

Community Safety Committee

Anderson Room, City Hall 6911 No. 3 Road Tuesday, July 14, 2015 4:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

CS-5 Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Tuesday, September 15, 2015, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

DELEGATIONS

CS-11 1. Kyle Klein, Manager, Emergency Planning, and Corry Anderson-Fennell, Manager, Media and Communications, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, to provide an update on Operation KPU Safe and Sound Emergency Program.

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		LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION
	2.	COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – MAY 2015 (File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 4506820 v. 2)
CS-20		(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 4596820 v. 2) See Page CS-20 for full report
		Designated Speaker: Ed Warzel
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION
		That the staff report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – May, 2015," dated June 11, 2015, from the General Manager, Law & Community Safety, be received for information.
	3.	LIMITING CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES-NOISE BYLAW AMENDMENTS (File Ref. No. 12-8060-01; 12-8060-20-009263/009268) (REDMS No. 4604589 v. 5)
CS-27		See Page CS-27 for full report
		Designated Speaker: Ed Warzel
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION
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		STAFF RECOMMENDATION
		That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report - May 2015," dated June 19, 2015 from the Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be received for information.
	5.	DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT (File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue) (REDMS No. 4589266 v. 2)
CS-51		See Page CS-51 for full report
		Designated Speaker: Fire Chief John McGowan
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION
		That the surplus City equipment listed in the staff report titled "Disposal of Surplus Equipment," dated June 18, 2015, from the Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be donated to Fire Fighters Without Borders.
	6.	RCMP'S MONTHLY REPORT - MAY ACTIVITIES (File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 4595358)
CS-53		See Page CS-53 for full report
		Designated Speaker: Supt. Renny Nesset
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION
		That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – May Activities," dated June 4, 2015, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.
	7.	RCMP/OIC BRIEFING (Verbal Report)
		Designated Speaker: Insp. Eric Hall
		Items for discussion: (i) Canada Day

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	8.	FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING (Verbal Report)
		Designated Speaker: Fire Chief John McGowan
		Items for discussion:
		(i) Summer Safety
		(ii) Stress Resilience Workshops
	9.	MANAGER'S REPORT
		ADJOURNMENT





Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Place: Anderson Room

Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair

Councillor Derek Dang Councillor Ken Johnston Councillor Alexa Loo

Mayor Malcolm Brodie (entered at 4:02 p.m.)

Absent: Councillor Linda McPhail

Also Present: Councillor Chak Au

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

AGENDA ADDITION

It was moved and seconded

That E-Comm Update be added to the agenda as Item No. 5A.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Tuesday, July 14, 2015, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

1.

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. RCMP'S MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 2015 ACTIVITIES

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 4571109)

Superintendent Renny Nesset, Officer in Charge (OIC), Richmond RCMP, commented that it is anticipated that Auxiliary Constable volunteer hours will rise during the summer months as a result of Ottawa's relaxation on the restrictions placed on the use and deployment of these positions. He further commented that the Richmond RCMP now has the ability to perform threat assessments to determine the level of safety and/or risk to Auxiliary Constables prior to their deployment. Additionally, Supt. Nesset noted that the theft statistics will likely decline as a result of recent arrests.

Mayor Brodie entered the meeting (4:02 p.m.).

Committee thanked the Richmond RCMP for their participation in the Special Olympics Torch Run held on Friday, June 5, 2015.

In response to a query from Committee, Supt. Nesset advised that Auxiliary Constables report directly to regular RCMP members, who in turn report matters to the City's Community Bylaws department when necessary.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – April 2015 Activities," dated May 4, 2015, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2015

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 4570042)

Ed Warzel, Manager, Community Bylaws, highlighted the increase in dog licensing and ticketing due to the City's Animal Patrol pilot project.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Warzel advised that (i) depending on the source of odour, complaints may be directed to Community Bylaws for investigation, (ii) *Unsightly Premises Regulation Bylaw No. 7162* regulates the removal of any offending material, and Community Bylaws staff work with property owners in an effort to seek voluntary compliance, and (iii) it is anticipated that parking revenues will return to an upward trend once the new meters have been installed.

Committee thanked Community Bylaws for their efforts to regulate parking on event days such as the Steveston Farmer's Market.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – April 2015," dated May 14, 2015, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2015

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 4579376)

Tim Wilkinson, Deputy Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR), commented on the increase in traumatic events for RFR crews, noting that RFR is working with WorkSafeBC in providing services and training to maintain a resilient workforce.

In response to queries from Committee, Deputy Fire Chief Wilkinson provided the following additional information:

- RFR's critical incident team works with crew members to debrief after a traumatic event and professional services can be accessed immediately through WorkSafeBC;
- the increase in medical and motor vehicle service calls in April 2015 may be the result of the increase in population; however, further study is required to determine the cause for the increases; and
- four proponents have responded to the 'Request for Proposals' for the Lafarge training facility and it is anticipated that the facility will be in place by fall 2015.

The Chair thanked RFR members at No. 2 Hall for their efforts at the Doors Open Richmond event in providing a great time for all in attendance. Deputy Fire Chief Wilkinson commented that, while remaining an active station, Fire Hall No. 2 – Steveston had over 1,700 people attend the event.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – April 2015," dated May 14, 2015 from the Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) PUBLIC CONSULTATION: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

(File Ref. No. 09-5125-01) (REDMS No. 4582650)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That the staff report titled "National Energy Board Public Consultation: Emergency Management Information" be forwarded to the National Energy Board, in response to their request for written feedback by June 25, 2015; and
- (2) That the National Energy Board be advised that the City of Richmond would be pleased to participate in further consultation and stakeholder meetings.

CARRIED

5. ENGLISH BAY BUNKER OIL SPILL

(File Ref. No. 09-5125-02-01) (REDMS No. 4568420 v. 5)

Discussion ensued on the adequacy of the City's emergency response in the event of a major oil or fuel spill on the Fraser River.

In reply to a query from Committee, Deborah Procter, Manager, Emergency Programs, advised that the ship or facility owner would be the responsible party, however, the Canadian Coast Guard would take the lead on the water while the Province, local authorities and other government agencies would become involved in the event the spill reaches shore.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "English Bay Bunker Oil Spill," dated May 20, 2015, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

5A. **E-COMM**

(File Ref. No.)

The Chair provided an update on E-Comm's Annual General meeting to be held on June 18, 2015, noting that agenda items include (i) the appointment of eight new Directors, (ii) the examination of governance models, and (iii) the management of Police Records Information Management Environment (PRIME) system for the province.

6. FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

(i) Ships to Shore

Deputy Chief Wilkinson, accompanied by Supt. Nesset, commented on the comprehensive operational safety plan for the upcoming Ships to Shore Steveston 2015 event scheduled for June 29 to July 1, 2015. It was noted that (i) RFR crews will be on site to provide safety and educational information, (ii) extra crews will be on duty around Bayview Street and an additional Battalion Chief will be posted at the Mobile Command Centre, and (iii) rescue swimmers will be present on the Richmond RCMP patrol boat.

(ii) Salmon Festival

Deputy Chief Wilkinson noted that RFR will be (i) participating in the Canada Day parade, (ii) operating a children's obstacle course, and (iii) hosting tours of the new Fire and Life Safety Trailer at the Steveston Salmon Festival on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

(iii) AskRail Mobile Application

Deputy Chief Wilkinson advised that the Canadian National Railway Company has launched 'AskRail' - a mobile application that will allow emergency responders to obtain real-time information on the contents of a railcar by utilizing a railcar ID search. He further advised that the application is accessed by invitation only and that, to date, over 1,700 emergency responders in North America have enrolled to use it.

7. RCMP/OIC BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

None.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

Phyllis Carlyle, General Manager, Law and Community Safety, highlighted that Steffan Zamzow, Bylaw Liaison Officer, received the Officer of the Year award at the Licence Inspectors and Bylaw Officers Association of British Columbia. Also, she advised that Anne Stevens, Senior Manager, Community Safety Policy and Programs, will be retiring after 30 years of service with the City.

Committee congratulated Ms. Stevens on her retirement and wished her well.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded That the meeting adjourn (4:35 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 9, 2015.
Councillor Bill McNulty Chair	Heather Howey Committee Clerk

Operation KPU Safe & Sound

Emergency Program

About KPU

250,000-plus students served since 1981.

Richmond) with a fifth planned (KPU Civic Four locations (Surrey, Cloverdale, Langley, Plaza). 19,500 students annually; 2,200 credentials awarded per year.

More than 124 programs, including bachelor's degrees, associate degrees and diplomas.



The KPU model

Open access

KPU is an open access university that offers all learners the opportunity to achieve success.

varying abilities with opportunity and support to KPU provides access pathways for students of help them realize their potential.

KPU creates opportunities for students who are language is not English and prepares them so academically underprepared or whose first that they can learn and grow.



Emergency Program

Office of Emergency Planning

- Manager, Emergency Planning Kyle Klein
- Work closely with Security, OHS, Organizational Risk

Program Overview

- Completed Emergency Plan Approval by September
- Installed Multi Modal Mass Notification System
- Formed Emergency Management Committee
- Formed Emergency Operations Centre Team
- Working on Active Threat Plans/Procedures
- Functional Plan/Hazard Specific Plans to be developed on going
- Actively build relationships and resources



Emergency Program

Mass Notification System:

Personal Notifications

Regroup

SMS, Email, Mobile, Landline, Fax etc.

