



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 2020 JANUARY 22

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

An Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on **Wednesday, 2019 November 13** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair
 Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair
 Councillor Joe Keithley, Member
 Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade (*arrived at 6:13 p.m.*)
 Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society
 Mr. Stephen Baron, Citizens' Representative
 Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
 Mr. Lloyd Paul, Citizens' Representative
 Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative
 Ms. Sue From, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
 Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
 Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast
 Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Member (*due to illness*)
 Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education

STAFF: Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services
 Inspector Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP
 Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
 Constable Kevin Connelly, Burnaby Traffic Services, RCMP
 Mr. Aidan Buckley, Communications Strategist, RCMP
 Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Chair, Councillor Dan Johnston, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́nǵəminə́m and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2019 October 08**

MOVED BY MS. LI

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2019 October 08 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

a) **Community Safety Plan** **Presenter: Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services**

Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services, appeared before the Committee and provided a status update on the City's Community Safety Plan.

Mr. Critchley advised that the Plan provides a high level framework for working with stakeholders to make decisions about community safety, and includes the following:

- a vision and purpose statement;
- goals and priorities;
- strategies and actions for each priority; and,
- metrics and performance indicators.

The speaker described the Plan's four phases and provided the following update:

- Phase 1 *Prepare the Plan* – completed;
- Phase 2 *Develop the Plan* – completed;
- Phase 3 *Finalize the Plan* (presentation to Public Safety Committee and Council) – in progress;
- Phase 4 *Implementation* – 2020 January to 2025 December.

Mr. Redekop arrived at 6:13 p.m.

In conclusion, Mr. Critchley provided a brief overview of one of the Plan's new initiatives - Project IRIS (Integrated Resources for Investigations and Safety).

b) Strategic Plan 2019-2022

Presenter: Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP

Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the Detachment's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022.

The speaker advised that the Plan is a result of consultation and research and describes the Detachment's focus and goals. The Plan is comprised of four pillars or inter-dependent priorities, as follows:

1. Improve Public Safety
2. Enhance Community Engagement
3. Ensure Good Governance and Accountability
4. Support Our People

Sergeant Rostie noted that each priority has a set of objectives and related activities that will be implemented to achieve specific outcomes. The complete Plan is available on the website: burnaby.rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

The Committee inquired regarding available resources to support community mental health issues, such as a designated *mental health vehicle*.

Inspector Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP, provided an update on the progress they have made to acquire a designated vehicle for the Detachment; as well, described some of the complexities of the project (such as involving the Fraser Health Authority in the process).

Arising from discussion, the Committee inquired as to what they could do to support the Detachment in acquiring a special mental health vehicle.

Staff undertook to provide information to the Committee.

c) Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement

Presenter: Constable Kevin Connolly, Burnaby Traffic Services, RCMP

Constable Kevin Connolly, Burnaby Traffic Services, RCMP, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the Detachment's Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Enforcement Program.

The speaker stated that CMV enforcement is a priority, due to the following:

- the City is a major thoroughfare for truck traffic;
- the leading causes of CMV accidents are due to fatigued or drowsy driving, poor vehicle maintenance, and driver distraction;
- heavy commercial vehicles represent only about 3% of vehicles

- registered in BC, yet they are involved in 19% of the fatal collisions;
- BC CMV statistics show significant non-compliance with BC regulations;
- roadside inspection and enforcement activities on CMVs prevented an estimated 1,100 crashes.

Constable Connolly explained how CMV enforcement is effective, provided some inspection examples, and identified the following action taken by the Burnaby RCMP to address safety:

- four separate CMV checks done in August, October, and November;
- 334 inspections;
- 136 vehicles identified as unsafe and removed from the road (40%);
- 330 violations identified;
- 393 mechanical defects.

The speaker concluded by noting that CMV safety is a city, provincial and national concern, requiring a joint approach to reduce the number of dangerous motor vehicles from being on the road. CMV enforcement representatives from many cities in the Lower Mainland meet and set a schedule to perform inspections in each jurisdiction.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Correspondence from Sian Cornwell** **Re: Lack of Streetlights in Suburban Areas**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Sian Cornwell regarding lack of streetlights in suburban areas, particularly along Russell Avenue and Dufferin Avenue.

Staff advised that they have conducted a review of the interim street lights in the area and contacted BC Hydro to install additional lease lighting.

5. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

a) **District #1 - no submission**

No report was submitted at this time.

b) **District #2 - October 2019**

Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair, advised that District 2's most recent CPAC meeting time was changed to 2:00 p.m. and they are reviewing this change to determine possible impacts to the members. Further, Cameron Recreation Centre CPAC members have experienced an increase in the number of geographically displaced individuals using the centre.

c) District #3 - October 2019

Ms. Tazul Ali, Chair, provided the following report:

- retail stores break-ins around Kingsway and Edmonds Street – a BB pellet gun was used to break windows to gain entry;
- report of graffiti near Saint Thomas More Collegiate, as well the School van was stolen in July and again in October;
- the 6th Street Education Centre had a problem with unruly/agitated homeless individuals occupying areas where children walk, the police were called to assist and the establishment is taking action to prevent future occurrences.

d) District #4 - November 2019

Ms. Mary Gates, Chair, advised that members of the CPAC Committee are interested in obtaining a business card to promote membership within each of the four Districts, and will be working with the City's Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator for assistance. Ms. Gates also provided the following information:

- the bus bench at McKay and Maywood has become a place for drug exchanges and a sorting place for clothing resulting in litter;
- growing shoplifting concern at Metropolis Shopping Centre – Security Manager thankful for RCMP support;
- Committee members were reminded to check the City website for current Emergency Management Procedures and emergency preparedness information;
- a Speed Watch Patrol was conducted on November 5 on Nelson Avenue in the school zone, and noted an unusually high incidence of speeding.

e) RCMP - August and September 2019

Inspector Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP, provided an overview of activities that took place during 2019 August and September, and highlighted the following:

