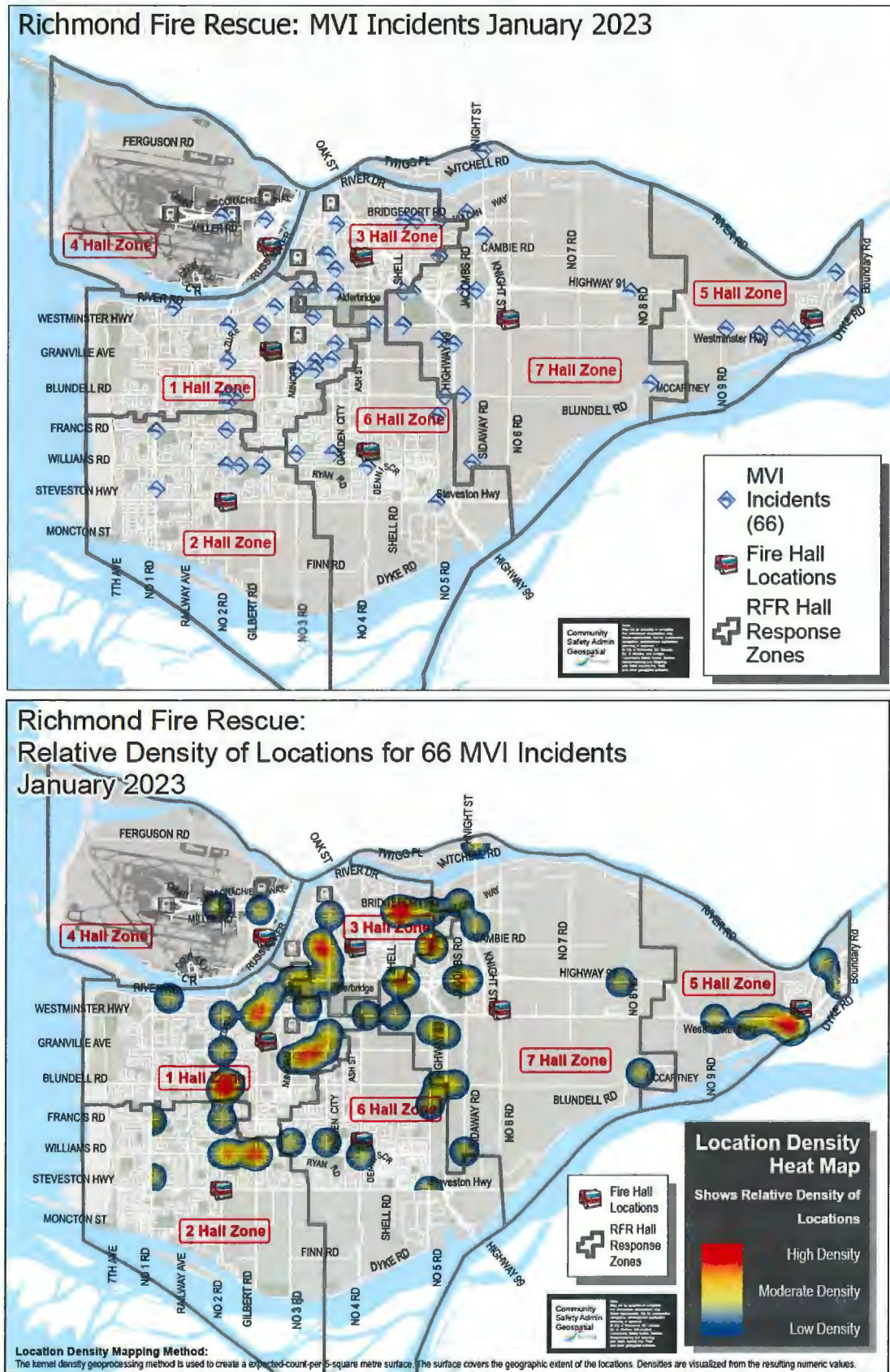


Figure 3: Location of MVI Incidents in January 2023 (total 66)





