

## Community Safety Committee Electronic Meeting

Council Chambers, City Hall 6911 No. 3 Road Tuesday, July 11, 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 June 13, 2023.

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

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

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION**

1. ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2023

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7227296)

See Page CS-8 for full report

Designated Speaker: Geoffrey Bramhill

**CS-8** 

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|              |      | STAFF RECOMMENDATION   |
|              |      | That the staff report titled "Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – May 2023", dated June 16, 2023, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.                |
|              |      |  |
|              | 2.   | PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2023 (File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7264017)   |
| <b>CS-12</b> |      | See Page CS-12 for full report   |
|              |      | Designated Speaker: Mark Corrado   |
|              |      | STAFF RECOMMENDATION   |
|              |      | That the staff report titled "Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – May 2023", dated June 16, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information. |
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|              | 3.   | RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2023  |
|              |      | (File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue) (REDMS No. 7248698)   |
| <b>CS-20</b> |      | See Page CS-20 for full report   |
|              |      | Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove  |
|              |      | STAFF RECOMMENDATION   |
|              |      | That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – May 2023", dated June 9, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.  |
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|              | 4.   | FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING (Verbal Report)  |
|              |      | Designated Speaker: Fire Chief Jim Wishlove  |
|              |      | Items for discussion: None.  |

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|              | 5.   | RICHMOND RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - MAY 2023 (File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 7243162)  |
| <b>CS-32</b> |      | See Page CS-32 for full report   |
|              |      | Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan   |
|              |      | STAFF RECOMMENDATION   |
|              |      | That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report- May 2023", dated June 13, 2023, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information. |
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|              | 6.   | RCMP/OIC BRIEFING (Verbal Report)  |
|              |      | Designated Speaker: Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan   |
|              |      | Item for discussion:   |
|              |      | OIC Commendations  |
|              | 7.   | MANAGER'S REPORT   |
|              |      | ADJOURNMENT  |
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#### Minutes

## **Community Safety Committee**

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Place: Council Chambers

Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair

Councillor Andy Hobbs Councillor Laura Gillanders

Councillor Kash Heed

Absent: Councillor Bill McNulty

Also Present: Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

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 May 9, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

# 1. PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2023

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7234405)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) approximately one-third of noise related calls for service are connected to repeat offenders, (ii) complaints pertaining to short-term rental violations vary on a case by case basis and are resolved by either removing the short-term rental listing or by obtaining a boarding and lodging license, if permissible, (iii) there are now two regular full-time Soil Bylaw Officers, (iv) there are no specific geographical density patterns in relation to unsightly premises calls for service, and (v) boulevard calls for service relate to violations under the *Boulevard Maintenance Regulation Bylaw No. 7174* and are complaint based.

## Community Safety Committee Tuesday, June 13, 2023

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – April 2023", dated May 29, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

# 2. ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2023

(File Ref. No. 09-5375-09) (REDMS No. 7204486)

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – April 2023", dated May 11, 2023, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

# 3. RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2023

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 7220857)

In reply to queries from Committee, Fire Chief Jim Wishlove noted that (i) the increase in medical calls for service is partly due to the aging population in Richmond and Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) has the capacity to respond to the increase in medical incidents, (ii) in relation to overdose/poisoning calls, outdoor locations indicate the call's originating location, (iii) the relative density of locations for fire and medical incidents is related to densely populated areas, (iv) internal staff training includes new training to originally designated positions or a training upgrade, (v) a RFR Pool Officer is part of succession training that includes trained, qualified senior firefighters that are able to act in a supervisory position, (vi) Crane Inspection Training involves BC Construction Safety Alliance and RFR's collaboration with WorkSafeBC, and (vii) RFR receives an annual allocation of funds through BC Construction Safety Alliance.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – April 2023", dated May 10, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

## Community Safety Committee Tuesday, June 13, 2023

#### 4. FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

#### (i) Doors Open Richmond

Chief Wishlove shared that Richmond Fire-Rescue participated in the Doors Open Richmond event on Saturday, June 3, 2023, drawing over 3,500 visitors to the No. 1 Fire Hall.

#### (ii) Public Outreach Training Program

Chief Wishlove noted that over 40 classes across 12 different schools within the Richmond School District completed the Public Outreach training program, an online platform specifically oriented to elementary schools.

#### 5. RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2023

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 7216689)

In reply to queries from Committee, Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan noted that (i) suspects have been identified in the majority of serious assault events, (ii) there are challenges in quantifying certain mental health incidents, and statistics for mental health-related incidents include dementia related calls, (iii) violation tickets include tickets written by the Road Safety Unit and other members, (iv) there is no significant concern pertaining to the recent change in speed limits in specific areas, and (v) catalytic converter thefts have an impact on property crime rates and there has been recent success with arrests.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report - April 2023", dated May 11, 2023, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6. RCMP/OIC BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

None

#### 7. MANAGER'S REPORT

#### **Upcoming Community Safety Reports**

Staff noted that three reports from the Community Safety Division, including reports related to Touchstone Family Association, Peace Officers and the proposed alcohol consumption in City parks, will be coming forward to the June 19, 2023 General Purposes Committee meeting.

## Community Safety Committee Tuesday, June 13, 2023

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded *That the meeting adjourn (4:37 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, June 13, 2023.

Councillor Alexa Loo Chair Shannon Unrau Legislative Services Associate



## **Report to Committee**

To:

Community Safety Committee

General Manager, Community Safety

Date:

June 16, 2023

From:

Cecilia Achiam

File:

12-8375-01/2023-Vol

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Re:

Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report - May 2023

#### **Staff Recommendation**

That the staff report titled "Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – May 2023", dated June 16, 2023, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

Cecilia Achiam

General Manager, Community Safety

(604-276-4122)

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#### **Staff Report**

#### Origin

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

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**

In May 2023, the total number of dogs licenced was 177. This figure represents 105 new dog licence applications and 72 dog licence renewal applications. The total number of dog's licenced year to date is 7,136.

BC SPCA Officers received 210 calls for service related to various animal control and dog licencing infractions. Officer patrols are conducted regularly on a proactive and complaint basis, a total of 39 parks, dikes and/or school patrols occurred in May.

Staff posted on the City's social media platforms a guideline for off leash dog parks and trails. The social media posting identifies the warmer and longer days in the upcoming months promotes exercising dogs outdoors and increasing visitors to the local off leash parks. This post highlighted the importance to display controlled command-responsive behaviour and cleaning up after pets to keep our parks clean and safe.