- theft from auto is up in district 1 & 2;
- Break & Enters are up in district 1 & 2;
- the Prolific Offender Suppression Team shut down a stolen property operation, operating out of a home, and seized a large number of items;
- the Detachment successfully implemented a project to disrupt some gang conflict between two Lower Mainland gangs;
- the Youth Investigative Team officers partnered with the school district and provided presentations to students on safety, safe usage of social media and cyber bullying, sexting, and making healthy decisions;
- the Crime Prevention Unit provided five site security assessments and two presentations entitled "Robbery Prevention Workshop" and "Senior

- Safety and Fraud Prevention”, and attended many community events;
- Community Police Office volunteers contributed 160 hours in support of cell watch, speed watch, and foot and bicycle patrols programs;
- on September 30, officers and staff participated in *Orange Shirt Day* to recognize and honour residential school survivors.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Wang – Surveillance Camera at Barnet Road and Pandora Street

Councillor Wang referred to correspondence he received from Ms. Loretta Teng requesting consideration of installing a surveillance camera at Barnet Road and Pandora Street. Councillor Wang advised that the resident is concerned with the number of break-in's and theft in the area, and inquired regarding action that could be taken by the City.

Staff advised that the City cannot install surveillance cameras on private property or at intersections due to privacy issues. However, the problem may be referred to the RCMP for analysis and assessment of criminal activity in the area, and recommendations to improve security.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the correspondence be **REFERRED** to the RCMP, Burnaby Detachment for a report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Johnston – End of Service for Mr. Paul and Mr. Reid

Councillor Johnston extended appreciation to Mr. Paul and Mr. Reid for their six years of service as Citizens' Representatives on the Transportation Committee (2014-2016) and Public Safety Committee (2017-2019).

7. **INQUIRIES**

No inquiries were brought before the Committee at this time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY
SECONDED BY MR. REID

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Monica Macdonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Dan Johnston
CHAIR

DRAFT



RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2020-01-13

FROM: OIC BURNABY DETACHMENT

FILE: 2410-20

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERA AT BARNET AND PANDORA

At the Public Safety Meeting on November 13, 2019, a letter dated November 11, 2019 addressed to Councilor Wang highlighted property crime issues in the area of Barnet and Pandora. The writer of the letter, Ms. Teng, requested an assessment of the feasibility of the City installing a surveillance camera at the intersection.

The Public Safety Committee requested that the Burnaby RCMP provide an analysis of criminal activity in the area and options available to improve security.

Response:

Cpl Hebert provided Ms. Teng information about the Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) and when the next one was being held in her district. On November 20th, 2019, Cpl Hebert met Ms. Teng when she attended the local Community Police Advisory Committee. Ms. Teng is also in the process of becoming a regular member of the District 2 CPAC. Cpl Hebert discussed the issue with Ms. Teng in regards to her concerns in her area and learned the following:

- There was a lack of reporting of previous incidents by some of Ms. Teng's neighbours
- Police record checks of Ms. Teng's address showed 2 police calls in the last 18 months
- Cpl Hebert explained that there would be privacy concerns if the city installed a camera pointing at private residences. Ms. Teng understood this concern

Ms. Teng was provided contact information for the Burnaby RCMP Crime Prevention Unit to look into starting Block Watch in her area and to have the complex's security and environment assessed for crime prevention measures.

The next CPAC meeting is January 15, 2020. The situation will continue to be monitored by Cpl Hebert and the District 2 Community Response Team.

Deanne Burleigh, C/Supt.
Officer in Charge
Burnaby Detachment



RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2020-01-14

FROM: OIC BURNABY DETACHMENT

FILE: 2410-20

SUBJECT: BURNABY RCMP MENTAL HEALTH CAR

At the Public Safety Meeting on November 13, 2019, Sgt Rostie presented the 2019-2023 Burnaby RCMP Strategic Plan. Following the presentation, the Committee expressed concern regarding the Detachment's available resources to support community mental health issues, in particular a dedicated mental health car.

The Public Safety Committee requested that the Burnaby RCMP provide information as to how it can support acquisition of a mental health vehicle.

Response:

From 2016 to 2018, mental health apprehensions have increased 13% (649 to 731), with 72% of these apprehensions resulting in hospital admission.

Burnaby Detachment's first step towards improving response to mental health calls for service was to partner with the City of Burnaby for the Burnaby Mobilization and Resiliency Table (BMART). Now that BMART is operational, we are exploring the need for a mental health car. This exploration includes data analysis, partnership exploration, analysis of service delivery models and the ability to initiate and sustain such an initiative from within. At this time, we are still acquiring and analyzing all available information and working to solicit partnerships and commitments.

The Burnaby RCMP has been in conversation with other RCMP detachments that have a mental health vehicle. Both Surrey RCMP and Richmond RCMP have a mental health car, however Richmond is part of Vancouver Coastal Health while both Surrey and Burnaby are a part of the Fraser Health Authority. Burnaby RCMP currently has one member dedicated to a partnership with one member of the Fraser Health Authority to discuss clients needing mental health assistance and to triage who they visit together in the community on an as needed basis.

As we continue to develop initiatives to address and support mental health issues in our City, the Burnaby RCMP will communicate with the Committee on any additional supports required to further our efforts.



Deanne Burleigh, C/Supt.
Officer in Charge
Burnaby Detachment



Office of the City Clerk

K. O'Connell, City Clerk
B. Zeinabova, Deputy City Clerk

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2019 NOVEMBER 20


FROM: DEPUTY CITY CLERK

FILE: 02410-20

SUBJECT: FIREWORKS COMPLAINTS
NEW BUSINESS, COUNCIL 2019 NOVEMBER 18

Under the New Business portion of the Open Council meeting held on 2019 November 18, Council referred to Item N) and O) of the Council Correspondence Package received up to 2019 November 14 from Holly McCallum and Nikolay Pashenkov regarding fireworks complaints.

Arising from discussion, Council **REFERRED** the items to the Public Safety Committee.


Blanka Zeinabova
Deputy City Clerk

Copied to: Fire Chief
Director Public Safety and Community Services

Section 3 Council Correspondence 2019.11.14

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Dear Mayor and Council,

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On Halloween night, the continual explosion of fireworks in Central Park was unacceptable. Sleep was disturbed until 3:30 AM. Some of the single fireworks sound like a bomb exploding, and then others are continual for several minutes. Pets are frightened, not to mention the park animals and birds settled for the night.