City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Dave Chauhan
Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge
Date: February 10, 2023
File: 09-5000-01/2023-Vol
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Re: RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2023

Recommendation from Officer in Charge

That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – January 2023”, dated February 10, 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

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SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS:
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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. Block Watch
5. Community Police Station Programs
6. Crime Prevention Unit
7. Road Safety Unit
8. Victim Services
9. Youth Section

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Analysis

Activities and Noteworthy Files

Road Rage Suspect

On January 9, 2023, the Richmond RCMP issued a public appeal for witnesses following a road rage incident on December 27, 2022. During the exchange, the suspect deployed bear spray against the victim and left the scene. Police provided a suspect description and requested witnesses to share dashcam footage of the area.

Illegal Gaming House

On January 17, 2023, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising that an illegal gaming house in the 6000 block of Skaha Crescent had been dismantled. The Richmond RCMP Organized Crime Unit arrested 16 individuals with the assistance of several law enforcement partners, including the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC.

Forgery Lab

On January 19, 2023, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising that police had executed a search warrant on a sophisticated forged identification lab. Police seized multiple high-end printers, laminators, and thousands of blank identification cards. A suspect was arrested and released with conditions. The investigation is ongoing.

Civilian Recognition

On January 25, 2023, the Richmond RCMP presented three civilians with awards for their actions following a violent assault on a police officer. On February 17, 2022, Richmond RCMP officers responded to fraud and theft at a local hotel. The three civilians assisted police in apprehending a suspect after he injured a police officer during an attempted arrest.

Analysis of Police Statistics*Arson*

In January 2023, there were three reported arsons, down one incident from the previous month and two from January 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is within the average range.

Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were 17 serious assault events in January 2023, which is a six percent increase from the previous month and is a six per cent decrease from January 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is within the average range.

To date, suspects have been identified in 76 per cent of assaults this month. Of the events reported in January 2023, 29 per cent were domestic in nature.

Auto Theft

In January 2023, there were 21 incidents of auto theft, which is a 24 per cent increase from the previous month and is a five per cent increase from January 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the average range.

Drugs

In January 2023, there were 26 drug files, which is up 24 per cent from the previous month and up 73 per cent from January 2022.¹ No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the average range.

Mental Health

There were 263 mental health-related incidents in January 2023, which is an 18 per cent increase from the previous month and is a 14 per cent increase from January 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the average range.

There were 70 police apprehensions this month and the average hospital wait time was 92 minutes; both of these statistics are within the average range.

¹ A statistically low number of drug files were recorded in January 2022.

Residential Break and Enter

There were 25 break and enters to residences in January 2023, which is a four per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 19 per cent decrease from January 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the average range.

Commercial Break and Enter

In January 2023, there were 33 break and enters to businesses, which represents a six per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 30 per cent increase from January 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 no robberies in January 2023, which is down six incidents from the previous month and down 10 incidents from January 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is below the average range.

Sexual Offences

In January 2023, there were 21 sexual offence files, which is a 24 per cent increase from the previous month and is a 62 per cent increase from January 2022.² No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Referrals from the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Team accounted for one-third of the files this month. Suspects have been identified in 93 per cent of the remaining 14 incidents.

Shoplifting

There were 77 reported shoplifting thefts in January 2023, which is a 10 per cent increase from the previous month and is a 79 per cent increase from January 2022.³ No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is within the average range.

Theft from Automobile

There were 178 theft from automobile incidents in January 2023, which is up 47 per cent from the previous month and up 33 per cent from January 2022. While the number of thefts from automobiles this month remained within the average range, police observed an increase in catalytic converter thefts, which are classified as a theft from automobile. No additional patterns or trends have been identified.

² 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. A statistically low number of sex offences were recorded in January 2022.