Default KPU emails, everything else, opt-in

Emergency Notification Hardware

Alertus Technologies

Alert Beacons, Outdoor Siren/TTS, Digital Signage, Desktop Notifications





Alertus Beacon

- Audible Alerts 109 dcb
- Visual Alert LED Lights
 - Text Display







Digital Signage & Desktop Notification







Emergency Program

Outdoor Siren & Text To Speech

- Siren Tone followed by TTS
 Message
- 109 db @ 30 M, decreased by 6 db every 30 M away
- 85 db @ Test Power same distance decrease applies
- Run for anywhere from 2 minutes to 10 minutes







Scenarios

- Active Threat Full System Activation
- Earthquake Full System Activation
- HazMat Partial System Activation
 - Information Only Situation
- Etc.



Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

Date: June 11, 2015

From:

Phyllis L. Carlyle

File:

General Manager, Law and Community Safety

Re:

Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report - May 2015

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report –May, 2015", dated June 11, 2015, from the General Manager, Law & Community Safety, be received for information.

Phyllis L. Carlyle

General Manger, Law & Community Safety

(604-276-4104)

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Staff Report

Origin

This monthly activity report for the Community Bylaws Division provides information on each of the following areas:

- 1. Property Use
- 2. Grease Management Program
- 3. Parking Program
- 4. Adjudication Program
- 5. Animal Control
- 6. Revenue & Expenses

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

Analysis

1. Property Use

Customer Service Response

An average of 19 daily calls for service were fielded by administrative staff in May 2015. These calls for service include voice messages, directly-answered calls, as well as emails. This activity represents an increase of 11.8% compared to the number of calls that were fielded in April 2015 and a decrease of 13.6% compared to the number of calls fielded in May 2014.

Enforcement Activity

Property use officers handled 257 new investigational files during the month of May 2015. This activity represents an increase of 22.4 % compared to the number of files that were handled in April 2015 and decrease of 7.9% compared to the number of files that were handled in May 2014.

The year over year change can be attributed to a decrease in the number of unsightly premises, demolition permits and towing files. In total 158 files of this nature were handled during May 2015, compared to 182 such files handled during May 2014.

Community Bylaws continues to monitor the number of abandoned and vacant homes within the municipality and the City currently has 25 residences remaining on the "Abandoned/Vacant Home Joint Operations" list.

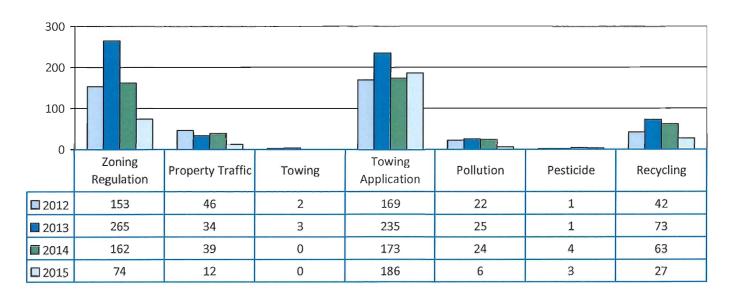
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Figures 1a, 1b and 1c compare *Property Use Service Demand* for June 2015, by issue and by year.

600 400 200 0 **Building without** Demolition Unsightly Abandon Building **Demolition Vacant** Vacant Building Permit Occupied Premises 389 2012 n/a 429 n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a 335 n/a n/a 551 2013 9 349 77 16 ■ 2014 20 563 2 4 5 154 65 195 2015

Figure 1a: Service Demand Comparison

Figure 1b: Service Demand Comparison



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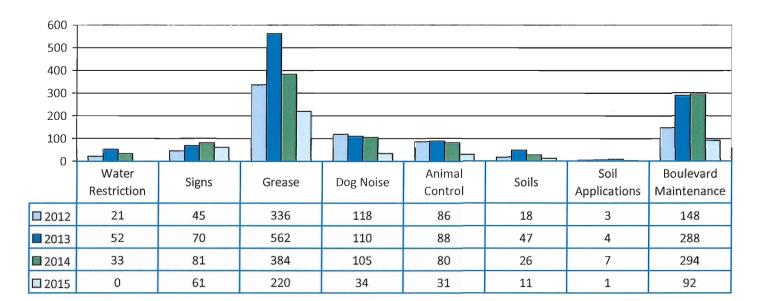


Figure 1c: Service Demand Comparison

2. Grease Management Program

The Grease Management Officer(s) conducted 44 regulatory visits at 42 food sector establishments, 28 of these inspections were concluded during the month of May 2015. These inspections resulted in the issuance of 1 bylaw violation, which was later amended to a warning.

3. Parking Program

Customer Service Response

An average of 38 daily calls for service were fielded by administration staff in May 2015. These calls for service include voice messages, directly-answered calls, as well as emails. This activity represents an increase of 5.6% compared to the number of calls that were fielded in April 2015 and an increase of 8.6% compared to the number of calls that were fielded in May 2014.

Enforcement Activity

A total of 3,595 violations were issued for parking, safety and liability infractions during the month of May 2015. This activity represents an increase of 22.3% compared to the number of violations that were issued in April 2015 and an increase of 15.7% compared to the number of violations that were issued in May 2014.

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Figure 2 compares the number of Violations Issued by month from 2012 through to 2015.

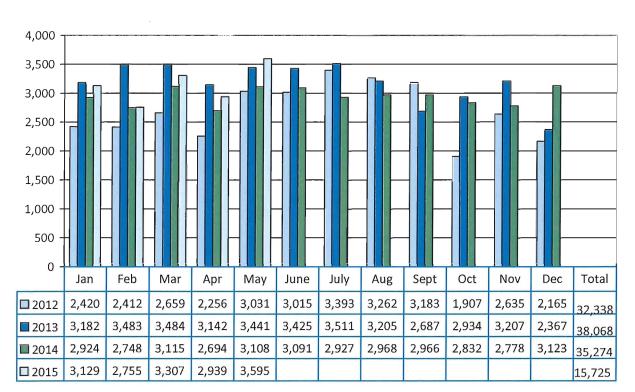


Figure 2: 2012 - 2015 Comparison for Parking Violations Issued

In May 2015, 216 violations were issued as "warnings" while 145 violations were subsequently changed to 'warnings" after issuance. Together these "warnings" represent 6.0% of all violations issued during the month.

Pursuant to City Policy No. 1100 the following breakdown reflects Council grounds for violation cancellation;

Section 2.1 (a)	Identity issues	9
Section 2.1 (b)	Exception specified under this bylaw or other bylaw	5
Section 2.1 (c)	Poor likelihood of success at adjudication for the City	15
Section 2.1 (e)	Multiple violations issued for one incident	3
Section 2.1 (f)	Not in the public interest	5
Section 2.1 (g)	Proven effort to comply	57
	Administrative Entries	51

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4. Adjudication Program

The next adjudication hearing is scheduled for June 23, 2015.

5. Animal Control

The Community Bylaw Division issued 187 new dog licences during the month May 2015. This activity represents an increase of 46.1% compared to the number of licenses issued in April 2015 and an increase of 92.8% compared to the number of licenses issued in May 2014.

The increases in dog licensing can be attributed to the City's Animal Patrol pilot project. In mid-March 2015 a dedicated full-time Animal Patrol officer was deployed to enforce activities in the parks and on the dykes. In May the officer issued 64 tickets and 13 warnings related to various dog violations. It is estimated that approximately 47 new dog license purchases were generated in May as a result of this enforcement program.

At the end of May 2015 there were 6146 dogs licensed within the City including 91"dangerous dogs" and Animal Control officers responded to a total of 6 dog bite incidents during this month with all initiating dangerous dog investigations.

Financial Impact

5. Revenue and Expenses

The following information is a month by month analysis of May 2015 compared to May 2014.

Consolidated Parking Program Revenue:

The total of meter, monthly permit and enforcement revenue decreased by 6.8% over the same period last year to \$160,487 in May 2015 from \$172,195 in May 2014.

Meter Revenue decreased by 17.3% over the same period last year to \$43,201 in May 2015 from \$52,213 in May 2014.

Permit Revenue decreased by 26.5% over the same period last year to \$10,513 in May 2015 from \$14,299 in May 2014.

Enforcement Revenue increased by 1.1% over the same period last year to \$106,773 in May 2015 from \$105,683 in May 2014.

A change in the financial company coordinating parking revenues is reflected in this month's revenue statistics. This transition has created some anomalies when comparing revenue trends for May 2014 to May 2015. It is anticipated that June 2015's revenues should stabilize any current decreases identified in this report.