For the month of May, BC SPCA Officers issued 120 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 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 below, reflects the monthly and year-to-date animal control and dog licencing enforcement activity measured by violation issuance. It should be noted for reference, that the

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annual canvassing of outstanding dog licences is conducted by staff during the months of April through October and may show an increase of violations issued as depicted in Figure 1 below. The corresponding revenue is reflected in Figure 2.

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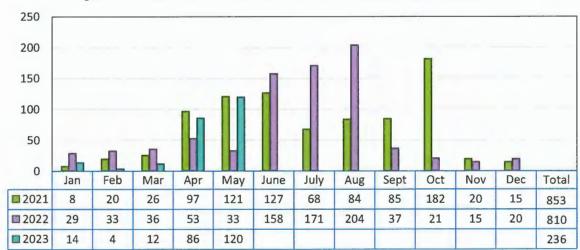
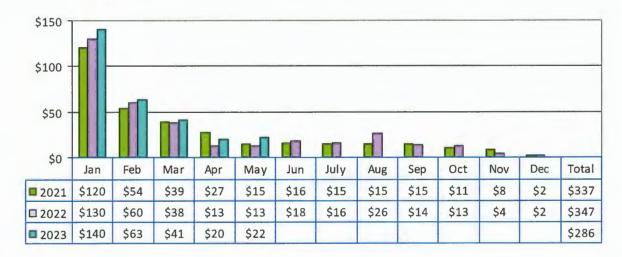


Figure 1: Animal Protection Services Violation Issuance Comparison

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



#### Administrative Staff Activity

In May, staff received 239 calls from the public related to animal services. The calls consist of a variety of subject matters related to dog licences, bylaw infractions, off-leash dog parks, adjudication process and general inquiries. The total number of calls to-date for 2023 are 1,252.

#### Animal Protection Services Bylaw Adjudication

The next adjudication session is scheduled for Q3, 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<br>May 2023 | Actual<br>May 2023 | YTD Budget<br>May 2023 | YTD Actual<br>May 2023 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Dog Licences    | 7,752              | 12,962             | 214,276                | 265,569                |
| Fines           | 577                | 8,975              | 2,029                  | 20,040                 |
| Total Revenue   | 8,329              | 21,937             | 216,305                | 285,609                |

Table 2: Animal Protection Services Revenue and Expenses

|                       | YTD Budget<br>May 2023 | YTD Actual<br>May 2023 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue               | 216,305                | 285,609                |
| Expenses              | 673,750                | 679,746                |
| Net Revenue (Expense) | (457,445)              | (394,137)              |

#### **Financial Impact**

None.

#### Conclusion

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

Geoffrey Bramhill

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Acting Manager, Animal Protection Services and Contract Administration (604-247-4136)



## **Report to Committee**

To: Community Safety Committee

**Date:** June 16, 2023

From:

Mark Corrado

File: 12-8

Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing

12-8375-01/2023-Vol

Re:

Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – May 2023

#### Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – May 2023", dated June 16, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

Mark Corrado

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

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**SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW** 

INITIALS:

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#### **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 May 2023, 199 calls for service files were opened for investigation, which is a 15 per cent increase (173) 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 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.

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

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Staff seek to obtain compliance through proactive education, voluntary adherence, or, when necessary, formal legal proceedings. Noise related calls for service have increased significantly and are driven by a combination of calls related to general noise and construction activity. Several noise files remain under active investigation; however, the majority of calls have been investigated and have come into compliance. Construction noise related calls for service are not specific to one classification, but often relate to work beginning earlier or running later than permitted.

Unsightly Premises and Zoning related calls for services have begun to trend upwards reflecting the seasonal trend in calls relating to overgrown vegetation. The variety of calls are not indicative of an overall trend.

#### 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 calls for service related to short-term rentals, smoking and signs.

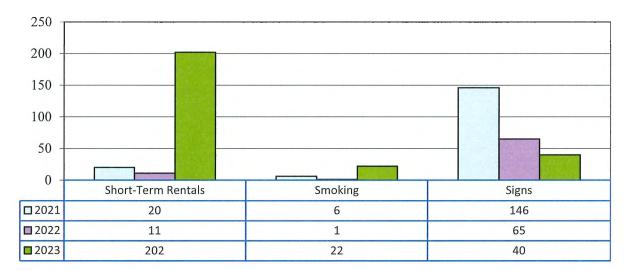


Figure 2: Property Use Calls For Service - May Year-To-Date Comparison

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

| Year | Calls for Service |
|------|-------------------|
| 2018 | 109               |
| 2019 | 61                |
| 2020 | 29                |

<sup>\*</sup>Figures represent the total calls received up to the end of May in the given year.

Calls for service for potential short-term rental violations are increasingly driven by dedicated staffing resources monitoring 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 license, if permissible.

Signage related calls for services remain low and the spike in calls in 2021 is attributed to the City of Richmond By-election. Smoking related calls have increased but are not indicative of a trend. The majority of smoking related calls were regarding purported smoking on private residential properties.

#### **Tow Permit Applications**

A year-to-date total of 133 tow permit applications have been reviewed and issued.

#### **Grease Inspections**

In May, 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 193 inspections have taken place year-to-date.

#### Administration Activity

In May, staff received 759 calls from the public for a variety of subject areas. Property use and parking related calls for service accounted for 567 of these calls with the remaining 192 calls related to parking permit issuance, ticket disputes and general inquires.

#### 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 79 site inspections in the month of May.

Stop Work/Removal Orders issued for the following properties:

- 11571 Mitchell Road
- 13000 Blundell Road
- 8671 No. 5 Road

- 13400 Blundell Road
- 10520 Blundell Road

The following properties are now in compliance:

- 13000 Blundell Road
- 2200 No. 6 Road

- 6020 No. 4 Road
- 6420 Steveston Highway

There are 17 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 bylaws charges were sworn in May.

#### Parking Enforcement

Staff responded to 368 calls for service in May. This is a 48 per cent increase (248) from the same month last year. When contrasted with 2022 data from the same period, parking enforcement revenue has increased by 16 per cent, with parking violation issuance up by two per cent, however this is not indicative of a trend. This contrast between parking revenue and violation issuance can be attributed to increased use of City parking meters and monthly parking permit issuance.