³ A statistically low number of shoplifting thefts were recorded in January 2022.

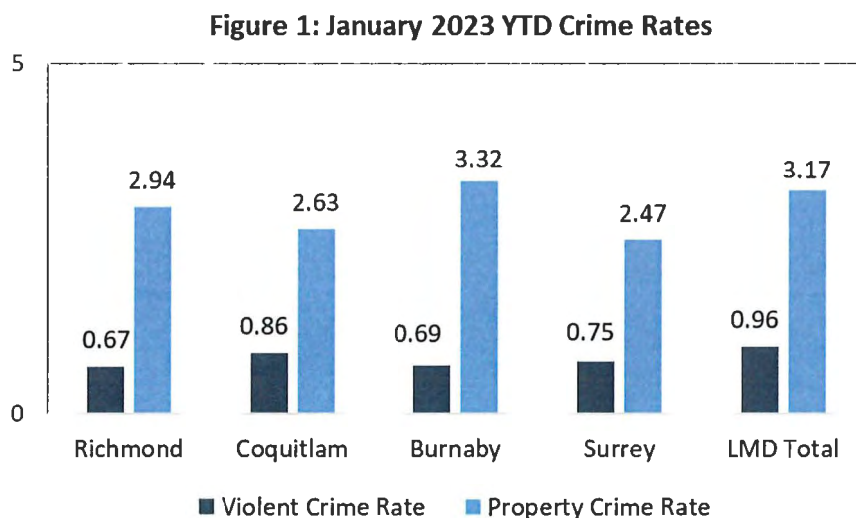
Hate Crimes and Incidents

Table 1 presents the number of hate crimes and hate incidents reported between January 1, 2019 and January 31, 2023.⁴ 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. The incidents reported this month included racist comments and graffiti.

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)	0	3	3

Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.⁵ In January 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.



In January 2023, multiple jurisdictions across the Lower Mainland experienced an increase in catalytic converter thefts. This trend was also observed in Richmond, which contributed to a 20 per cent increase in the property crime rate compared to the previous year. The Richmond RCMP

⁴ The BC Hate Crimes Unit uses the terms hate-motivated crime and hate-motivated incident.

⁵ Crime rate is year to date (YTD) and calculated per 1,000 people.

used intelligence-led deployment strategies to target the areas which were experiencing these thefts and by the end of the month a notable decrease had been observed. Investigative and enforcement efforts are ongoing.

Block Watch

At the end of January 2023, the Block Watch program had 303 groups totaling 7,040 participants. Currently, the program includes 442 captains and co-captains. This month, a new group in the Hamilton area received Block Watch group training at the Cambie Community Centre.

Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Detachment's policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue safety initiatives to enhance 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 reflective of weather conditions, seasonal initiatives and the availability of volunteers.

During the month of January, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of eight volunteer foot/van patrol totalling 40 hours.
- A total of eight Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 229 information letters.
- There were 31 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 561 information letters were distributed.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 1,150 vehicles and 104 information letters were issued.
- January 7 – Volunteers conducted three Fail to Stop deployments in central Richmond and issued 90 information letters.
- January 12 – Volunteers conducted Lock Out Auto Crime deployments at multiple locations in central Richmond and issued 72 information letters.
- January 13 – Volunteers conducted two Lock Out Auto Crime deployments in central Richmond and issued 42 information letters.
- January 20 – Volunteers conducted a Speed Watch deployment at Hamilton Elementary.
- January 26 – Volunteers conducted Speed Watch deployments at Thomas Kidd Elementary, Choice Elementary and Hamilton Elementary. A total of 10 information letters were issued and 148 vehicles were scanned through the Stolen Auto Recovery System.