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No fireworks shall be set off or discharged on public property without a permit from the Fire Chief.

In discussion with the Police on Halloween night they were very frustrated as well with the problems of fireworks and the difficulty of stopping them in such a large setting as Central Park.

Please follow the lead of the City of Vancouver and bring to the next agenda discussion on banning the USE of fireworks in Burnaby.

Each year I write this letter, and each year, this request is ignored.

Hopefully, with City of Vancouver taking the lead, our City Council members will finally take the fireworks concerns of the citizens seriously.

Best regards,

Holly McCallum

Burnaby, BC

Copied to:

City Manager

Dir. Corporate Services

Dir. Public Safety and Community Services

Fire Chief

Section 3 Council Correspondence 2019.11.14

From: Nikolay Pashenkov
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2019 1:21 PM
To: Clerks <Clerks@burnaby.ca>
Subject: Loud fireworks in Burnaby Oct 31, 2019

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To Mayor and City Council,

Hi,

You may have already got a few letters from people in our building on Willingdon avenue about fireworks last night. It's truly sad some people don't realize how disturbing it is for others when they start shooting fireworks at 12:30am. Not sure what exactly, but something needs to be done about it. Probably some sort of ban for fireworks after maybe 11:30pm?

Thank you,
Nick and Elena, residents of "Parkside Manor",

Copied to:
City Manager
Dir. Corporate Services
Dir. Public Safety and Community Services
Fire Chief

Section 2 Council Correspondence 2019.12.12

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 01, 2019 11:01 PM
To: Clerks <Clerks@burnaby.ca>
Subject: FW: Fireworks Ban - Burnaby

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please be aware that as of this time of writing – 11:00 PM, December 1st – there are fireworks being set off in Central Park, and have been for some time tonight. This is not an unusual occurrence as many weekends throughout November, including Sunday evenings, fireworks have become a common nuisance when trying to settle for the night for a busy week ahead.

Again, please work towards a total fireworks ban on sale and use of them in the City of Burnaby.

Best regards,
 Holly McCallum

[REDACTED]
 Burnaby, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:47 PM
To: 'clerks@burnaby.ca' <clerks@burnaby.ca>
Subject: Fireworks Ban - Burnaby

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Referred to:

Public Safety Committee (2020 Date to be Determined)

Copied to:

City Manager

Dir. Corporate Services

Dir Public Safety and Community Service -14-

Fire Chief

In discussion with the Police on Halloween night they were very frustrated as well with the problems of fireworks and the difficulty of stopping them in such a large setting as Central Park. Please follow the lead of the City of Vancouver and bring to the next agenda discussion on banning the USE of fireworks in Burnaby.

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Best regards,
Holly McCallum
Burnaby, BC



Meeting 2020 Jan 22
Committee REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2020 Jan 13

FROM: DIRECTOR - PUBLIC SAFETY AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: ILLICIT USE OF FIREWORKS

PURPOSE: To provide information to the Committee regarding the nature and frequency of the illicit use of fireworks.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Public Safety Committee receive this report for information purposes.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Holly McCallum and Nikolay and Elena Pashenkov.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Correspondence (Attachment 1 and 2) has been received from Burnaby residents regarding the noise and disturbance associated with the illicit use of fireworks, particularly on Halloween. The correspondence requests consideration for City bylaws to be amended to further restrict or prohibit the possession and use of fireworks in Burnaby.

This report provides information regarding the current City bylaw surrounding the use of fireworks and the number and nature of *calls for service* received and responded to by City emergency services related to the use of fireworks.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

Goal

- A Safe Community
 - Crime prevention and reduction – Ensure citizens and businesses feel safe in our community
 - Emergency services – Provide responsive emergency services
 - Transportation safety – Make City streets, pathways, trails and sidewalks safer

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 From: Director - Public Safety and Community Services
 Re: Fireworks
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- Community amenity safety – Maintain a high level of safety in City buildings and facilities for the public and City staff

3.0 BACKGROUND

The regulation of fireworks is problematic due to the hazardous nature of the product along with their transient use. These issues are exacerbated annually on Halloween when the use of fireworks is particularly intensified and the potential for public nuisance increases significantly. It was with these factors in mind, that Council supported the amendment of the *Fire Services Bylaw* in 2016 (sections 40 to 45 – Attachment 3) to prohibit any person selling or offering for sale fireworks in Burnaby (Council Report 2016 June 13 – Attachment 4).

The Fire Services Bylaw does however permit the discharge of *High Hazard* and *Low Hazard* (as defined by the *Explosive Regulations* under the *Explosives Act*) fireworks with restrictions on public property, and Low Hazard fireworks on private property with restrictions, some of which include:

Public Property – fireworks may be discharged with a permit from the Fire Chief. The permits can be issued for any date throughout the year and the following table provides the number of permits issued over the past five years. Of note is that there have been no permits issued for public property on Halloween. There are two category of permits available:

- 1) **High Hazard** – by an individual at least 18 years of age holding a valid fireworks supervisors card who provides the Fire Chief with a site map showing where the fireworks will be used and stored, location of fire extinguishers and provides proof of insurance.
- 2) **Low Hazard** – by an individual at least 18 years of age under terms and conditions the Fire Chief may specify.

Fireworks Permits Issued by the Burnaby Fire Department				
Year	Low Hazard	High Hazard	Total	Halloween
2015	2	3	6 (1 permit with no indication of hazard level)	0
2016	3	3	7 (1 permit with no indication of hazard level)	0
2017	2	1	3	0
2018	2	1	3	0
2019	2	1	3	0

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Private Property – low hazard fireworks may only be set off or discharged without a permit on October 31st by a person who is at least 18 years of age and with the consent of the owner. The Fire Chief may issue a permit for a special occasion other than October 31st under terms and conditions the Fire Chief may specify.