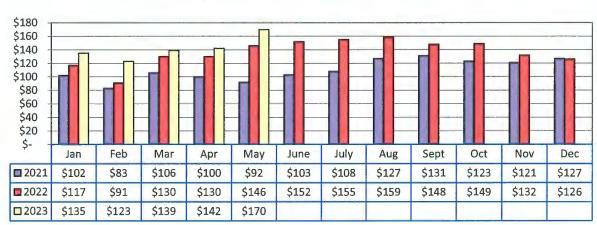
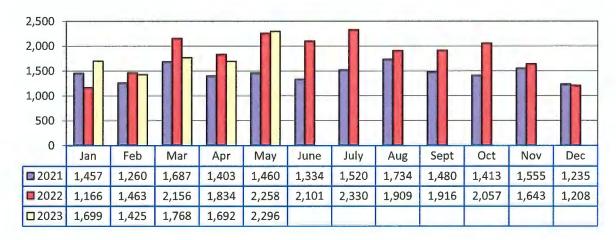


Figure 3: Parking Enforcement Revenue Comparison (000's)





#### Ticketing

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

Table 2: Community Bylaw Offences

| Ticket Issuance (BVN's & MTI's)    | May   | YTD |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Short-Term Rental Offences         | 50    | 253 |
| Soil Deposit and Removal Offences  | 6     | 20  |
| Watercourse Protection Offences    | 0     | 1   |
| Unsightly Premises Offences        | 3     | 6   |
| Noise Offences                     | 2     | 7   |
| Solid Waste and Recycling Offences | 0     | 0   |
| Parks Offences                     | 0     | 1   |
| Sign Offences                      | 7     | 25  |
| Watering Offences                  | 0     | 0   |
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Short-term rental offences are up due to dedicated staffing resources and the development of new technologies for identifying and monitoring advertised short-term rental properties. Noise related ticket issuance relates to the making of prohibited noise, which disturbs the peace/quiet of an area. Sign related offences relate primarily to relator signs staying up past the permitted time period.

#### Bylaw Adjudication

An adjudication session occurred on May 24, 2023. Twelve violation tickets were submitted for dispute, seven were for parking offences and the other five related to short term rental offences. The adjudicator upheld eleven of the twelve disputed tickets, the one dismissed violation ticket related to a parking offence.

#### 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 tend to pick up after the winter season. 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 comes in later in the year. Table 4 outlines individual revenue sources within parking enforcement. Table 5 outlines the net revenue and expenses for both property use and parking.

Table 3: Property Use Revenue by Source

| Program Revenue                         | Budget<br>May 2023 | Actual<br>May 2023 | YTD Budget<br>May 2023 | YTD Actual<br>May 2023 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| False Alarm                             | 4,750              | 792                | 23,750                 | 17,860                 |
| Towing Permits                          | 361                | 797                | 8,221                  | 9,724                  |
| Newspaper Box Permits                   | 0                  | 0                  | 7,362                  | 5,616                  |
| Soil Permit Application and Volume Fees | 2,254              | 2,000              | 43,983                 | 15,905                 |
| Other Bylaw Fines                       | 1,653              | 26,700             | 37,659                 | 71,002                 |
| Total Revenue                           | 9,018              | 30,289             | 120,975                | 120,107                |

Table 4: Parking Revenue by Source

| Program Revenue                | Budget<br>May 2023 | Actual<br>May 2023 | YTD Budget<br>May 2023 | YTD Actual<br>May 2023 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Contract Revenue <sup>1</sup>  | 5,000              | 5,000              | 25,000                 | 25,000                 |
| Filming Revenue                | 0                  | 415                | 0                      | 11,398                 |
| Parking Revenue <sup>2</sup>   | 170,675            | 170,434            | 853,375                | 709,613                |
| Receivable Income <sup>3</sup> | 12,500             | 4,270              | 37,500                 | 4,270                  |
| Other Bylaw Fines              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                      | 201                    |
| Total Revenue                  | 188,175            | 180,119            | 915,875                | 750,482                |

Table 5: Property Use and Parking Revenue and Expenses

|              |                       | YTD Budget<br>May 2023 | YTD Actual<br>May 2023 |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Property Use | Revenue               | 120,975                | 120,107                |
|              | Expenses              | 620,351                | 523,560                |
|              | Net Revenue (Expense) | (499,376)              | (403,453)              |
| Parking      | Revenue               | 915,875                | 750,482                |
|              | Expenses              | 671,667                | 651,499                |
|              | Net Revenue (Expense) | 244,208                | 98,983                 |

City Towing Contract with Rusty's towing
 Parking Revenue consists of Parking Meters, Monthly Parking Permits, and Parking Enforcement
 Receivable Income consists of Night Market Recoveries

## **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

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Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing

(604-204-8673)



## **Report to Committee**

To:

Community Safety Committee

Date:

June 9, 2023

From:

Jim Wishlove Fire Chief File

09-5140-01/2023-Vol

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Re:

Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – May 2023

#### **Staff Recommendation**

That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – May 2023", dated June 9, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

Jim Wishlove Fire Chief (604-303-2715)

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REPORT CONCURRENCE

CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER

SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW

INITIALS:

APPROVED BY CAO

#### **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**

On May 17, staff hosted key internal and external City partners for a seasonal readiness meeting to reorient all participating agencies on the City's Extreme Heat and Poor Air Quality Operations Plan. The opportunity allowed all parties to collectively review and update procedures and contacts so the City is fully prepared to manage future heat events and other joint operational responses.

Staff presented at the Safety and Security Fair at Aberdeen Mall and the City's Public Works Open House as part of National Emergency Preparedness Week activities. At both events, staff promoted the importance of emergency preparedness by sharing educational materials in various languages. Community residents learned about emergency equipment and other items to add to their home emergency kits, in addition to being encouraged to sign up for the Richmond BC Alert emergency notification system.

#### **Public Outreach & Education**

In May 2023, staff facilitated outreach events to provide educational opportunities to the community, including fire hall/vehicle tours for Blair Elementary, Pythagoras Academy, Offer Bahn Post Secondary, McNeely Elementary and Cook Elementary. Staff also participated in large community events for Public Work's Project WET and Open House events in addition to Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Community Day.

#### Internal Staff Training

In May 2023, staff delivered in-house fire training, educational activities and programs including an incident safety officer training session, live-fire burn building technician training, fire prevention training for new and upcoming fire officers, and live fire training.