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Figure 3 compares *consolidated revenue* by month from 2012 to 2015:

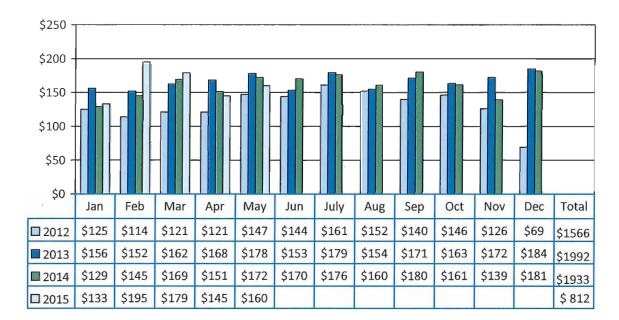


Figure 3: Consolidated Parking Revenue (000's)

Conclusion

Community Bylaw staff strive to maintain the quality of life and the safety of residents through coordinated efforts with other City departments and community partners, working as a team to promote a culture of compliance.

Edward Warzel

Manager, Community Bylaws (604-247-4601)

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Report to Committee

To:

Community Safety Committee

Date:

June 18, 2015

From:

Edward Warzel

File:

12-8060-01/2015-Vol

Manager, Community Bylaws

Re:

Limiting Construction and Demolition Activities-Noise Bylaw Amendments

Staff Recommendation

1. That Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, Amendment Bylaw No. 9263 be introduced and given first, second and third readings; and

2. That the Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 9268 be introduced and given first, second, and third reading.

Phyllis L. Carlyle

General Manager, Law & Community Safety

(604-247-4104)

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Staff Report

Origin

This report provides information on the following referral from the April 8, 2015 Planning Committee meeting:

- 1. That staff examine options:
 - (1) to limit construction and demolition activity during weekends and statutory holidays and define allowable construction activities during restricted periods;
 - (2) to require construction and demolition sites to post work hours, contact information, and emergency contacts on-site; and
 - (3) to involve the community in monitoring potential violations.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

1.1. Policy and service models that reflect Richmond-specific needs.

Analysis

Current Construction Exemption in Noise Bylaw

The current Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856 provides regulations regarding sound levels in the City of Richmond. The regulations also provide an exemption for construction noise:

- 4.1.1 This Bylaw does not apply to **sound** made:
 - (m) by **construction**, provided that it has a **rating level** which does not exceed 85 **dba** when measured at a distance of 15.2 m (50 feet) from the source of **sound**, and only:
 - (i) between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday that is not a **holiday**;
 - (ii) between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on a Saturday that is not a holiday; and
 - (iii) between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on a Sunday or holiday;

Number of Complaints

Vancouver Coastal Health, as a contracted partner to Community Bylaws, receives the City of Richmond's noise complaints.

The following chart indicates the number of construction complaints that were received in 2014 and 2015:

Year	Total Construction Noise Complaints	Noise Complaints For Sound Outside of Exempt Hours	Permits Issued For Sound Outside of Exempt Hours	Actual Number of Construction Complaints Outside of Exempt Hours
2014	116	89	6	83
* 2015	36	33	0	33

^{*}Statistics available as of May 19, 2015

Regulatory Landscape Limiting Construction Noise

In reviewing construction noise regulations in the Metro Vancouver area, 13 municipalities were surveyed to determine the current limitations on construction in local communities (Attachment 1).

Of the 13 municipalities outside of Richmond:

- 2 municipalities allow construction on Sunday by anyone, for example a new townhouse development
- 5 municipalities allow construction on statutory holidays by anyone, for example a new townhouse development
- 4 municipalities allow construction on Sunday either by the owner or the owner's contractor on the owner's property
- 3 municipalities allow construction on statutory holidays either the owner or the owner's contractor on the owner's property
- 7 municipalities do not allow construction on Sundays
- 5 municipalities do not allow construction on statutory holidays

Regulatory Landscape Requiring Construction Site Signs

A further review of construction noise regulations in the Metro Vancouver area, resulted in a survey of 13 municipalities to determine if any of their noise bylaws required:

- Posting of permissible construction work hours on all subject sites.
- Posting of contact/emergency information at all construction sites.

Of the 13 municipalities only 2 municipalities require the posting of permissible construction work hours and contact/emergency information at sites. Currently 3 other municipalities are in the process of considering similar amendments to their bylaw (Attachment 2).

Construction signs on sites potentially provide important contact information and in addition may also include the following:

- the permitted construction hours, and any exemptions to the permitted construction hours;
- the name of the general contractor for the construction;
- the name and telephone number of a representative of the general contractor who can be contacted about noise issues generated by construction; and
- the telephone number for general bylaw enforcement enquiries at the City of Richmond.

Sample signage, specifications, and the placement of signs could play an important role in communicating this information to the public (Attachment 3). It is suggested that a sign or signs be placed where the construction value of the work being performed exceeds \$150,000.

Community Involvement

Community involvement can provide assistance in monitoring construction activity as noise violations from the public are reported through:

- Phone Community Bylaws 604-276-4345
- Email communitybylaws@richmond.ca
- Online through the Customer Feedback System www.richmond.ca
- Phone Vancouver Coastal Health 604-233-3147
- Email healthprotectionrh@vch.ca

Daytime complaints, between 8:15 am and 5 pm, would be managed by the Community Bylaw Call Centre and Vancouver Coastal Health. RCMP dispatch (E-Comm) would receive all complaints between 5 pm to 8:15 am and dispatch bylaw officers or police officers to these complaints as appropriate.

Restricting Construction Noise on Sundays and Holidays

Based on the survey of other municipalities below are proposed options for addressing construction noise on weekends and statutory holidays. Staff recommend Option 3 and recommend that Council give, first, second and third readings to Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, Amendment Bylaw No. 9263 (Attachment 4).

Program Options

Option 1: Status Quo

Council could choose to remain with the status quo with regard to the current limitations on construction activities. Construction noise up to 85dBA would be permitted on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and on Sunday and holidays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Factors to consider include:

- 1. Some residents in the community would like to see a reduction in the current permitted construction schedule, which in turn would decrease noise levels in the community. A lack of change does nothing to address these concerns.
- 2. Maintaining the status quo would align the City with the municipalities that continue to permit construction activity seven days a week.

Option 2: Total Prohibition on Sundays and Holidays

Council could choose to manage construction activities in the community by prohibiting construction noise completely on Sunday and all holidays, maintaining the current restrictions on Saturdays and by posting informational signs on all construction sites.

Factors to consider include:

- 1. A reduced permitted construction schedule may extend the overall length of most major projects resulting in some potential increased costs to the home builder or developer and ultimately the home purchaser.
- 2. Homeowners and residents would not be able to work on their own homes on Sundays and holidays when it would typically be most convenient for them.
- 3. Total prohibition of construction activity on Sundays and holidays would address construction noise throughout the week and provide residents a reprieve on the weekend.
- 4. There would be a cost to home builders or developers for the production and installation of signs for the construction site.

Option 3: Prohibit on Sunday and Holidays with Exemption for Residents (Recommended)

Council could choose to limit construction activities in the community by prohibiting noise completely on Sunday and all statutory holidays, but provide an exemption for home owners and occupiers working on their own home and by posting informational signs on all construction sites. The restriction on Saturday would remain the same. This option would align the City with the municipalities that prohibit construction noise caused by major projects while allowing residents to complete home repairs and small scale construction on weekends.

Factors to consider include:

- 1. Some residents in the community would like to see a reduction in the current permitted construction schedule, which in turn would decrease noise levels in the community.
- 2. A home owner exemption would recognize that for many the weekend is the only time when residents can personally address home repairs and renovations.
- 3. This option addresses major construction noise levels while balancing residents concerns relative to maintenance and small scale construction in respect to of their own home.

4. There would be a cost to home builders or developers for the production and installation of signs for the construction site.

Violations and Related Fines

Also included in the bylaw amendments are provisions to add a violation and fine related to noise regulation and Provincial Court jurisdiction to the Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication bylaw No. 8122 under the jurisdiction of the City's program. The adjudication program has proven to be extremely efficient, successful, and convenient, and this amendment would further expand the program and its benefits.

The Community Charter permits maximum fines of up to \$10,000 for prosecutions under bylaw if this is specifically set out in the bylaw. The current noise bylaw contains the default under the *Offence Act* which provides for a maximum fine of \$2000. An amendment to the noise bylaw is proposed in order to increase the default amount to \$10,000.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

This report provides information on the City's current construction noise regulations in the City's Noise Bylaw as well as information on related restrictions in other municipalities in the Metro Vancouver area. Based on this information, City staff is recommending an amendment to the Noise Bylaw No. 8856 to reflect Option 3 in this staff report. Furthermore, the community involvement will be encouraged through the placement of a construction noise sign, monitoring, compliance and the reporting of complaints to Community Bylaws, Vancouver Coastal Health and the RCMP.