4.0 CALLS FOR SERVICE

The illicit use and discharge of fireworks throughout the year (including Halloween) results in calls for service to City emergency services, particularly to the RCMP. The fireworks complaints are received from the public as either the illicit use of fireworks, or initially as complaints of “gunshots” which are then later determined to be fireworks. These “gunshots” calls are particularly troublesome as the vast majority are determined to be the result of fireworks, however are initially responded to on an urgent priority basis given the nature of the complaint. The Burnaby Fire Department also receives and responds to a number of firework complaints related to fire safety issues, predominantly on Halloween.

As noted in the table below, the frequency and nature of firework complaints received by City emergency services has been decreasing steadily since the ban on firework sales in 2016. Of further note, only one charge resulted from all the complaints received in the previous five years. The transient and brief nature of an illicit firework event combined with the significant investigative time required to identify the responsible individual, locate and interview witnesses, gather evidence, etc. is not an effective use of police resources securing charges on a violation of this nature. Any additional police time spent on the further investigation of fireworks offences would take away time spent on other pressing matters and proactive actions.

Fireworks Complaints received by Burnaby RCMP				
Year	Total Complaints Oct 15 to Nov 15	Complaints on Halloween	Attended	Charges
2015	26	11	26	1
2016	99	37	99	0
2017	71	26	71	0
2018	65	26	65	0
2019	59	23	59	0

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 From: Director - Public Safety and Community Services
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Fireworks Complaints received by Burnaby Fire Department				
Year	Total Complaints Oct 15 to Nov 15	Complaints on Halloween	Attended	Charges
2015	3	0	3	0
2016	2	2	2	0
2017	5	3	5	0
2018	6	3	6	0
2019	1	1	1	0

5.0 SUMMARY

The illicit use of fireworks is an issue that continues to be experienced by all lower mainland communities to varying degrees which has resulted in a variety of fireworks regulations (Attachment 5). In addition, as noted in this report, enforcement actions are difficult not only due to the transient nature of illicit fireworks use but also the significant and inappropriate amount of police resources required to investigate and charge individuals for fireworks offences.

Any further bylaw amendments to further restrict the possession and/or use of fireworks, would not be the best use of police resources to enforce and gain compliance. The prohibition of fireworks sales has continued to spread throughout the region and the number of calls for service related to fireworks in Burnaby has declined, thus addressing the desire to reduce the nuisance associated with illicit fireworks use.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that at this time no further bylaw amendments be considered and the Public Safety Committee receive this report for information purposes and a copy of this report be forwarded to Holly McCallum and Nikolay and Elena Pashenkov.


 Dave Critchley
 Director – Public Safety & Community Services

Copied to: City Manager
 OIC RCMP Burnaby
 Fire Chief
 Director Corporate Services
 Director Planning & Building

To: *Public Safety Committee*
From: *Director - Public Safety and Community Services*
Re: *Fireworks*
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Attachments: 1 – Correspondence (Holly McCallum)
2 – Correspondence (Nikolay Pashenkov)
3 – Burnaby Fire Services Bylaw (sections 40 to 45)
4 – Council Report dated 2016 June 13
5 – Comparable Municipal Fireworks Regulations

Attachment 1

Section 3 Council Correspondence 2019.11.14

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Nick and Elena, [REDACTED]

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Dir. Public Safety and Community Services
Fire Chief

fire safety plan for the bulk storage facility.

39. The Fire Chief may order the owner of a bulk storage facility to upgrade the fire detection and fire suppression systems at the bulk storage facility in accordance with the directions and requirements of the Fire Chief.

FIREWORKS AND FIRECRACKERS

40. No person shall use, detonate, explode, offer for sale, sell, or possess firecrackers.
41. No person shall sell or offer for sale fireworks. (Bylaw No. 13629)
42. Except as provided in this Bylaw, no person shall use, detonate, or discharge fireworks. (Bylaw No. 13629)
43. (Bylaw No. 13629)
- (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), fireworks shall not be set off, detonated or discharged at any time except on the 31st day of October.
 - (2) It shall be lawful for a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age to use, set off or discharge low hazard fireworks on private property with the consent of the owner of the property.
 - (3) The Fire Chief may issue a permit to a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age to use, detonate or discharge low hazard fireworks for a special occasion at any time of the year other than the date specified in subsection (1) on such terms and conditions as the Fire Chief may specify.
 - (4) No person shall set off or discharge fireworks on public property without a permit from the Fire Chief.
 - (5) No person shall point or direct a firework at any person, animal, motor vehicle, building or improvement where such firework is in the process of exploding or detonating, and where the firework is capable of projecting or discharging a charge or pyrotechnical effect.
 - (6) No person shall discharge a firework within thirty (30) meters of a gas station or service station, lumber yard, propane tank, or other location where flammable materials are stored.
 - (7) A local assistant under the *Fire Services Act* or a Peace Officer who observes any contravention of the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (4), (5), or (6) may confiscate the fireworks.

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44. The Fire Chief may issue a permit to a person to use, detonate or discharge high hazard fireworks or indoor fireworks on such terms and conditions as the Fire Chief may specify, if the permit applicant:
- (a) is at least 18 years of age and holds a valid fireworks supervisor card;
 - (b) is the person who will supervise the use, detonation or discharge of the fireworks;
 - (c) provides the Fire Chief a site map, acceptable to the Fire Chief, showing where the fireworks will be used and stored, and the location of fire extinguishers; and
 - (d) provides to the Fire Chief proof of liability insurance coverage for the use of the fireworks with limits and on terms acceptable to the Fire Chief.
45. (1) No person shall conduct a public pyrotechnics display without a permit from the Fire Chief.
- (2) A permit issued under subsection (1) shall be on such terms and conditions as the Fire Chief may specify, including the attendance of members at the display for fire protection and emergency response.
- (3) No person shall conduct a flame effects display before an audience without a plan and a representative demonstration approved by the Fire Chief.