#### **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 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 May 2023, there were 988 reported incidents of all

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types, representing an overall increase of 11 per cent in incidents from May 2022 to May 2023 (Table 1).

| Table 1: Total Incidents - May 2023 |                                     |                                     |  |  |                              |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|--|
|                                     | Incident<br>Totals<br>May<br>(2023) | Incident<br>Totals<br>May<br>(2022) | Number<br>Change<br>from May 2022<br>to 2023 | Percentage<br>Change<br>from May<br>2022 to 2023 | 5 Year<br>Average<br>for May |  |
| Alarm Active - No Fire              | 160                                 | 130                                 | +30  | +23  | 127                          |  |
| Explosion                           | 1                                   | 0                                   | +1   | +100   | 0                            |  |
| Fire                                | 47                                  | 31                                  | +16  | +52  | 41                           |  |
| Hazardous Materials                 | 6                                   | 8                                   | -2   | -25  | 6                            |  |
| Medical                             | 541                                 | 508                                 | +33  | +6   | 358                          |  |
| Motor Vehicle Incident              | 73                                  | 59                                  | 14   | +24  | 65                           |  |
| Public Hazard                       | 10                                  | 10                                  | 0  | 0  | 10                           |  |
| Public Service                      | 79                                  | 92                                  | -13  | -14  | 72                           |  |
| Response Cancelled/Unfounded        | 65                                  | 50                                  | +15  | +30  | 54                           |  |
| Specialized Transport               | 6                                   | 1                                   | +5   | +500   | 2                            |  |
| Technical Rescue                    | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0  | 0  | 0                            |  |
| Total                               | 988                                 | 889                                 | +99  | +11  | 735                          |  |

The average time on scene in May 2023 for emergency response crews was 33 minutes, which is higher than the number recorded in 2022: 32 minutes. The time spent on scene can vary due to the nature and severity of each incident.

In May 2023, there were 47 fire incidents reported to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, representing a 52 per cent increase from May 2022. The average number of fires reported each May over the last five years is 41.

Fire damage and property losses during May 2023 are estimated at \$205,670. This total includes \$184,520 for building/asset loss and \$21,150 for content loss. The total building/asset and content value at risk is estimated to be \$73,437,650 and the total value preserved from damage was \$73,231,980. These numbers translate to 99 per cent of value protected (Table 2), which is higher than the value observed in 2022: 98 per cent.

| Table 2: Fire Incidents By Type and Loss Estimates - May 2023 |                    |   |  |                                    |                                   |   |  |
|---|--------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Incident Type<br>Breakdown                                    | Incident<br>Volume | Estimated<br>Building/<br>Asset<br>Value (\$) | Estimated<br>Building/<br>Asset Loss<br>(\$) | Estimated<br>Content<br>Value (\$) | Estimated<br>Content<br>Loss (\$) | Estimated<br>Total Value<br>Preserved<br>(\$) |  |
| Residential: Single family                                    | 5                  | 2,033,000                                     | 45,500                                       | 200,100                            | 100                               | 2,187,500                                     |  |
| Residential: Multi family                                     | 6                  | 26,878,000                                    | 12,000                                       | 1,050                              | 1,050                             | 26,866,000                                    |  |
| Commercial/Industrial   | 4                  | 42,673,000                                    | 92,020                                       | 30,000                             | 20,000                            | 42,590,980                                    |  |
| Outdoor   | 32                 | 1,622,500                                     | 35,000                                       | -                                  | -                                 | 1,587,500                                     |  |
| Vehicle/Vessel  | -                  | -   | -  | _                                  | _                                 | -   |  |
| Totals*   | 47                 | 73,206,500                                    | 184,520                                      | 231,150                            | 21,150                            | 73,231,980                                    |  |

<sup>\*</sup> 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).

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#### 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 May 2023 incidents:

- May 14, 2023 Motor vehicle incident on Westminster Highway. Emergency crews
  responded to a vehicle in a ditch on Westminster Highway, with possible trapped occupants.
  Emergency crews arrived to find a car in the ditch laying on the driver's side with one
  uninjured occupant inside. The occupant was removed from the vehicle. There were no other
  injuries reported to the public or RFR staff.
- May 15, 2023 Residential fire on Mayflower Drive. Emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Mayflower Drive. On arrival, crews discovered smoke coming from the front soffit area and declared the event a working fire. Crews worked their way to the second floor and made entry to the attic space. Crews systematically worked their way through the attic area to find and extinguish the fire. All of the fire was extinguished and crews checked for hot spots. A fire investigator attended the scene. There were no reported injuries to the public or RFR personnel. No occupants were displaced.
- May 23, 2023 Residential fire on Blundell Road. Emergency crews responded to a structure fire on Blundell Road. On arrival, crews saw visible flames and smoke from the second floor. Crews attacked and quickly extinguished the fire. Crews then carried out search and ventilation operations. There were no reported injuries to residents or RFR personnel. A Fire investigator attended the scene. The house was not habitable and arrangements were made to provide accommodations to the two displaced tenants through the Emergency Support Services (ESS) plan.
- May 27, 2023 Motor vehicle incident on No. 9 Road. Emergency crews responded to a train and truck incident at a rail crossing on No. 9 Road. Upon the crew's arrival, the truck driver was out of the vehicle. Upon impact, the train had moved the truck approximately five feet from the intersection. Additional crews, including the Hazardous Materials vehicle, were dispatched to address fuel leaking from the truck. Emergency crews remained on scene to work with CN Rail, Lafarge and RCMP to have both the train and truck removed. There were no injuries reported to the public or RFR personnel.

#### **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 May's Fire, Medical and MVIs

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#### **Incident Volumes**

The following chart provides a month-to-month comparison regarding incidents occurring in May 2022 and 2023. In May 2023, there were 988 incidents, compared to 889 in May 2022. This represents an overall increase of 11 per cent.