Edward Warzel

Manager, Community Bylaws

(604-247-4601)

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- Att. 1: Permitted Hours of Construction by Municipality
 - 2: Posting of Signs on Construction Sites by Municipality
 - 3: Construction Sign Sample and Specifications
 - 4: Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, Amendment Bylaw No. 9263
 - 5: Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 9268

Attachment 1

Construction Hours by Municipality

Municipality	Weekdays	Saturdays	Sundays	Stat Holidays
Abbotsford	7am - 9pm	7am - 9pm	9am - 9pm	9am - 9pm
Burnaby	7am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	Owner 9am - 8pm	Owner 9am - 8pm
Coquitlam	7am - 10pm	7am - 10pm	Owner 9am - 6pm	Owner 9am - 6pm
Delta	7am - 7pm	9am - 5pm	Not Permitted	Permitted
Langley Township	7am - 10pm	7am - 10pm	7am - 10pm	7am - 10pm
Langley Township (Proposed)	7am - 8pm	9am - 5pm	Not Permitted	Not permitted
Mission	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	Not Permitted	Permitted
New Westminster	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	Owner 9am - 6pm	Owner 9am - 6pm
North Vancouver City	7am - 8pm	9am - 7pm	Not Permitted	Not permitted
North Vancouver District	7am - 7pm	9am - 5pm	Not Permitted	Not permitted
Port Moody	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	Not Permitted	Not permitted
Richmond	7am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	10am - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Surrey	7am - 10pm	7am - 10pm	Owner 7am - 10pm	Permitted
Vancouver	7:30am - 8pm	10am - 8pm	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Victoria	7am - 7pm	10am - 7pm	Not Permitted	Not permitted

Attachment 2

Posting of Sign on Construction Property

Municipality	Yes	No	Amending Bylaw to Include Requirement
Abbotsford		Х	
Burnaby		Х	
Coquitlam		Χ	City Requests Info Be Posted
Delta		Χ	
Langley Township	Χ		Proposed Bylaw
Mission		Χ	
New Westminster	Х		Proposed Bylaw
North Vancouver City	Х		
North Vancouver District	Х		Proposed Bylaw
Port Moody		Χ	
Richmond	X		Proposed Bylaw
Surrey		Χ	
Vancouver	Х		
Victoria		Χ	

Construction Sign Sample

114.30 cm



106.68 cm Minimum

<INSERT COMPANY NAME>

In case of problems, call 24 Hour Contact: <Insert Name & Phone No.>

CITY OF RICHMOND COMMUNITY BYLAWS

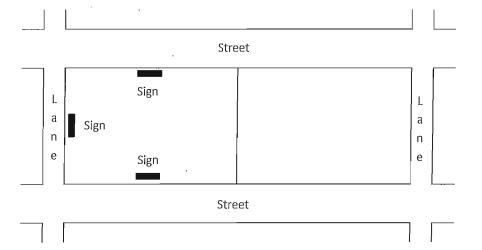
In case of noise violations, call 604-276-4345

Note: Drawing not to scale

Sign Placement

Height From Ground - maximum 3.65 m Height From Ground - minimum 1.52 m

Sign Quantity - 1 sign for EACH street and/or lane fronting the property





Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, Amendment Bylaw No. 9263

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. The **Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856** is amended by deleting subsections 4.1.1(m)(i) to (iii) and substituting the following:
 - "(i) between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday that is not a **holiday** for any type of **construction**;
 - (ii) between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Saturday that is not a **holiday** for any type of **construction**; and
 - (iii) between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on a Sunday or **holiday**, provided the **construction** is in connection with a residential building or structure and undertaken personally by the owner or occupier of the **premises**."
- 2. The **Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856** is amended by adding the following after subsection 4.1.1:
 - "4.1.2 In respect to the exemption set-out in subsection 4.1.1(m), the owner or occupier of a **premises** where **construction** with a construction value exceeding \$150,000 is being undertaken shall install and maintain a sign on the **premises** in accordance with the following:
 - (a) The sign shall measure:
 - (i) at least 1.48 m² for **construction** that is or is in respect to a single-family dwelling or duplex (or two-family) dwelling; and
 - (ii) at least 2.97 m² for all other types of **construction**.
 - (b) The sign shall meet the minimum dimensional size and placement specifications and be in the format set-out in schedule D, attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
 - (c) The sign shall include the following information:
 - (i) permitted hours for **construction** noise, as set-out in section 4.1.1(m) of this Bylaw;
 - (ii) name of the company undertaking the **construction**, if applicable;

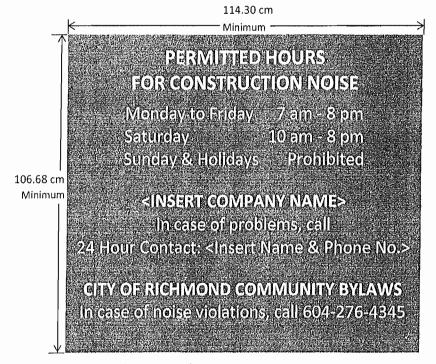
- (iii) the name and phone number of the general contractor, owner or other person who is available to address complaints about the **construction** on a 24 hour per day basis; and
- (iv) the phone number for the **City's** Community Bylaws Department, as shown on schedule D attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
- (d) Unless the sign is secured to a building, the sign shall be supported by posts and poles and be capable of withstanding all weather conditions.
- (e) The background colour for the sign shall be gray and the words shall be white Helvetica medium block lettering, with a minimum letter height of 2.54 cm.
- (f) The owner or occupier shall maintain the sign required by this subsection 4.1.2 on the **premises** from the commencement date of any **construction** to the date that the **construction** receives final building inspection notice permitting occupancy."
- 3. The **Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856** is amended by deleting section 5.2.2 and substituting:
 - "5.2.2 Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is considered to have committed an offence against this bylaw and is liable on summary conviction, to a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), and each day that such violation is caused, or allowed to continue, constitutes a separate offence."
- 4. The **Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856** is amended by adding Schedule A attached to and forming part of this bylaw as Schedule D to Bylaw 8856.
- 5. This Bylaw is cited as "Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, Amendment Bylaw No. 9263".

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SECOND READING		APPROVED for content by originating dept.
THIRD READING		5.6.
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Schedule A to Bylaw 9263

SCHEDULE D TO BYLAW 8856 CONSTRUCTION NOISE EXEMPTION SIGN

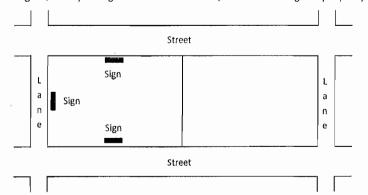


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Sign Placement

Height From Ground - maximum 3.65 m Height From Ground - minimum 1.52 m

Sign Quantity - 1 sign for EACH street and/or lane fronting the property





Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 9268

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, as amended, is further amended at Schedule A by adding the following to the end of the Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856 section:

A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8
Bylaw	Description of Contravention	Section	Compliance Agreement Available	Penalty	Early Payment Option	Late Payment Amount	Compliance Agreement Discount
Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856 (2012)	Failure to install or maintain construction noise sign	4.1.2	No	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	n/a

2. This Bylaw is cited as "Notice Of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 9268".

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Report to Committee

To:

Community Safety Committee

Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue

Date:

June 19, 2015

From:

John McGowan

File:

09-5000-01/2015-Vol

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Re:

Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report - May 2015

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report - May 2015," dated Jung 19, 2015 from the Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be received for information.

John McGowan Fire Chief

(604-303-2734)

Att. 2

REPORT CONCURRENCE

CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER

REVIEWED BY STAFF REPORT / AGENDA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

APPROVED BY CAO

APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

This report provides Council with an update on Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) activities. Through the delivery of its programs and services, RFR continues to work towards the City's vision of being the most appealing, livable, and well-managed community in Canada. RFR is reporting on its activities in support of its mission:

To protect and enhance the City's livability through service excellence in prevention, education and emergency response.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

Analysis

Community Involvement

Safety messages for May included a focus on the City's *Doors Open Richmond* including Fire Hall #2, as part of the event and safety messaging around BBQ safety and Emergency Preparedness. Facebook posts and fire hall sign messages were used to remind the public of key safety points.

RFR participates in events and activities to advance public education and community bridge building. During May 2015 the following took place:

- Safety presentations were provided to *Talmey Elementary School, Koinonia Evangelical Church* and *Hamilton Community Centre*. There were a total of 802 participants in attendance.
- Hall tour was provided to the *McKinney Elementary* and *Westwind Elementary*. There were a total of 45 participants in attendance.
- Community events attended during May included the Chinese Christian Mission of Canada's Safe and Security Living fair, the City of Richmond's Shake Quake Move for Health, Lafarge Cement Safety Day, Safety Fair at McMath School, Hometown Heroes, Fairmont Vancouver Hotel Health & Wellness Fair, Cops for Cancer, Emergency Programs Presentation, McDonalds McHappy Days, Shelter Island Marina Safety Day, Public Works Yard Open House Safety Day, Homma Elementary PAC Carnival Community Event and SOS Childrens Village Walk/Run. Over 20,092 children and adults attended these events where crews engaged with the community groups, provided fire safety and public relations information.

Training

The following training activities occurring during May:

- Training office reviewed the firefighter recruit program contents in preparation for the September arrival of 8 new hires.
- All 12 participants successfully completed the Hazmat Technician training class at the JIBC which ran from May 24 to May 28.
- Live Fire training was completed by RFR crews. Crews received 245 hours of classroom training followed by live fire training sessions.
- Multiple shifts completed their site orientation for Confined Space training in May and will now proceed with their scheduled training dates. Other shifts have now completed their first day of training at the Metro Vancouver Training Centre.

Emergency Response

Our goal is to respond to all calls quickly and minimize loss of life and property.