Lock Out Auto Crime

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.⁶

Figure 2: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

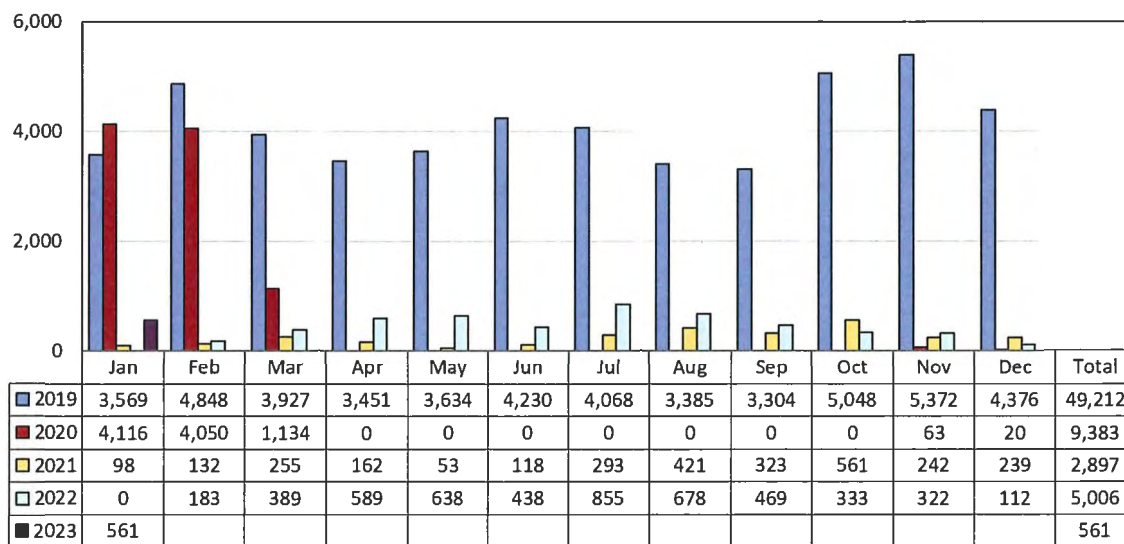
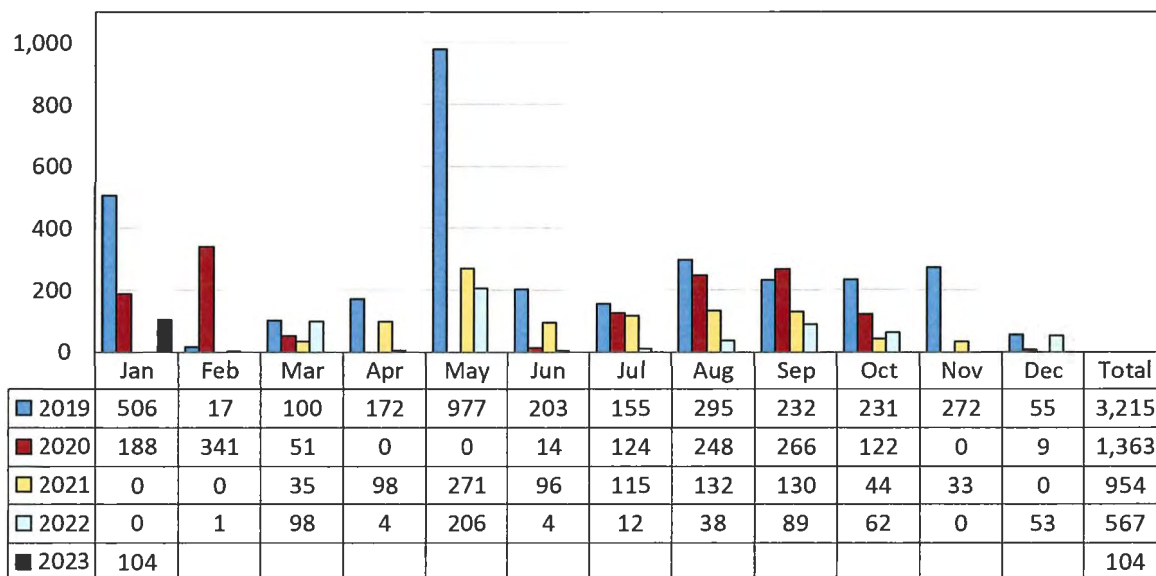
*Speed Watch*

Figure 3 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent



⁶ 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.