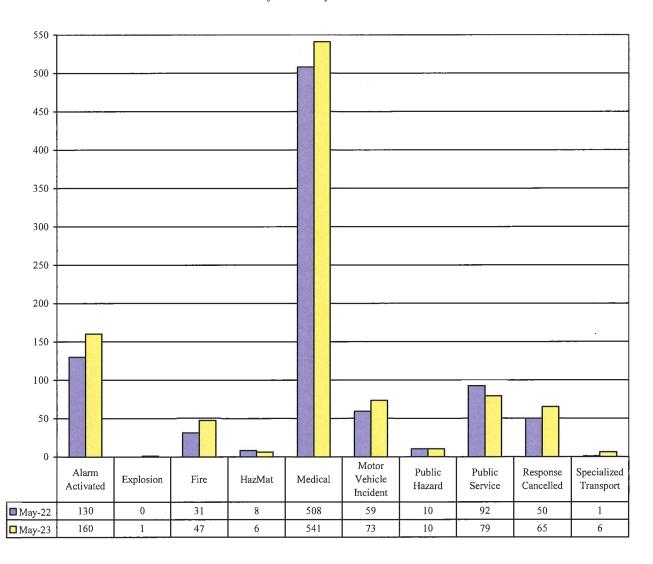


Table 3: May 2022 & May 2023 Incident Volumes

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 55 per cent of the total emergency responses for RFR during the month of May 2023. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for May 2022 and 2023 is set out in the following table by sub-type. There were 541 medical incidents in May 2023 compared to 508 in May 2022, an increase of 6 per cent.

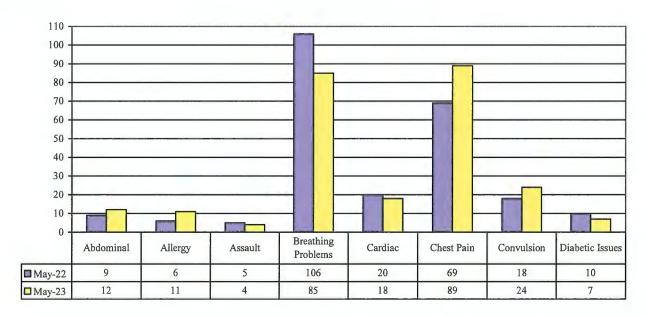
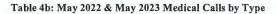
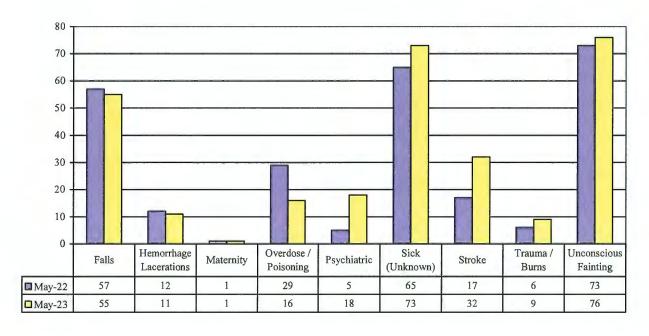


Table 4a: May 2022 & May 2023 Medical Calls by Type





The following chart provides the overdose / poisoning incident volume breakdown for May 2023.

| Table 4c: Overdose / Poisoning Incidents By Type – May 2023                |         |  |  |
|--|---------|--|--|
|  | Details |  |  |
| Opioids  | 7       |  |  |
| Other Miscellaneous Drugs  | 3       |  |  |
| Alcohol  | 1       |  |  |
| Unknown (No patient contact / BC Emergency Health Services staff on scene) |         |  |  |
| Totals   | 16      |  |  |

In May, out of 16 total overdose / poisoning calls, 7 were located outdoors and 9 were located in a commercial property or residence.

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

Totals 

Table 4d: Total Fire Calls for Service in May from 2014 to 2023

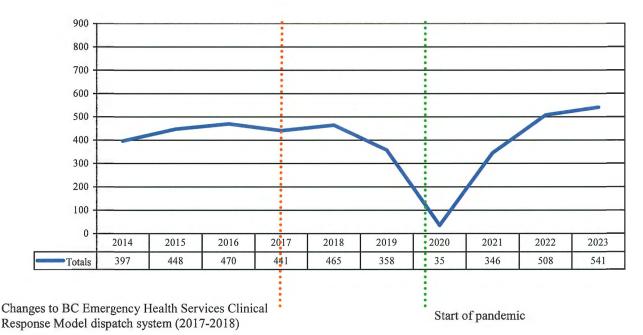


Table 4e: Total Medical Calls for Service in May from 2014 to 2023

#### Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for May 2023 are listed below:

| Table 5: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – May 2023   |            |            |              |  |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|--|
|   | Suspicious | Accidental | Undetermined |  |
| Residential - Single-family<br>Residential - Multi-family | 1<br>1     | 3 3        | 1 2          |  |
| Commercial/Industrial                                     | 1          | 3          | 0            |  |
| Outdoor   | 11         | 17         | 4            |  |
| Vehicle   | 0          |            | 0            |  |
| Totals  | 14         | 26         | 7            |  |

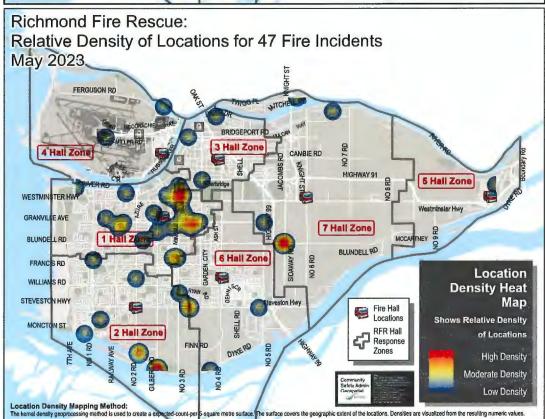
Richmond Fire-Rescue investigators report all suspicious fires to the RCMP, while working alongside RCMP staff to address potential risks to the community.