FIRE HYDRANT STANDARDS

46. All fire hydrants, including private hydrants, installed in the City shall:
- (a) be a slide gate or compression type hydrant;
 - (b) have two 65 mm hose outlets and one 100 mm pumper outlet;
 - (c) have an internal main valve opening of not less than 115 mm or 10,000 mm ;
 - (d) have main operating stem, hose and pumper outlet threads that conform to the British Columbia Standard fire hose thread for 65 mm fire hose couplings and allied fittings, with the threads of the 100 mm pumper outlet having an outside diameter of 115.625 mm and six threads per 25 mm;
 - (e) be self draining;
 - (f) have a clearance between the centre of the lowest outlet and the surface of the ground directly below of not less than 300 mm;

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Item
Meeting2016 June 13

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2016 June 08

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **FILE:** 42000 20
FIRE CHIEF *Reference:* Bylaw Text Amdmt

SUBJECT: FIREWORKS SALES

PURPOSE: To propose amendments to the Fire Services Bylaw to prohibit fireworks sales.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bylaw amendments to the Fire Services Bylaw to prohibit fireworks sales, as outlined in Section 4.0 of this report, for advancement to Council at a future date.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to previously licensed fireworks retailers, as listed in *Appendix A*, and that they be advised that Council will consider public comment on the proposed bylaw amendment following First Reading and prior to Second Reading.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

At its meeting of 2016 January 14, the Public Safety Committee received an informational report from the Fire Chief on the sale and use of fireworks in Burnaby. In the report, it was noted that regulation of fireworks retailers is challenging due to the temporary nature of the use.

This report details those concerns and considers the implications of a ban on fireworks sales. It concludes by recommending that the Burnaby Fire Services Bylaw be amended to prohibit fireworks sales.

2.0 BACKGROUND**2.1 Fireworks Sales**

In Burnaby, the sale of consumer fireworks is restricted to the week leading up to and including Halloween. As such, fireworks sales are a temporary use that occurs either as a seasonal display in an existing retail outlet or as a “pop-up” establishment in a vacant commercial unit. During the 2015 Halloween season, 14 existing retail establishments and 10 temporary vendors were licensed to sell fireworks. These outlets were distributed throughout the City, with many located along commercial thoroughfares, including Hastings Street, Edmonds Street and Sixth Street. A list of businesses licensed to sell fireworks last year is included as *Appendix A*.

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2.2 Regulation of Fireworks Sales in Burnaby

The sale of fireworks is regulated specifically by the Fire Services Bylaw, and more generally by the Zoning Bylaw, the Sign Bylaw, and the Business Licence Bylaw. The Fire Services Bylaw provides detailed regulations for fireworks vendors, including type and quantity of fireworks, operating dates, display and storage, purchaser age, and safety provisions. The Zoning Bylaw regulates the location of fireworks vendors and provides conditions of use, dimensional standards, and parking and loading requirements. The Sign Bylaw regulates all commercial signage, including for fireworks vendors. The Business Licence Bylaw regulates fireworks vendors as retail traders. Specific regulations that apply to fireworks are outlined below.

Fire Services Bylaw

The Fire Services Bylaw provides operating requirements for fireworks sales in Burnaby. It regulates the types of fireworks that may be sold, and provides standards for the safe display and handling of merchandise. The Bylaw also specifies that:

- Fireworks sales are limited to October 25 – October 31;
- Purchasers must be at least 18 years old; and
- Fireworks vendors must have a Fireworks Retailer Permit, issued by the Fire Chief, and a business licence.

Sections 40 through 43 of the Fire Services Bylaw are attached for reference as *Appendix B*.

Zoning Bylaw

Under the Zoning Bylaw, fireworks sales are considered “retail sales” or a “retail store that sells new or used goods.” These use categories are allowed in the following zone districts:

- C1 Neighbourhood Commercial
- C2 Community Commercial
- C3 General Commercial
- C4a Service Commercial
- C8 Urban Village Commercial (Hastings)
- C9 Urban Village Commercial
- M3a Heavy Industrial District (as an accessory use to low hazard fireworks storage)
- CD Comprehensive Development District based on any of the above

Conditions of use vary by District, but all require the use to be within a completely enclosed building and to be oriented to pedestrian needs and access. As fireworks vendors typically locate in existing buildings, dimensional requirements, such as building setbacks and height, generally do not apply. Parking is assessed at one space for every 28 m² (301.40 ft²) of retail floor area or 46m² (495.16 ft²) of gross floor area. The provisions of Section 6.7, which allow temporary buildings for a number of purposes, do not apply to fireworks vendors.

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Sign Bylaw

The Sign Bylaw regulates the location, size, and appearance of all signs in the City. The intent of the bylaw is to promote public safety and minimize visual nuisances. To ensure its requirements are met, the Sign Bylaw requires issuance of a permit for all signs with limited exceptions. The bylaw also restricts the location of signs. Temporary businesses such as fireworks vendors are subject to the requirements of the Sign Bylaw.

Business Licence Bylaw

Fireworks vendors are considered “retail traders” under the Business Licence Bylaw and are subject to the general provisions that apply to licensed businesses. The Bylaw contains no specific regulations for fireworks vendors. The annual business licence fee for “retail traders” is \$426 for a new licence and \$125 for a renewal. The licence must be issued on or before the first calendar Friday in October, to allow adequate time for Fire Department processing and inspections prior to issuance of the Fireworks Retailer Permit.

2.3 Regulation of Fireworks Sales in Other Lower Mainland Municipalities

A survey of 15 Metro Vancouver municipalities found that only five others – District of North Vancouver, Langley (Township), Port Moody, Vancouver, and District of West Vancouver – allow fireworks sales.

Similar to Burnaby, these municipalities limit sales to a one week period prior to Halloween and require vendors to obtain a Fire Department permit and a business licence.

The following municipalities prohibit fireworks sales:

- Coquitlam
- Delta
- Langley (City)
- Maple Ridge
- New Westminster
- North Vancouver (City)
- Pitt Meadows
- Port Coquitlam
- Richmond
- Surrey

3.0 DISCUSSION

3.1 Safety and Property Use Issues

The standards governing fireworks sales respond to two main areas of concern: safety and property use. The hazardous nature of fireworks, combined with the transient nature of fireworks

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sales, results in a regulatory dilemma in which enforcement of safety standards is both critical and difficult. In addition, the aggressive marketing employed by many fireworks outlets can decrease traffic safety and constitute a visual nuisance. The safety and property use issues associated with fireworks sales are discussed in turn below.