Crime Prevention Unit

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

- Business Outreach
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- Pedestrian Safety Presentation
- Place of Worship Patrols
- Proactive Foot Patrols
- Speed Watch

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 January 2023 to both November 2022 and December 2022. Violation tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

Infraction	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023
Distracted Driving	92	99	83
Driver License	189	220	174
Impaired	31	54	46
Intersection Offences	39	34	42
Moving Infractions ⁷	60	89	84
Speeding	58	71	90
Seatbelts	15	25	6
Vehicle Related ⁸	190	118	252
Other ⁹	6	14	6
Total	680	724	783

Victim Services

In January 2023, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 76 new clients and attended eight crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 90 files. In January, Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, mental health issues and family conflict.

⁷ Moving infractions refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

⁸ Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

⁹ Other refers to miscellaneous charges including failing 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 January, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 57 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 49 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with the students at recess and lunch, as well as during morning and afternoon supervision.
- The second term of DARE launched for the 2022-2023 school year. DARE classes were delivered to a total of 513 students in six schools.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

In January 2023, the Richmond RCMP conducted a number of noteworthy investigations, including a road rage incident and a sophisticated forgery lab. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for robberies, which were below average.

In January, the Community Engagement Team and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives. 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

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.

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.

JANUARY 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.

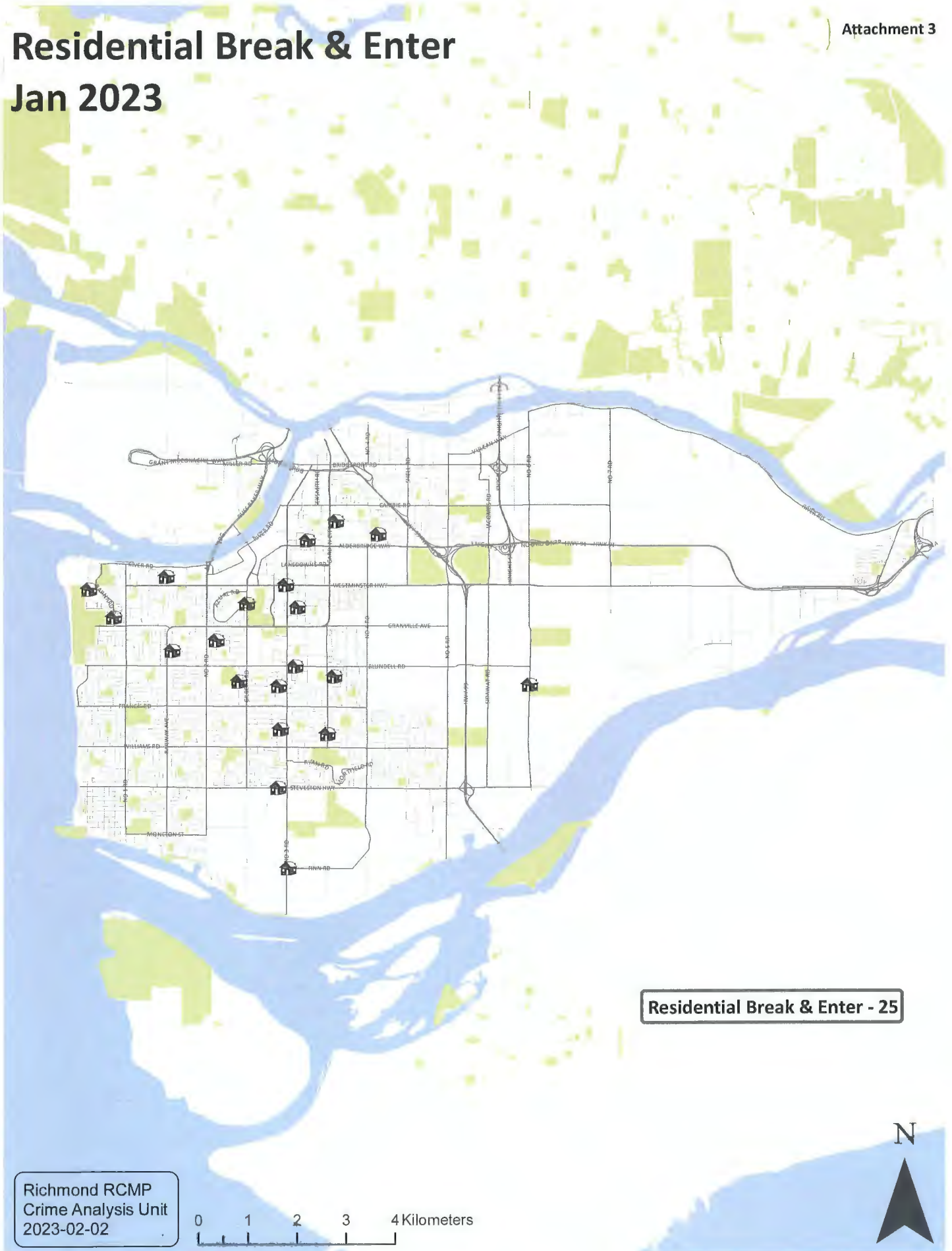