#### **Hazardous Materials**

| Table 6: Hazardous Materials Incidents By Type – May 2023 |         |  |  |  |
|---|---------|--|--|--|
|   | Details |  |  |  |
| Gasses (Natural / Propane)                                | 6       |  |  |  |
| Totals  | 6       |  |  |  |



Figure 1: Location of reportable fires attended in May 2023 (total 47)



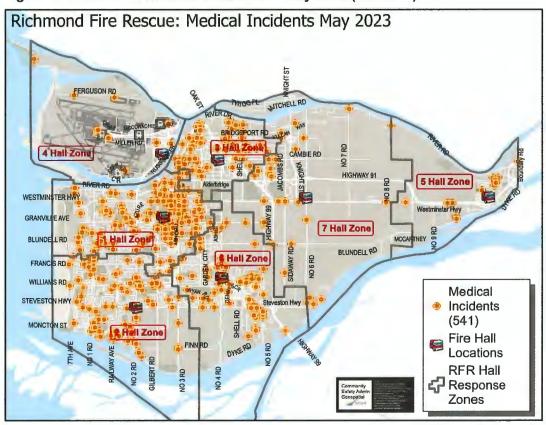
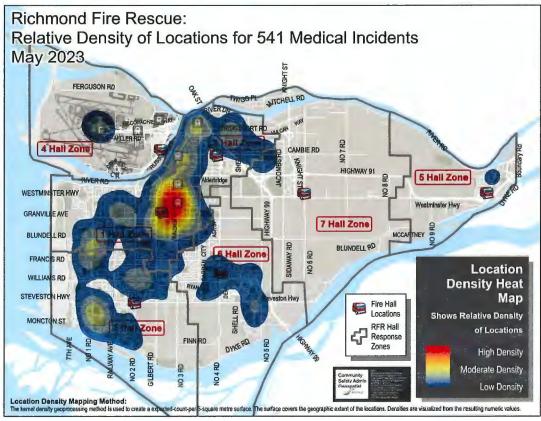


Figure 2: Location of Medical Incidents in May 2023 (total 541)



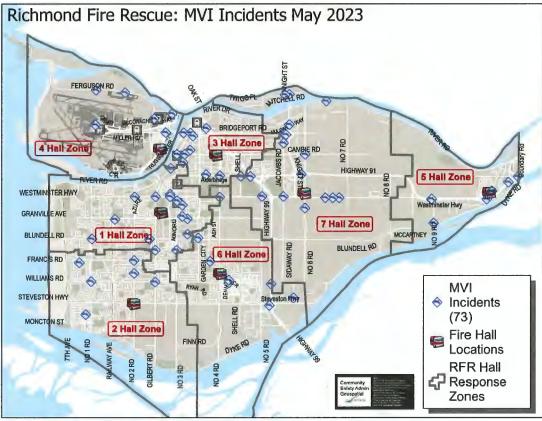
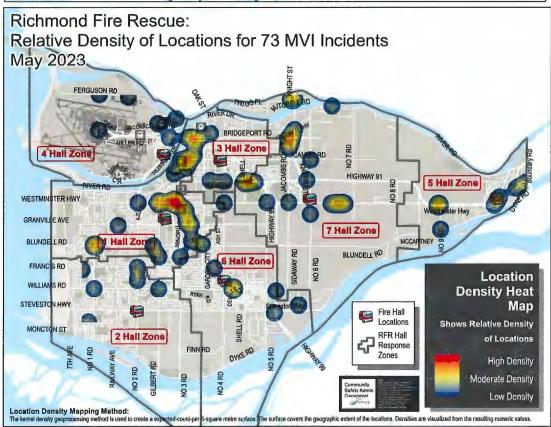


Figure 3: Location of MVI Incidents in May 2023 (total 73)





## **Report to Committee**

To:

Community Safety Committee

Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge

Date:

June 13, 2023

From:

Dave Chauhan

File:

09-5000-01/2023-Vol

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Re:

Richmond RCMP Monthly Activity Report - May 2023

#### Recommendation from the OIC

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – May 2023", dated June 13, 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                |           |  |  |
| Sever.                         |           |  |  |

#### 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

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.

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

#### **Analysis**

#### **Activities and Noteworthy Files**

#### Distraction Thefts

On May 2, 2023, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising the public of a recent trend in distraction thefts. The scheme involves thieves who target victims leaving financial institutions after withdrawing cash. The victim's money is stolen from their vehicle while they are distracted by an accomplice. Police are investigating.

#### Firearms Charges

On May 2, 2023, Richmond RCMP officers executed a search warrant at a local residence. Multiple items were seized from the home, including a loaded firearm and various illicit drugs. The accused is facing seven charges for firearm-related offences, including Possession of a Loaded Firearm.

#### Historical Recognition

On May 10, 2023, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release recognizing Chief Constable Alexander Main, who was murdered while investigating a theft of farm tools in 1910. At the time of his death, C/Cst. Main was Richmond's only police officer and the first police officer to be killed in the line of duty. A plaque was added to the Richmond RCMP's Wall of Honour.

#### Home Invasion

On May 12, 2023, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a residence in the 10000 block of Blundell Road after reports of multiple suspects forcing their way into the home. The suspects assaulted the occupants and fled the scene before police arrived. A coordinated search by the Richmond RCMP, the RCMP Urban Patrol Helicopter and the Vancouver Police Department resulted in the recovery of several firearms and weapons and the arrest of six suspects.

#### Analysis of Police Statistics

#### Arson

In May 2023, there were two reported arsons, which is a decrease of four incidents from the previous month and a decrease of five incidents from May 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 22 serious assault events in May 2023, which is a 16 per cent increase from the previous month and an eight per cent decrease from May 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 59 per cent of the incidents. More than one-quarter of assaults in May 2023 were domestic in nature.

#### Auto Theft

In May 2023, there were 21 auto theft incidents, which is a five per cent decrease from the previous month and a 16 per cent decrease from May 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the average range.

#### Drugs

In May 2023, there were 32 drug files, representing a 37 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 48 per cent decrease from May 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the average range.

#### Mental Health

There were 198 mental health-related incidents in May 2023, which is a 22 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 17 per cent decrease from May 2022. No patterns or trends have

been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is below the average range.

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There were 62 police apprehensions, and the average hospital wait time was 104 minutes; these statistics are within the average ranges.

#### Residential Break and Enter

There were 21 break and enters to residences in May 2023, which is an 11 per cent increase from the previous month and a 19 per cent decrease from May 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 May 2023, there were 19 break and enters to businesses, representing no change from the previous month and a 27 per cent decrease from May 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters this month is below the average range.

#### Robbery

There were nine robberies in May 2023, which is an increase of seven incidents from the previous month and an increase of five incidents from May 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is above the average range.

Pepper spray was used in 44 per cent of the robberies reported this month. Suspects have been identified in one-third of the incidents.

#### Sexual Offences

In May 2023, there were 24 sexual offence files, which is a 20 per cent increase from the previous month and more than double the number of incidents reported in May 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is within the average range.

Four referrals from the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Team accounted for 17 per cent of the files this month. Suspects have been identified in 75 per cent of the remaining 20 incidents.

#### Shoplifting

There were 73 reported shoplifting thefts in May 2023, which is a 16 per cent decrease from the previous month and a 20 per cent increase from May 2022. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is within the average range.