There were 71 fires in May 2015. Fire losses during the month are estimated at \$14,600. This total includes \$14,600 for building loss and \$0 for content loss. The total building and content value at risk was estimated to be \$20,934,600, and the total value preserved was \$20,920,000. These numbers translate to 99.9% of value protected (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Fire Calls By Type and Loss Estimates – May									
Incident Type Breakdown	Call Volume	Estimated Building Value (\$)	Estimated Building Loss (\$)	Estimated Content Value (\$)	Estimated Content Loss (\$)	Estimated Total Value Preserved (\$)			
Residential: Single family Multi family	3 9	20,900,000	10,000	30,000	-	20,920,000			
Commercial / Industrial	4	-	-	-	-	-			
Fire – Outdoor	53	100	100	-	-	-			
Vehicle	2	4,500	4,500	-	-	-			
Totals*	71	20,904,600	14,500	30,000	_	20,920,000			

^{*}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).

Fire crews minimized loss and limited the fire to the place of origin in notable May incidents:

RFR crews responded to a large structure fire at residential properties on No 5 Road, the fire had traveled in three directions through inside walls and other enclosed spaces. Arriving RFR crews attacked the fire for several hours to reduce spread to other properties. Two residential units experience severe damage to the properties. This call was a multiple emergency response operation. After the fire was extinguished the scene was left with the RCMP and Fire Investigator.

Crews responded to a fire located at No 8 Road in which approximately 25 railway ties were on fire approximately ½ mile from roadway along railway tracks. On arrival crews found difficulties in accessing the fire but managed to extinguish the fire with two tanks of water (600 gallons). A boom truck and operator was brought in to lift the ties off assisting in the extinguishment of the fire.

Crews responded to a fire at a residential property on Broadway Street. The fire had started in a planter outside the home. Crews extinguished the fire which had destroyed a hot tub and scorched the exterior of two nearby homes.

RFR HazMat response was dispatched to a possible spill of an unknown toxic substance at an aircraft located at Vancouver Airport. On arrival crews opened the rear aircraft door carries out initial air monitoring at which nothing unusual was found. A visual recon of the inside of the aircraft was carried out and it was determined as an all clear.

Crews responded to a commercial Saw Mill on Mitchell Road. The fire had been spotted by citizen from across river. The fire was difficult to access and had spread to multiple floors. The fire was extinguished quickly with multiple crews in attendance. The scene was handed over to the RCMP and Fire Investigation.

RFR crews attended multiple small grass, bark mulch or beach fires in May. All fires were confined to area of origin using water, sand and shovels to extinguish.

RFR crews responded to multiple medical and rescue incident calls, including:

Crews responded to Aztec Street for a male who had fallen approximately 12 feet to the ground when a platform he was working on collapsed. The male was taken hospital by BCAS for further treatment and Work Safe was notified.

Crews responded to Tomiki Avenue for a child birth. Crews provided medical assistance and tied the umbilical cord while father cut it.

A summary of 9-1-1 emergency response statistics is found in Attachment 1, Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4. The location of fire, medical and motor vehicle incident calls in May are depicted in Attachment 2, Figures 1, 2 and 3.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

Our service delivery model is prevention focused and based on the belief that prevention, education and emergency response activities must be well established and integrated to have a positive impact on community safety. We believe "safety is everyone's responsibility and it is always better to prevent a situation from occurring".

John McGowan

Fire Chief

(604-303-2734)

JM:js

Att. 1: Suppression Activity

Att. 2: Location of May's Fire, Medical and MVI calls

Suppression Activity

The following chart provides a month to month comparison regarding incidents occurring in May 2014 and 2015. In May 2015, there were a total of 865 incidents, compared to 790 in May 2014. This represents an increase of 9.5%. Call volumes fluctuate from year to year and can be driven by many different variables. The increase in call volumes was primarily in the outdoor fire and medial related incident types. Analysis of these incidents did not provide any specific reason for these increases. However, increases in outdoor activities and very dry weather conditions may have attributed to the incident number rise during May.

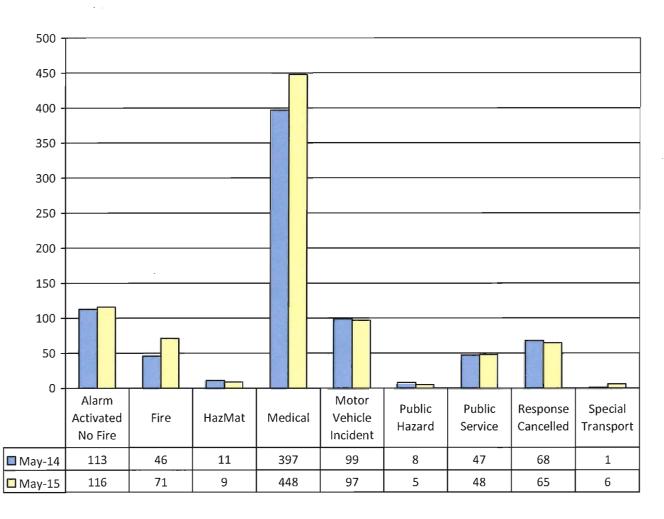


Table 1: May 2014 & 2015 Calls for Service Volumes

Call Type Legend:

HazMat: includes fuel or vapour; spills, leaks, or containment

Medical includes: cardiac arrest, emergency response, home or industrial accidents

Public Hazard includes: aircraft emergency, bomb removal standby, object removal, or power lines down

Public Service includes: assisting public, ambulance or police, locked in/out, special events, trapped in elevator, water removal

First Responder Totals

Medical First Responder incidents comprised 52% of the total emergency responses for RFR during the month of May. A detailed breakdown of the medical incidents for May 2014 and 2015 is set out in the following table by sub-type. There were a total of 448 medical incidents in May 2015 compared to 397 in May 2014 an increase of 12.8%.

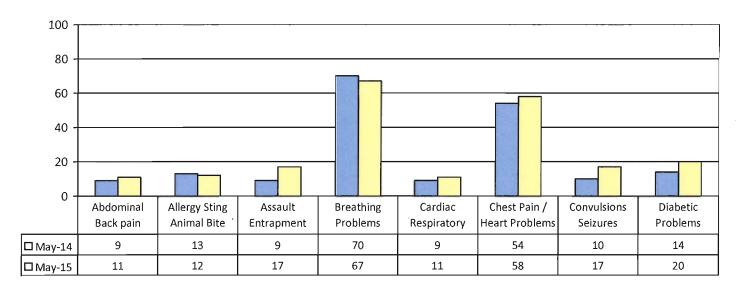
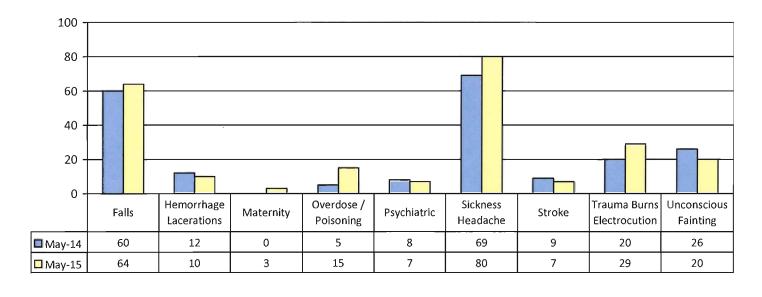


Table 2a: May 2014 & 2015 Medical Calls by Type





Fire Investigations

The fire investigation statistics for May 2015 are listed below:

Table 3: Total Fire Investigation Statistics – May						
	Suspicious	Accidental	Undetermined			
Residential - Single-family Residential - Multi-family	- 1	3 5	3			
Commercial/Industrial	1	2	1			
Fire – Outdoor	8	29	16			
Vehicle	-	1	1			
Totals	10	40	21			

All suspicious fires are reported to the RCMP, and Richmond Fire-Rescue Investigators work in conjunction with staff at the RCMP to address any risks to the community.

HazMat

Table 4: HazMat Calls By Type – May						
	Details					
Natural Gas / Propane Leaks (small)	3					
Flammable / Combustible Liquids	1					
Vapour Leak / Natural Gas	1					
Unclassified	4					
Totals	9					

Figure 1: Location of fires in May (total 71)

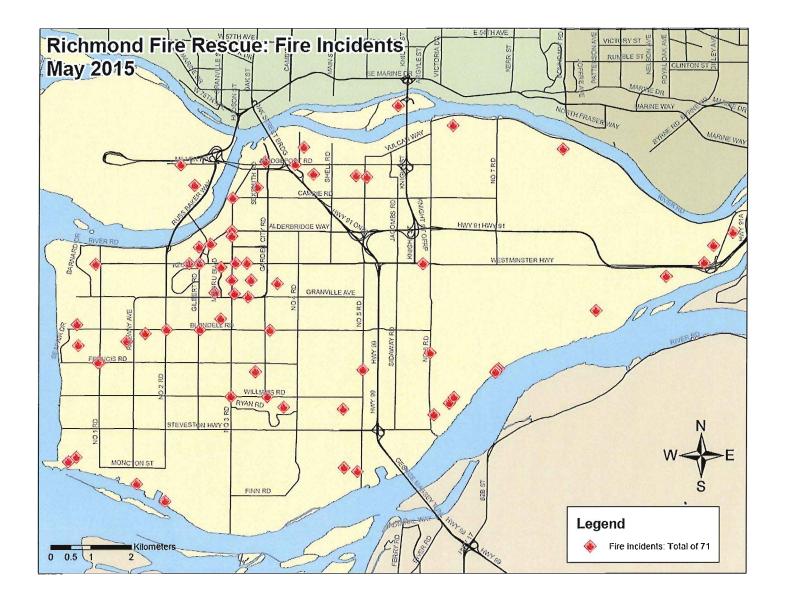


Figure 2: Location of medical calls in May (total 448)