This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular 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 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 crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red**. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range 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**.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	Jan - 23	January		2022	2023	% Change	# Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	153	137.2	119-155	138	153	11%	15
Robbery <small>UCR 801-1-2</small>	0	6.6	4-9	10	0	-100%	-10
Assault Common <small>UCR 830</small>	48	47.4	42-53	41	48	17%	7
Assault Serious <small>UCR 840, 842</small>	17	13.6	10-17	18	17	-6%	-1
Sexual Offences <small>UCR 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1383, 1384, 1385, 1386, 1387, 1388, 1389, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414, 1415, 1416, 1417, 1418, 1419, 1420, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1424, 1425, 1426, 1427, 1428, 1429, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1444, 1445, 1446, 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1456, 1457, 1458, 1459, 1460, 1461, 1462, 1463, 1464, 1465, 1466, 1467, 1468, 1469, 1470, 1471, 1472, 1473, 1474, 1475, 1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1480, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1484, 1485, 1486, 1487, 1488, 1489, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1537, 1538, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633, 1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, 1685, 1686, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1690, 1691, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1732, 1733, 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1739, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023</small>	21	19.0	14-24	13	21	62%	8
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	667	609.2	507-711	469	667	42%	198
Business B&E <small>UCR 220-1</small>	33	39.6	23-56	30	39	30%	9
Residential B&E <small>UCR 220-2</small>	25	59.2	32-86	31	25	-19%	-6
Auto Theft <small>UCR 225 (1-10), 2178</small>	21	24.4	16-32	20	21	5%	1
Theft from Auto <small>UCR 2132, 2142</small>	178	171.6	139-204	134	178	33%	44
Theft <small>UCR 210, 2140</small>	105	82.2	61-103	69	105	52%	36
Shoplifting <small>UCR 213, 2143</small>	77	63.4	52-75	43	77	79%	34
Fraud <small>UCR 2136 with 2136, 2137, 2138</small>	88	67.6	59-76	53	88	66%	35
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	305	177.2	158-197	182	305	68%	123
Arson <small>UCR 260, 210</small>	3	3.8	2-6	5	3	-40%	-2
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	1125	924.2	831-1017	790	1125	42%	335
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	26	66.8	5-129	15	26	73%	11
MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	263	239.0	214-264	230	263	14%	33