Safety

The Fire Services Bylaw includes provisions to increase safety in fireworks outlets by reducing the potential for damage and injury due to accidental combustion or product mishandling. It also endeavours to increase consumer safety by limiting allowable fireworks to those that are defined as “low hazard” under the *Explosives Regulations* of the *Explosives Act*, and restricting purchaser age to 18 or older. In addition, application of general safety regulations, such as BC Building Code standards, is paramount given the hazardous nature of the product stored on site.

However, the transient nature of fireworks sales makes enforcement of the necessary regulations difficult, both in communicating requirements, identifying violations and in following up with penalties. In Burnaby, some vendors have operated on a “guerrilla” basis, setting up shop without a business licence and without Fire Services inspection. Others have located their businesses in substandard buildings without proper electrical and other building permits, or installed makeshift signage that has collapsed or flown loose from the building. Those locations that undergo inspection can consume a significant amount of City resources. Follow-up enforcement activities require additional resources and may not achieve compliance given the short time frame.

Property Use

Retail sale of fireworks is permitted only in the C1, C2, C3, C4a, C8, and C9 Commercial Districts, and as an accessory use in conjunction with the storage of low hazard fireworks in the M3a Heavy Industrial District. As such, it is subject to the zoning regulations governing those Districts. In addition, fireworks vendors must obtain a business licence and a permit for any signage. The intent of these regulations is to ensure the compatibility of the use with the surrounding neighbourhood and to prevent visual blight and other nuisances associated with excessive signage.

The Sign Bylaw prohibits the types of aggressive signage often used by fireworks vendors, including flashing signs, portable signs, inflatable signs, revolving signs, banners and billboards. These signs may distract drivers, block sidewalks, overshadow the signage of neighbouring businesses, and generally diminish the attractiveness of the streetscape. Because they are unpermitted, these signs receive no inspection and may pose safety risks as noted above.

As with fire and building regulations, enforcement of zoning and sign regulations is made more challenging by the temporary nature of fireworks sales. This is particularly the case with temporary vendors, whose short tenure provides little incentive to comply with applicable regulations.

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3.2 Access to Fireworks

Fireworks are hazardous and to many represent a nuisance. The sale of fireworks in Burnaby provides ready access to those residents who wish to purchase them and as such, encourages their use. Although fireworks can be purchased in some neighbouring municipalities, the convenience of purchasing them nearby, particularly on Halloween, may contribute to greater usage and associated hazards.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

As discussed above, fireworks sales pose a number of regulatory challenges due to the transience of the use and the hazardous nature of the product. Fireworks sales do provide some additional revenue for retailers; however, given the numerous difficulties associated with fireworks sales, including public nuisance and safety hazards, and the amount of City resources spent on inspections and enforcement, a ban on sales would provide a greater benefit to the community.

For all of these reasons, staff recommends that the Fire Services Bylaw be amended to prohibit fireworks sales. It is recommended that these amendments become effective immediately upon adoption, in order to apply to the 2016 Halloween season.

It is further recommended that a copy of this report be sent to previously licensed fireworks retailers, as listed in *Appendix A*, and that they be advised that Council will consider public comment on the proposed bylaw amendment following First Reading and prior to Second Reading.

In addition, Section 59 of the *Community Charter* requires that proposed changes to a business regulation be published as a notification of intention prior to bylaw adoption. This notification provides an opportunity for those who consider that they are affected by the bylaw to make representation to Council. If Council adopts the staff recommendations and provides First Reading of the amending bylaw, notice will be published in a local newspaper to invite written comments for submission to Council prior to Second Reading.

Although outside the scope of this report, in order to address hazard and nuisance concerns regarding fireworks use, it is recommended that options for further regulation be considered and advanced, if advisable, in a future report.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Regulation of fireworks sales is problematic due to the hazardous nature of the product and the transient nature of the use. Fireworks sales have resulted in numerous safety, property use, and nuisance issues, including unlicensed businesses; zoning and code violations; makeshift signs that have endangered public safety; and aggressive displays that have created visual nuisances. Given the limited time frame, enforcement of the necessary regulations is difficult, both in communicating requirements and identifying violations, as well as achieving compliance and following up with penalties. It is therefore recommended that Council authorize the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary amendments to the Fire Services Bylaw to prohibit fireworks

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sales, as outlined in Section 4.0 of this report, for advancement to Council at a future date. It is further recommended that a copy of this report be sent to previously licensed fireworks retailers, as listed in *Appendix A*, and that they be advised that Council will consider public comment on the proposed bylaw amendment following First Reading and prior to Second Reading.


 Lou Pelletier, Director
 PLANNING AND BUILDING


 FOR Joe Robertson
 FIRE CHIEF

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Attachments

cc: Deputy City Manager
 Chief Building Inspector
 Chief Licence Inspector
 City Solicitor
 City Clerk

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Appendix A - Fireworks retailers licensed in Burnaby, October 2015

Address	Existing retailer	Temporary vendor
102 - 2900 Bainbridge Avenue	X	
201 - 3300 Boundary Road		X
12 - 5901 Broadway		X
5097 Canada Way		X
7337 Edmonds Street		X
7359 Edmonds Street	X	
7502 Edmonds Street	X	
3849 Hastings Street	X	
105 – 4161 Hastings Street		X
4233 Hastings Street		X
6504 Hastings Street	X	
4388 Imperial Street		X
9930 Lougheed Hwy		X
5886 Marine Drive	X	
7567 Sixth Street	X	
7665 Sixth Street	X	
7670 Sixth Street		X
7747 Sixth Street	X	
7807 Sixth Street		X
7892 Sixth Street	X	
5012 Smith Avenue	X	
1431 Sperling Avenue	X	
5962 Sperling Avenue	X	
2 - 4739 Willingdon Avenue	X	