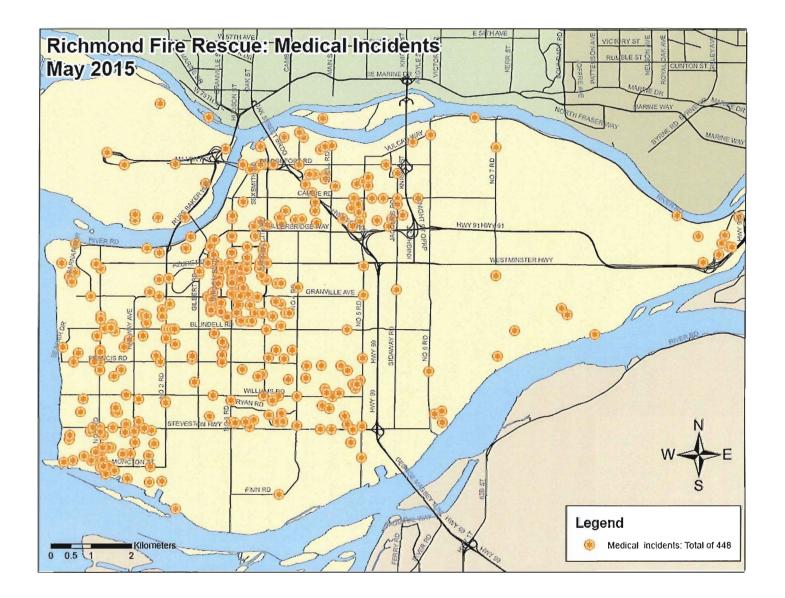
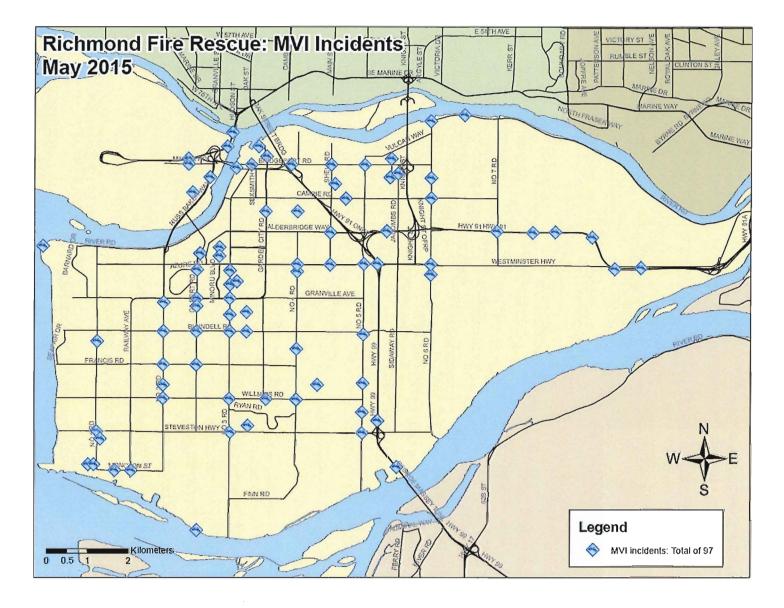


Figure 3: Location of MVI calls in May (total 97)





Report to Committee

To:

Community Safety Committee

Date:

June 18, 2015

From:

John McGowan

File:

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Re:

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue

Staff Recommendation

That the surplus City equipment listed in the staff report titled "Disposal of Surplus Equipment", dated June 18, 2015, from the Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be donated to Fire Fighters Without Borders.

John McGowan Fire Chief (604-303-2734)

REPORT CONCURRENCE

Concurrence Concurrence of General Manager

Finance Department

Reviewed by Staff Report / Agenda Review Subcommittee

Report Concurrence Concurrence of General Manager

Initials: Approved by CAO

Staff Report

Origin

This report responds to a request for the donation of surplus City assets. This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

1.4. Effective interagency relationships and partnerships.

City policy calls for the disposal of surplus City assets by donations be forwarded to Council for approval. A request has been made by Fire Fighters Without Borders (Canada) for the donation of Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) surplus equipment.

Analysis

A formal request in May 2015 was made by Fire Fighters Without Borders for surplus RFR equipment. Fire Fighters without Borders is a nationally registered non-profit charitable group with a mission to assist firefighters and other emergency personnel in less developed countries. They have embarked on 17 overseas training deployments since 2008 to 5 different counties. They have also delivered over 700 tons of retired equipment and 51 emergency vehicles to 15 countries, which were donated by departments across Canada.

Currently RFR has an inventory of equipment that has outlived its serviceable life with RFR due to age, technological change, change in standards and replacement upgrades. The countries that receive the donations, such as Peru, Philippines, Mexico, Nicaragua, etc., do not have standards or regulations; unlike North America, that has WorkSafe, National Fire Protection Association and other agencies that regulate life cycles and model of gear and equipment that can stay in service.

This equipment includes:

- TriMax Model 60HSS Compressed Air Foam Fire Suppression System (CAFS) Unit
- Wascomat Model EX640C Commercial Washer

Financial Impact

The financial impact of donating this equipment would be any potential revenue that may have been realized through the auction or sale of the equipment. Given the lack of demand for this equipment any revenue that would have been realized may be less than \$10,000, assuming the equipment would sell at all.

Conclusion

Through donating our surplus equipment that is not used here to Fire Fighters Without Borders, Richmond would be supporting a worthy cause that may possibly save lives in a less developed country.

Kim Howell Deputy Chief

(604-303-2762) KH:js



Report to Committee

To:

Community Safety Committee

Date:

June 4, 2015

From:

Rendall Nesset, Superintendent

File:

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Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment

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Re:

RCMP's Monthly Report - May Activities

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – May Activities," dated June 4, 2015 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.

Rendall Nesset, Superintendent

Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment

(604-278-1212)

Att. 2

REPORT CONCURRENCE

CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER

REVIEWED BY STAFF REPORT / AGENDA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

APPROVED BY CAO

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Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

Analysis

Below is the RCMP's monthly report for May 2015 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities

Updated Charges for Novid Dadmand

After a lengthy and complex investigation, the charges against Richmond resident Novid Dadmand have been updated. Dadmand was originally charged in 2014 with numerous offences including sexual assault. On April 28, 2015, Dadmand was indicted in BC Supreme Court on 8 counts – 7 counts of sexual assault and 1 count of break and enter. A publication ban is in effect for this matter, which is before the courts. There will be no media availability and no further information provided.

Police Respond to Stabbing

On May 19 after 2:00 pm, the Detachment responded to the area of Minoru Boulevard and Granville Avenue for a report of an injured man. Two males were involved in an altercation near the Richmond Public Library which resulted in a stabbing. The victim, a young male, was discovered near City Hall and was transported to the local area hospital by the BC Ambulance Service.

The assailant fled the area and there is no description of the suspect. The police are currently reviewing surveillance video and other investigational leads. This does not appear to be a random event. The Integrated Police Dog Services (IPDS) and the Integrated Forensic Identification Services (IFIS) is assisting with the investigation.

Richmond RCMP Investigating the discovery of a Body

The Detachment responded to the discovery of a body in the 10,000 block of Woodhead Road just after 3:30 pm on May 19. The death does not appear to be a random attack and considered suspicious. The Detachment has contacted the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) to assist with the investigation.

Mail Thieves Caught in Richmond

On May 22 at approximately 4:00 am, the Detachment responded to a suspicious occurrence at the 8,000 block of General Currie Road. A suspect was observed damaging a community mailbox and stealing the mail. A beige late 90's model Mercedes Benz was observed fleeing from the area. The RCMP was able to swiftly contain the vehicle and safely arrest the two occupants. Stolen mail was recovered. Two suspects have been arrested for theft – a 28 year old male and a 21 year old female. Both are well known to police.

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10 Year Old Boy Gets His Wish

Mike Cui, a 10 year old boy from Richmond who attends Tait Elementary School, sent the Detachment a video. The 10 year old expressed his wish to be a police officer, drive a police car and arrest bad guys. Mike is a special boy. He has Down syndrome and works with a full time educational assistant. Each day, he works hard to improve his language and increase his learning.

The Detachment thought it would be most special to grant his wish and had an authentic RCMP uniform made. On May 22, Mike was named 'Honorary Chief for the Day' and a small ceremony was held at his school before his peers. Mike wore his uniform, marched in and inspected a small group of police officers from Richmond. The event was attended by Alexa Loo, City Councillor.

Police Forced to Discharge Firearm at a Dangerous Dog.