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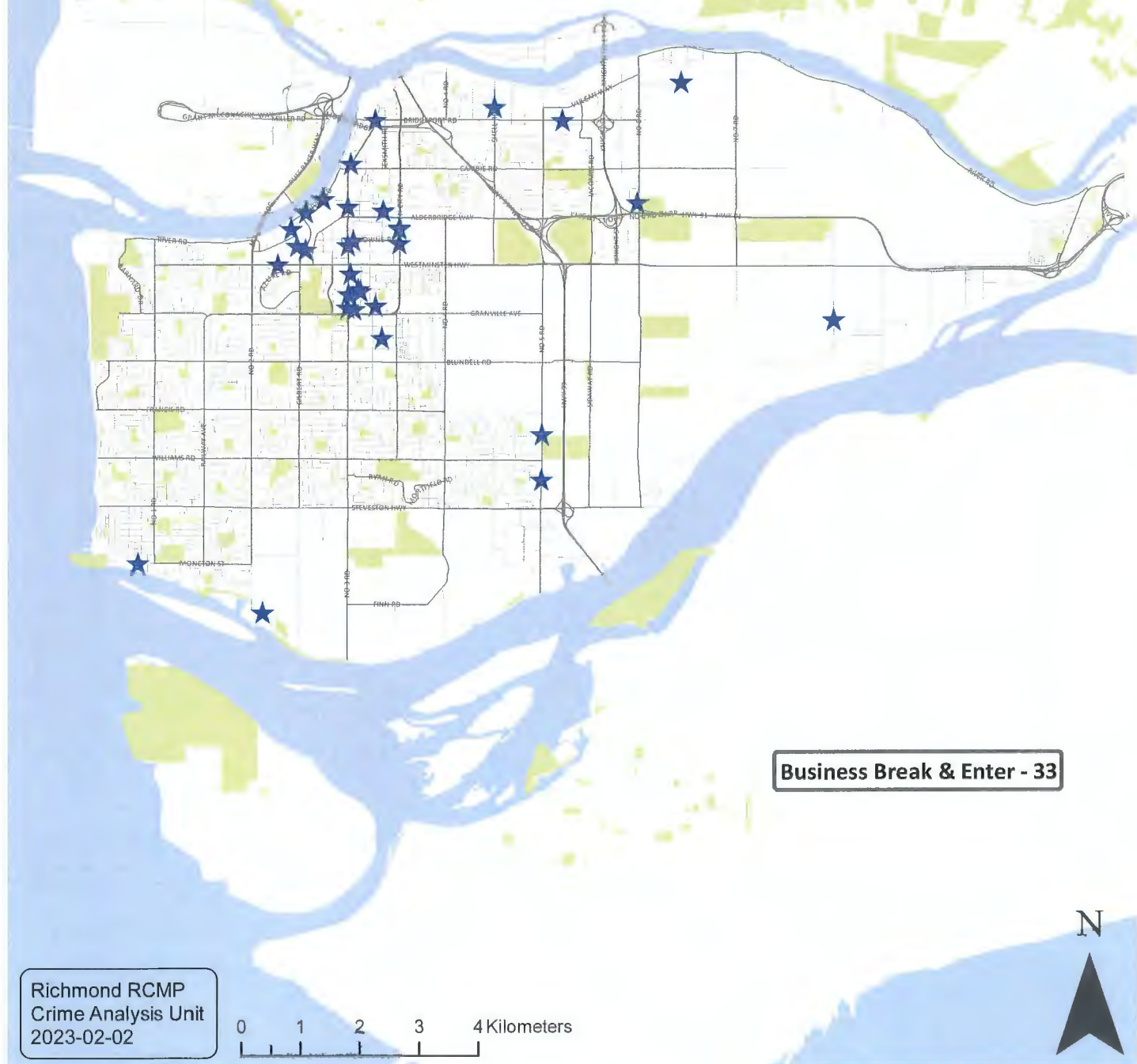


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Business Break & Enter Jan 2023



Theft from Auto Jan 2023



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