Appendix B – Sections 40 to 43, Fire Services Bylaw

FIREWORKS AND FIRECRACKERS

40. No person shall use, detonate, explode, offer for sale, sell, or possess firecrackers.
41. Except as provided in this Bylaw, no person shall:
 - (a) use, detonate, or discharge fireworks;
 - (b) offer for sale or sell fireworks.
42. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale whether on-site, by mail order or by internet low hazard fireworks except: (Bylaw No. 13174)
 - (a) during the period commencing on the 25th day of October and ending on the 31st day of October in each year;
 - (b) to a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (c) with a valid business license issued on or before the first calendar Friday in October of the current year; (Bylaw No. 13174)
 - (d) with a valid fireworks retailer permit issued by the Department on or before the 18th day of October of the current year. (Bylaw No. 13174)
- (2) No person shall sell or offer for sale a Roman candle or a noisemaker except as part of a family pack.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (5), fireworks shall not be set off, detonated or discharged at any time except on the 31st day of October.
- (4) It shall be lawful for a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age to use, set off or discharge low hazard fireworks on private property with the consent of the owner of the property.
- (5) The Fire Chief may issue a permit to a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age to use, detonate or discharge low hazard fireworks for a special occasion at any time of the year other than the date specified in subsection (3) on such terms and conditions as the Fire Chief may specify.
- (6) No person shall set off or discharge fireworks on public property without a permit from the Fire Chief.
- (7) No person shall point or direct a firework at any person, animal, motor vehicle, building or improvement where such firework is in the process of exploding or detonating, and where the firework is capable of projecting or discharging a charge or pyrotechnical effect.
- (8) No person shall discharge a firework within thirty (30) meters of a gas station or service station, lumber yard, propane tank, or other location where flammable materials are stored.
- (9) A local assistant under the Fire Services Act or a Peace Officer who observes any contravention of the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), or (8) may confiscate the fireworks.

(BYLAW #11987)

43. Every person who sells low hazard fireworks to the public shall:
- (a) not sell fireworks to any person less than 18 years of age;
 - (b) have not more than 25 kg (55 lbs.) of fireworks on display;
 - (c) only display fireworks in a glass case with a top or behind a counter and where the fireworks are not exposed to the sun, direct heat, or any other source of ignition;
 - (d) not permit customers or members of the public to handle the fireworks prior to a sale of those fireworks;
 - (e) not store more than 100 kg (220 lbs.) of fireworks on the premises;
 - (f) store fireworks that are not on display in a separate room away from any and all sources of ignition;
 - (g) maintain a functional ABC dry chemical or pressure water fire extinguisher of at least 5 lbs. size in each of the rooms in which fireworks are displayed or stored;
 - (h) not smoke or permit any other person to smoke tobacco or any other substance in any of the rooms in which fireworks are displayed or sold; and
 - (i) post and keep posted "No Smoking" signs so that they are clearly visible from all parts of the rooms in which the fireworks are displayed or stored.

Attachment 5

City	Sale	Possession	Permit Available
Burnaby	No	Yes	Yes
Coquitlam	No	Yes (with permit from Fire Dept)	Yes
Delta	No	Yes (with permit from Fire Dept)	Yes
Langley (City)	No	Yes (with permit from Fire Dept)	Yes
New Westminster	No	Yes (between Oct 28 and 31)	Yes
North Van (City)	No	Yes (with Permit from Fire Chief)	Yes
North Van (District)	Yes (with permit)	Yes (with permit)	Yes
Port Coquitlam	No	Yes (with permit)	Yes
Port Moody	No	Yes (with permit between Oct 24 and 31)	Yes
Richmond	No	Yes (permit only available to licensed fireworks supervisors)	Yes
West Vancouver	Yes (with permit)	Yes (with permit)	Yes
Surrey	No	Yes (with permit)	Yes
Vancouver	Yes	Yes (between Oct 25 and 31_)	Yes



Meeting 2020 Jan 22

Committee REPORT

TO: Chair and Members
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2020 Jan 13

FROM: OIC BURNABY DETACHMENT

SUBJECT: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROPERTY BYLAW

PURPOSE: To obtain Committee and Council support to create a bylaw to recover costs from property owners resulting from enforcement of illegal controlled substance and cannabis grow operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Public Safety Committee recommends Council support to create a bylaw for the recovery of costs from property owners for City services including the attendance of police, fire and other associated costs, should their property be used for controlled substance operation, production or illegal cannabis grow.
2. **THAT** Public Safety Committee recommends Council authorize staff to prepare a new controlled substance property bylaw as proposed in this report.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The emergence of fentanyl and other extremely dangerous concentrated opioids being used in street level drugs, has resulted in much more complex and costly enforcement and cleanup operations undertaken by municipalities. Individuals involved in the illicit drug trade such as dealers and producers give little to no consideration to not only their own personal safety, but also to those around them including the properties and neighborhoods they occupy. These significant public risks include, but are not limited to, the tremendous amount of dangerous contamination that often results from these operations.

These illicit substances are very difficult and dangerous to clean up completely, forcing authorities to use specialized cleaning contractors. Burnaby RCMP members have and continue to encounter these processing and lab sites as well as illegal cannabis grow operations which still occur and also require enforcement action and resulting costs similar to fentanyl and other illicit drugs.

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The City of Burnaby currently does not have a bylaw compelling property owners to pay for costs associated to enforcement and remediation should their property be used for controlled substance production or illegal cannabis grow operation.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

Goal

- A Safe Community
 - Crime prevention and reduction
- A Thriving Organization
 - Financial viability

3.0 BACKGROUND

In recent years, several municipalities have adopted bylaws to recover municipal costs associated to enforcement action against properties due to the prevalence of illegal marihuana grow operations. As the enforcement actions and related clean-up costs for these properties are significant, these bylaws also included clauses for the municipalities to recover a portion of the policing costs (salaries, required materials and equipment) incurred during enforcement. These bylaws ensured owners were accountable for activity on their properties along with preventing *willful blindness*. These bylaws also sought to place the financial burden associated to these illegal operations on the individuals responsible, versus the municipal tax payers.

These same bylaws have also become applicable to properties that produce and/or process controlled substances such as fentanyl and carfentanil. The costs associated to the enforcement and clean-up of properties involved in these drugs is greatly exacerbated due to their extremely toxic nature. Investigations involving these controlled substance properties is time consuming and often requires a large police response. Often search warrants are required and streets, neighborhoods or buildings may need to be evacuated or cordoned off for extended periods of time.