On May 29 at approximately 8:00 am, the Detachment responded to the 9000 block of Walford Street for a report of a break and enter in progress. A home owner was startled to find an unwanted male in his residence. The suspect described as a south Asian male in his 30's wearing a black jacket and carrying a large black duffle bag fled once discovered. Police quickly established a containment field and officers scoured the area looking for the suspect. The Integrated Police Dog Services (IPDS) was contacted for their assistance in the search.

At approximately 9:00 am two of the officers were alerted to a large black duffle bag matching the description of the bag carried by the suspect. It was located in a fenced yard in the 3,000 block of Garden City Road. The property had a 'beware of dog' sign posted and the officers made cautionary noises in an attempt to rouse a dog or dogs before retrieving the evidence. The officers received no feedback and attempted to retrieve the duffle bag. The officers were confronted by 2 pit bull-like dogs and hastily exited the area, narrowly escaping. In the process, one of the officers discharged his firearm once, wounding one of the dogs as it closed in on him. The officers were shaken but uninjured. The wounded dog was transported to a local area veterinary hospital for treatment.

An investigation into this incident has been initiated. The home owner of the break and enter was extremely scared, but luckily unharmed. The RCMP was unable to apprehend the suspect in this case but the Detachment Property Crime Unit is investigating further. The discharge of a firearm is very serious and will be fully investigated.

Seeking Assistance to Identify a Deceased Male (1976)

On June 23, 1976, crew members from the Government dredging vessel Samson V found a man's body floating in the south arm of the Fraser River near the No. 4 Road dyke. The Richmond RCMP responded an initiated an investigation to identify the deceased man and to determine the cause of his death. The male was described as: light-skinned of Aboriginal descent, blue eyes and gray hair, late 40s to early 50s, 5'9" tall and 170-200 pounds. He was wearing size 36 jeans, two pairs of socks (green nylon and gray wool) and a single size 9 leather slip-on boots.

Medical evidence suggested that he underwent spinal fusion surgery somewhere in North America, perhaps during the 1960s. An autopsy revealed that the male's rear molars were missing. The pathologist determined that cause of death was due to drowning and there was no indication of foul play.

Files relating to missing males around the time were cross-referenced but no matches were found. Fingerprint and dental record matching have been unsuccessful. The file remains open and investigators are seeking the public's help for any information that may assist in identifying the male. Information and enquiries have been directed to Corporal Bob Basanti in the Serious Crime Unit.

Community Policing

Auxiliary Constables

The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention.

Total Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours

Total Auxiliary Constable volunteer hours include community policing activities as well as hours spent in training, court, ride-along and call-outs. As of the end of May 2015, Richmond Detachment's complement of Auxiliary Constables is 29. The Auxiliary Constables volunteered 819 hours during the month of May.

Figure 1 compares the monthly hours of service for the years since 2011.

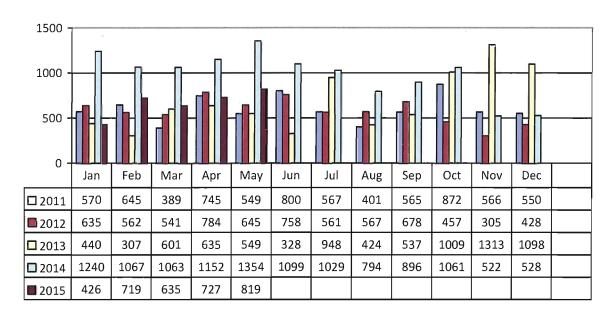


Figure 1: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours

Activities for May 2015 include:

- <u>Crime Watch</u> provided uniformed support to Crime Watch volunteers on weekend patrols.
- Youth Programs participated with RCMP officers in the "Difference Makers" initiative to promote youth leadership and mentoring to foster social responsibility. Participated in school sports events at elementary schools.
- <u>Heart & Stroke Big Bike</u> assisted the Detachment's Road Safety Unit in escorting the 'Big Bike' throughout the streets of Steveston Village for this annual fundraiser event.
- <u>Chinese Christian Mission Safety & Living Fair</u> provided information on Crime Prevention programs.
- <u>Police Week</u> organized and participated in events throughout the week. Events
 participated in were: Tourism Safety, 'Cram the Cruiser', Youth Safety, Cops for Cancer
 and Random Acts of Kindness.
- Works Yard Open House participated in an RCMP display and information booth.
- Night Markets provided support to RCMP officers in providing a uniformed presence.
- <u>SOS Childrens' Village Run/Walk</u> participated in an RCMP display and information booth.
- <u>Project 'SWOOP'</u> assisted volunteers and the Detachment's Road Safety Unit at this all day campaign for Speed Watch and Distracted Driving.
- Robbery Prevention Training Auxiliary Constables presented training sessions to the City of Richmond's Community Services staff.

• <u>Citizens Crime Watch</u> – Auxiliary Constables conducted a training session for volunteers to continue to expand the Crime Watch program.

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• Ride Alongs - provided support to RCMP officers with Traffic and General Duty shifts.

Block Watch/Business Link

Activities for May 2015 include:

- Alerts/Letters There were 56 residential and 18 business break and enter email alerts
 and 235 residential and 22 business letters sent during this period to registered Richmond
 residents and businesses. These emails and letters informed home and business owners
 that a break and enter had occurred, provide crime prevention information, and direct
 residents and business owners to the crime prevention web pages.
- Block Watch As of the end of May, there are 9,422 Block Watch participants in 404 groups with 543 Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains. This is an increase of 43 Block Watch participants, 3 groups. An in-active Block Watch group on Bates Road has been re-established with a new Captain.
- Residential break and enter email alerts at the end of May there are 5,064 registered email addresses which is an increase of 101 Richmond residents registered in May.
- Commercial break and enter email alerts at the end of May there are 1,057 registered email addresses which is an increase of 12 Richmond businesses registered in May.
- Crime Maps during May there were 1,787 page views with 36.22% being new visitors to the Criminal Activity Maps web pages.

Community Police Stations

Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock-Out Auto Crime Statistics

In partnership with ICBC, these programs involve volunteers patrolling city streets and parking lots for automobile security vulnerabilities and stolen vehicles. Under the Lock-Out Auto Crime Program notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues, if any, need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and its contents safe.

Inspection criteria include:

- Does the vehicle have an anti-theft device (e.g.: alarm, immobilizer or steering wheel-lock)?
- Are there any personal belongings in plain view?
- Is the vehicle locked?
- Have all steps been taken to prevent auto crime?

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Figure 2 provides a comparison by year for the number of vehicles issued a notice.

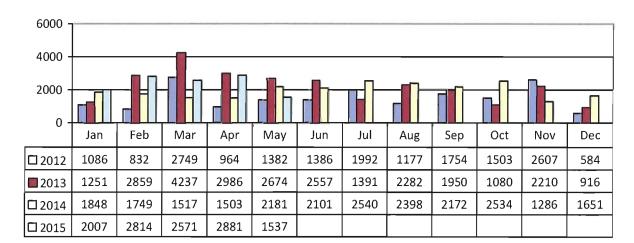


Figure 2: Stolen Auto Recovery / Lock-Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

Speed Watch Statistics

Speed Watch promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed in school zones and on roadways. Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed. The volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the vehicle's registered owner when there is an infraction. The letter includes the date, time, location and what the penalties would be if the driver had received a violation ticket.

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent.

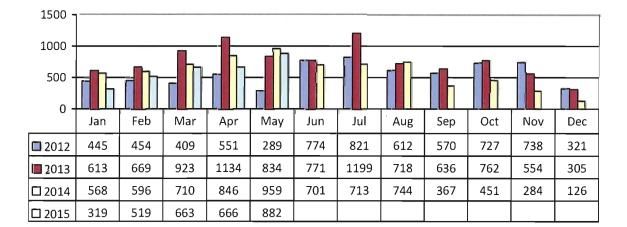


Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent

Distracted Drivers Statistics

While volunteers are performing bike/foot patrols or Speed Watch duty, they note drivers that are on their cell phones, using other electronic devices, reading a newspaper, shaving or putting on makeup. The registered owner of the vehicle is sent a letter with the date, time and location of the observed offence. Also included in the letter is the type of driving infraction and amount the fine would be had the driver received a violation ticket.

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year for the number of letters sent.

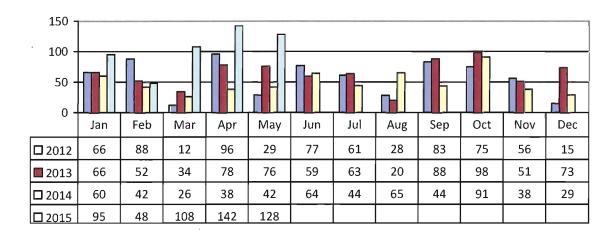


Figure 4: Distracted Drivers Letters Sent

Volunteer Foot/Van Patrol and Bike Patrol Program

In May 2015, there were 7 foot/van patrols, totaling 36 hours and 8 bike patrols totaling 75 hours. The volunteers assisted the public with directions, general questions and minor vehicle collisions. They also reminded jaywalkers to use the crosswalks, noted any distracted drivers and used palm pilots to run license plates to see if any vehicles were stolen. During the patrols, the volunteers visited local parks and schools to make sure these areas were safe and looked for possible grow ops and abandoned houses.

This month volunteers were busy with all of the events and activities such as training and Police Week.