On May 16, 2023, members of the Property Crime Unit partnered with local retailers in a "Boost and Bust" enforcement operation. Eight individuals were arrested as a result of the initiative.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

#### Theft from Automobile

There were 140 theft from automobile incidents in May 2023, which is a 22 per cent increase from the previous month and a 35 per cent increase from May 2022. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the average range.

#### Hate Crimes and Incidents

Table 1 presents the number of hate crimes and hate incidents reported between January 1, 2019, and May 31, 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. There was one incident reported this month, which was related to the use of derogatory racial comments.

| 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                | 9                   | 9     |  |

#### Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.3 In May 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.

Figure 1: May 2023 YTD Crime Rates 20 15.79 15.25 14.11 13.25 11.14 10 5.03 4.05 4.13 3.88 3.37 0 Richmond Coquitlam Burnaby Surrey LMD Total ■ Violent Crime Rate Property Crime Rate

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

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

#### **Block Watch**

At the end of May 2023, the Block Watch program had 303 groups totalling 7,010 participants. Currently, the program includes 440 captains and co-captains. Block Watch coordinators led the program's first "Shred-a-thon" at Lansdowne Centre this month. In addition to serving as a crime prevention awareness event, the initiative raised over \$600 in donations for the Richmond Centre for Disability.

#### 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 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 May, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of two volunteer bike patrols, totalling 20 hours and three volunteer foot/van patrols, totalling 12 hours.
- A total of 19 Fail to Stop deployments took place, resulting in 862 information letters issued.
- There were 31 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, resulting in 596 information letters issued
- Speed Watch was conducted on 7,231 vehicles, resulting in 402 information letters issued.
- May 6 Volunteers participated in the Safety & Secure Living Fair at Aberdeen Centre, where they provided information on the Community Safety App and the Block Watch program. Volunteers also offered translation in Cantonese and Mandarin.
- May 6 and 27 Volunteers provided crime prevention resources at an RCMP information booth at the Richmond Night Market.
- May 10 Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with a Think of Me deployment at Anderson Elementary School; 90 cards were given to drivers and parents.<sup>4</sup>
- May 13 Volunteers assisted police officers with the RCMP booth at the Public Works Open House. A total of 16 volunteers participated in the event, which approximately 3,500 people attended.
- May 16 Volunteers assisted an RCMP officer with a transit safety awareness initiative at the Brighouse Canada Line Station. Volunteers distributed 250 security cards.
- May 25 Volunteers and RCMP officers held the first Project Swoop event in over three
  years. This high-risk driving education and enforcement campaign partnered with ICBC
  and targeted multiple locations throughout the city, resulting in 402 information letters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Think of Me Campaign uses cards illustrated by children, which contain depictions of what children would like drivers to think about when they are driving in school zones and in the community.

#### Lock Out Auto Crime

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

6,000 4,000 2,000 Total Nov Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Dec 2019 3,569 4,848 3,927 3,451 3,634 4,230 4,068 3,385 3,304 5,048 5,372 4,376 49,212 **2020** 4,050 0 0 63 20 9,383 4,116 1,134 0 0 0 0 **2021** 98 132 255 162 53 118 293 421 323 561 242 239 2,897 2022 183 389 589 638 855 678 469 333 322 5,006 ■ 2023 412 875 831 3,275 561 596

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.

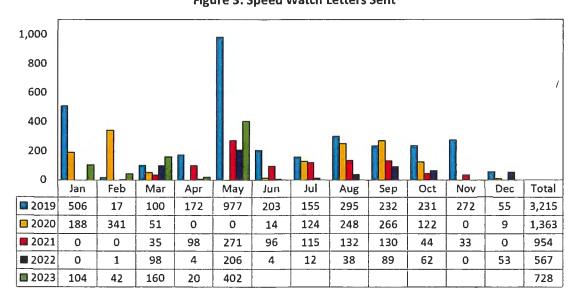


Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

#### **Crime Prevention Unit**

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

- Business Outreach
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- Place of Worship Patrols

- Project Swoop
- Public Works Open House
- 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 May 2023 to both April 2023 and March 2023. Violation tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

| Infraction                      | March 2023 | April 2023 | May 2023 |  |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|--|
| Distracted Driving              | 133        | 52         | 104      |  |
| Driver License                  | 181        | 164        | 186      |  |
| Impaired                        | 27         | 52         | 22       |  |
| Intersection Offences           | 42         | 27         | 51       |  |
| Moving Infractions <sup>6</sup> | 64         | 54         | 93       |  |
| Speeding                        | 152        | 156        | 339      |  |
| Seatbelts                       | 15         | 10         | 21       |  |
| Vehicle Related <sup>7</sup>    | 144        | 111        | 153      |  |
| Other <sup>8</sup>              | 11         | 16         | 9        |  |
| Total                           | 769        | 642        | 978      |  |

#### Victim Services

In May 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 89 files. In May, Victim Services responded to several cases involving medical-related sudden deaths, property crimes and family conflicts.

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 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 contributing to safe and healthy behaviours essential to developing productive and civic-minded adults. During the month of May, Youth Section highlights included:

- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 35 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 83 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with students during recess, lunch, and morning and afternoon supervision.
- DARE continued for the final term of the 2022-2023 school year, with classes delivered to elementary school students in 14 classes.

#### Financial Impact

None.

#### Conclusion

In May 2023, the Richmond RCMP conducted several noteworthy investigations, including a home invasion and distraction thefts. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the average ranges, except for commercial break-and-enters and mental health-related incidents, which were lower than average and robberics, which were elevated.

In May, the Community Engagement Team and volunteers continued promoting crime prevention and road safety initiatives, including a large-scale Project Swoop event targeting high-risk driving. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.