Volunteer Highlights include:

• Six volunteers assisted the Economic Crime Unit on request by Corporal Lin to visit the Chinese medicine shops and gold exchanges along No. 3 road for public awareness relating to the Chinese artifacts. The volunteers visited 26 businesses. This scheme resurfaced in February 2015 when a foreign Chinese construction worker claimed that these figurines were priceless, gold artifacts. The last case was reported in 2010.

- Two classes were held with an instructor from ICBC, for training on the new Speed Watch and Stolen Auto Recovery / Lock Out Auto Crime apps.
- Cambie Community Centre Youth day was held on May 7. Over 200 students attended. The purpose of the event was to show the effects of drinking and driving.
- Three volunteers assisted the Economic Crime Unit and visited 15 more businesses along No. 3 Road.
- During Police Week May 11 to May 15, 30 station volunteers in total assisted in the events throughout the week.
- Station volunteers that reached 100 hours were given a ride along orientation by Auxiliary Constable Gary Chiu. The volunteers are given a tour of the Detachment and the ride along procedure is introduced. These volunteers are now able to go on a ride along.
- On May 23, Volunteer Bike Patrol annual refresher day was held at the South Arm Community Police Station. This is a training update on what to look for while they are on patrol as well as maintenance of the bikes.
- Crime Watch Training was held on May 24. Seven of the volunteers received training by Auxiliary Constable Dave Elder.
- Three volunteers assisted in the SOS Children's Village event. The volunteers ran the Crime Prevention Display as well as exhibit safety bear.
- Project SWOOP was held on May 26. This was an all day Speed Watch event in conjunction with the Road Safety Unit.
- On May 27, Vancouver Police Department presented on recruiting and life as a Vancouver Department Police Officer.
- A first aid course was held on May 30 that 23 volunteers participated in.
- The volunteer bike patrol went on a pre-ride for the Island Bike Tour in conjunction with the City of Richmond on May 31. The tour will be held in June.

Crime Prevention Section

Police Week was held from May 11 to May 15. Events took place each day for five days in five areas of Richmond. The objectives of this event are:

- 1. Celebrate and profile the work being done by local police in support of community safety.
- 2. Increase the positive public profile of Richmond Detachment and the members and volunteers.
- 3. Provide important information about the programs and services.
- 4. Highlight strategic relationships with many local partners.

Police Week Highlights Include:

- Five areas of Richmond visited over five days: Vancouver Airport International Departures, West Richmond Community Centre/Boyd Park, Hamilton Community Centre/Elementary School, Coppersmith Plaza and Lansdowne Centre.
- Partnerships included: Transit Police Service, Canadian Border Service Agency, US
 Customs Border Protection, Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, Tourism
 Richmond, YVR, Richmond Food Bank, City of Richmond, Richmond School District
 #38, Canada Safeway, Z95.3 Street Crew, Richmond Fire Rescue, BC Ambulance
 Service, Police Dog Services, Canada Post, Emergency Response Team, M&M Meats,
 Honour House, E Division Recruiting and the Explosive Disposal Unit.
- Events Included:
 - May 11 10 am 4 pm Travel Safety and Tourism Richmond.
 - o May 12 − 10 am − 4 pm − 'Cram the Cruiser' (collecting food to support those in need).
 - o May 13 12 pm 4 pm Youth.
 - o May 14 10 am 4 pm Cops for Cancer.
 - \circ May 15 10 am 4 pm Random Acts of Kindness.
- Thousands of personal connections made with the community.
- A large number of photos taken, Tweets and Facebook images liked.
- Several hundred swag items and informational packages distributed.
- Hundreds of youth engaged and future police officers cultivated.
- Approximately \$300 and a "police cruiser" of food donated to the Richmond Food Bank.
- Hundreds of vehicles washed and approximately \$2,000 rose in support of the Cops for Cancer Tour De Coast.
- Many dozens of 'Random Acts of Kindness' carried out by RCMP officers, volunteers and partners in conjunction with local businesses. Visitors were surprised with small gifts and/or kind actions.

Youth Section

Constable Dandiwal Recognized

Over the last several months, Youth Section member Constable Jagmeet Dandiwal and Serious Crime Unit member Constable Harb Sangha have participated in an anti-gang initiative delivered in partnership with various Lower Mainland police agencies and Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Constable Dandiwal volunteered his weekends to help deliver the program at the Gurdwara in New Westminster. His efforts were recognized by Assistant Commissioner Norm Lipinski at a ceremony at Green Timbers. Indicative of his results oriented attitude, Constable

Dandiwal did not attend the ceremony in order to pursue a property crime investigation spanning several break and enters and thefts that were committed throughout the Lower Mainland.

Hometown Heroes

Youth Section members Constable Janice Xia and Constable Tammy Walker delivered Richmond Detachment's contribution to the Hometown Heroes event held at McMath Secondary on May 22, 2015. The Hometown Heroes event introduced elementary students from Homma, Lord Byng, Diefenbaker, and Westwind to Richmond's emergency services community in a learning atmosphere. Students were organized in the McMath gymnasium and cycled through various stations set up by the Coast Guard, British Columbia Ambulance Service, Richmond Fire-Rescue, and Richmond RCMP Detachment. Students experienced multiple learning strategies produced by each agency, gaining important knowledge of the necessities of both personal and societal responsibilities related to each profession. Common public safety procedures and information were also highlighted and emphasized.

Police Week 2015

Constable Walker prepared Youth Section's contribution to Police Week 2015. This year, Youth Section assisted the Crime Prevention Unit with the delivery of a display in Hamilton on May 20, 2015. Constable Walker attended Hamilton Community Centre / School for Police Week Display – Youth Safety. Constable Walker set up the time slots for various grades to attend the stations. Such stations included the Emergency Response Team who had their armoured vehicle in attendance, as well as the Police Dog Section who had two members out and provided a demonstration. Both were a hit with students. Other stations included Richmond Fire, RCMP Boat and Command Centre. Positive feedback was received by the community.

Youth Mental Health

In the coming months, Constable Owen will undergo training and coaching to enhance the Detachment's capacity to respond to youth suffering mental health challenges. The training will also enable her to assist Constable Hall in her overall duty as the Detachment's Mental Health Coordinator.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)

DARE continued to be delivered to grade five students. The program will wrap up for the school year in June.

Difference Makers Pilot Project

On a number of occasions, Youth Section assisted Crime Prevention Unit Corporal Kevin Krygier with the delivery of the Difference Maker pilot program. This pilot initiative is operating at two secondary school and two elementary schools in Richmond. It has seen elementary school students, mentored by local secondary school kids and supported by RCMP members and Ambassadors, take on a "Difference Maker Project". The project engendered social and civic responsibility amongst elementary and secondary school aged youth. The pilot project wrapped up in May. Youth Section members joined Corporal Krygier and Richmond Councillor Alexa

Loo at the Richmond Olympic Oval for a celebration of the conclusion of the Difference Maker project. This event was attended by a large number of students from Mitchell Elementary School, Anderson Elementary School, and Cambie Secondary School.

Road Safety Unit

Name	Act	Example	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	754	755	918
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	462	433	425
Driving Suspensions	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	55	25	55
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	14	15	17
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	1	. 1	0

Victim Services

- During May, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 63 new clients and attended 20 crime and trauma scenes, in addition to maintaining an active caseload of 195 on-going files.
- Victim Services provided on-going emotional support to help victims of assaults, threats and harassment, family dysfunction and many medical related sudden deaths. Referrals are provided for long term help.

Financial Impact

None

Conclusion

The Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment continues to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.

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Att. 1: Crime Stats

2: Crime Maps



MAY 2015 STATISTICS

This chart identifies the monthly totals for all founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding Traffic Criminal Code. 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 are included.

The Average Range data is based on activity in a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above average, it will be noted in red, while below-average numbers will be noted in blue.

Year-to-Date percentage increases of more than 10% are marked in red, while decreases of more than 10% are blue. Please note that percentage changes are inflated in categories with small numbers (e.g.: Sexual Offences).

	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	May-15	M	lay	2014	2015	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	117	122.2	85-159	504	481	-4.6%	-23
Robbery	2	11.8	5-18	33	28	-15.2%	-5
Assault Common	42	44.0	34-54	174	187	7.5%	13
Assault w/ Weapon	12	10.2	7-13	49	45	-8.2%	-4
Sexual Offences	5	5.2	2-9	41	21	-48.8%	-20
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	677	624.6	536-714	3472	3376	-2.8%	-96
Business B&E	35	34.0	24-44	149	162	8.7%	13
Residential B&E	63	48.6	36-61	352	341	-3.1%	-11
MV Theft	30	23.2	15-31	134	138	3.0%	4
Theft From MV	193	171.2	105-237	1167	936	-19.8%	-231
Theft Other	133	109.6	101-118	522	679	30.1%	157
Shoplifting	40	55.8	42-70	279	227	-18.6%	-52
Fraud	49	44.4	40-49	242	279	15.3%	37
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	235	192.6	180-205	843	945	12.1%	102
Arson - Property	5	5.4	2-9	25	21	-16.0%	-4
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1029	939.4	821-1058	4819	4807	-0.2%	-12
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	68	76.8	56-98	242	276	14.0%	34

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