Edward Warzel Manager, Police Services (604-207-4767)

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Att. 1: Community Policing Programs

2: Crime Statistics3: 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: <a href="mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca">blockwatch@richmond.ca</a>
- For more information, visit <u>www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm</u>

#### 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.

#### **MAY 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.

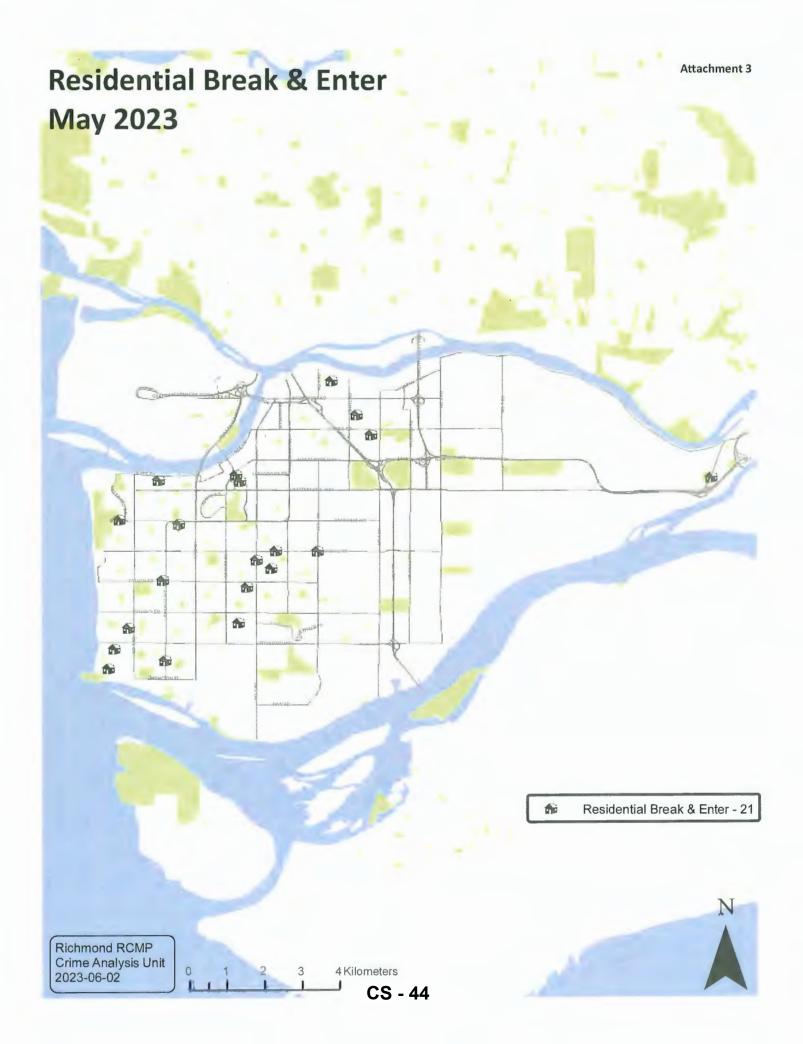
This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular 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 |      |          |          |
|---|---------------------------|-------|---------|---------------------|------|----------|----------|
|   | May - 23                  |       | May     | 2022                | 2023 | % Change | # Change |
| VIOLENT CRIME<br>(UCR 1000-Series Offences)             | 167                       | 139.2 | 114-165 | 675                 | 759  | 12%      | 84       |
| Robbery<br>UCR 1610 (1-3)                               | 9                         | 3.6   | 3-5     | 28                  | 19   | -32%     | -9       |
| Assault Common  | 60                        | 49.2  | 43-55   | 235                 | 250  | 6%       | 15       |
| Assault Serious   | 22                        | 13.4  | 7-20    | 87                  | 102  | 17%      | 15       |
| Sexual Offences  UCR 1340; 1340; 1356; 1310; 3350/55/5= | 24                        | 18.0  | 11-25   | 76                  | 96   | 26%      | 20       |
| PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)               | 630                       | 544.0 | 473-615 | 2795                | 3201 | 15%      | 406      |
| Business B&E  | 19                        | 24.6  | 23-26   | 171                 | 130  | -24%     | -41      |
| Residential B&E   | 21                        | 32.4  | 19-46   | 157                 | 106  | -32%     | -51      |
| Auto Theft UCR 2135 (1-10), 2178                        | 21                        | 19.2  | 12-26   | 111                 | 114  | 3%       | 3        |
| Theft from Auto   | 140                       | 131.4 | 99-164  | 625                 | 707  | 13%      | 82       |
| Theft   | 127                       | 72.2  | 54-91   | 399                 | 562  | 41%      | 163      |
| Shoplifting UCR 2133, 2143                              | 73                        | 56.2  | 34-79   | 330                 | 451  | 37%      | 121      |
| Fraud UCR 2160   011), 2165, 2166                       | 85                        | 73.6  | 65-82   | 338                 | 407  | 20%      | 69       |
| OTHER CRIMINAL CODE<br>(UCR 3000-Series Offences)       | 249                       | 205.4 | 170-241 | 1048                | 1299 | 24%      | 251      |
| Arson   | 2                         | 5.0   | 2-8     | 28                  | 29   | 4%       | 1        |
| SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES<br>(UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)       | 1046                      | 888.8 | 815-962 | 4523                | 5259 | 16%      | 736      |
| DRUGS<br>(UCR 4000-Series Offences)                     | 32                        | 44.8  | 26-63   | 255                 | 191  | -25%     | -64      |
| MHA RELATED CALLS (MHA files or Mental Health flag)     | 198                       | 249.4 | 228-271 | 1172                | 1203 | 3%       | 31       |

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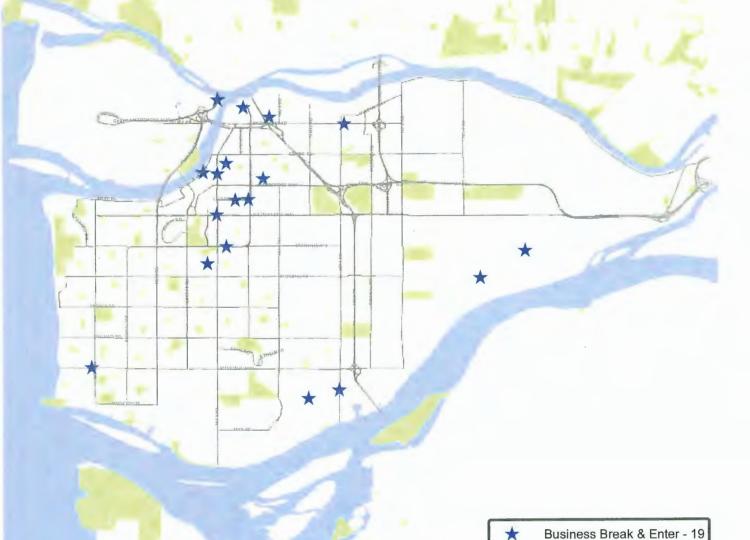
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