The costs of securing, cleaning up and remediating properties, especially if located in a high rise building comprised of multiple units with common areas and HVAC systems that may be affected, often results in tens of thousands of dollars requiring the use of highly specialized professional contractors. In addition, it is mandatory for the Burnaby RCMP to engage the "E" Division Clandestine Lab Enforcement and Response Team (CLEAR) when illicit labs and dump sites are encountered. The CLEAR team is a group of police officers who have enhanced training and specialized equipment to identify, safely handle and transport highly toxic drugs. When the CLEAR team is not on shift and is called out to attend a scene, all associated overtime costs are born by Burnaby Detachment. These costs for cleanup and hours of investigation time are ultimately passed on to City taxpayers.

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There are also risks associated to allowing occupancy of a remediated property without ensuring the property was cleaned properly once the authorities knew of the contamination. With no bylaw currently in place, it is difficult to ensure appropriate remediation has occurred and both current and future occupants will be safe. A bylaw could address this issue and provide for cost recovery for City services for inspections to ensure appropriate remediation has occurred.

3.1 File History in Burnaby

Historically, Burnaby RCMP has investigated drug processing sites and labs and the following table provides the associated costs and number of files for the past five years.

(The data does not include salary dollars paid to Burnaby RCMP Members and 2019 is YTD to Jul 17th)

Year	# Files CLEAR Team Assistance	Burnaby Costs
2019	1	7,456.00
2018	1	5,795.00
2017	3	39,688.70
2016	12	58,320.00
2015	8	18,577.75
Total	25	129,837.45

3.2 Comparison Bylaws of other LMD Municipalities

Neighboring municipalities have enacted bylaws enabling cost recovery for services related to the enforcement and remediation of illicit controlled substance operations. The bylaws enacted by these communities (attachment 1#) although having slightly varying authorities, essentially have the authority to recover costs related to City services enforcing and remediating these illicit properties. Some Bylaws go so far as to have a section regarding the notification of anyone who may occupy the property once the property has been remediated and the City has allowed occupancy.

Each of the comparable bylaws provides for invoicing the owner of the property for costs related to complying with the bylaw. Should the invoice remain unpaid by December 31 of the invoice year, the invoice amount is added to the property tax bill for the following year.

4.0 CONCLUSION

With the prevalence of fentanyl and opioids being at a crisis level, the discovery of processing and fentanyl production labs is becoming more common. Enforcement against

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these properties is complex as they are highly contaminated and expensive to remediate. It is recommended the City of Burnaby establish a bylaw to recover costs from property owners associated with policing, fire services, engineering, cleanup and any other costs for these properties. This in turn would serve as a deterrent to absentee landlords and ultimately place the financial burden to the appropriate individual(s).

It is proposed that under the new bylaw, property owners would be invoiced for any services provided shortly after the enforcement and remediation action is completed. If the charges remain unpaid on the 31st day of December in the year in which the expenses were incurred, the proposed bylaw would permit the costs to be added, and form part of, the taxes payable in respect of those properties, as taxes in arrears.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee recommends Council support to create a Bylaw for the recovery from property owners the costs City services including the attendance of police, fire and other associated costs should their property be used for controlled substance operation, production or illegal cannabis grow.

It is recommended that the Public Safety Committee recommend Council authorize City staff to prepare a new controlled substance property bylaw as proposed in this report.



Deanne Burleigh, C/Supt.
 Officer in Charge
 Burnaby Detachment

Copied to: City Manager
 Director Public Safety & Community Services
 Director Finance
 Director Corporate Services
 Fire Chief
 City Solicitor

Attachment 1

City	Bylaw	Elements
Chilliwack	Nuisance, Noxious or Offensive Trades, Health and Safety Bylaw 2004, No 3044	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compels owners to replace carpets, curtains and professionally clean all air ducts, walls, ceilings by a licensed cleaner within 30 days after a marihuana grow or lab was discovered in the property • Property must be inspected by the City before occupancy would be granted • Compels owners to pay for "service costs" including salaries and related personnel
Coquitlam	Controlled Substance Bylaw, 2007, No. 3833	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits the use of property for the manufacture, trade, use, sharing, sale or barter of controlled substances and to provide for the remediation of such property. • City can recover all costs incurred including RCMP as a result of enforcing the bylaw.
Port Coquitlam	Controlled Substance Nuisance Bylaw, 2017, No 3972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery of costs for the disassembly, removal, transportation, storage and disposal of equipment, substances, materials and other paraphernalia associated with the manufacture, trade, use, sharing, sale or barter of a Controlled Substance on the property. • Specifically states "all costs incurred by the RCMP" are included.
Richmond	Property Maintenance & Repair Bylaw No. 7897	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compels property owner to pay all City service costs incurred by, or on behalf of the City if the property was used for a grow operation or controlled substance. • Owners must, within 14 days dispose of all carpets and curtains in the building or have them professionally cleaned. • Owner must have all air ducts cleaned by a professional cleaner. • Specifies that before a building can be re-occupied after a grow operation, a certified inspection must be undertaken and prospective occupants advised.

Surrey	Controlled Substance Property Bylaw, 2006, No.15820	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulates, prohibits or impose requirements respecting controlled substance properties and properties used for the production of other substances.• Owners must, within 14 days, have professionally cleaned or replace carpets, blinds, ceiling, moisture barriers, etc. before re-occupancy.• Compels property owners to pay for “service costs” associated with a property that was producing a controlled substance, including costs incurred by the City’s Peace officers.
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COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2020 January 15

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 1750 20
Reference: Sexual Exploitation

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BURNABY-NEW WESTMINSTER TASKFORCE ON SEXUALLY EXPLOITED AND AT-RISK YOUTH

PURPOSE: To provide an overview of recent and planned activities of the Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the Committee request Council to authorize the allocation of \$2,000 from the 2020 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget and the allocation of \$2,000 from the 2021 Boards, Committee and Commissions budget to the Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth to support its two-year workplan, as detailed in Section 4.0 of this report.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to the Social Planning Committee for information.

REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

The Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth (the Taskforce) has been working since 1998 to address the sexual abuse of children and youth in the sex trade. The Taskforce is a multi-sectoral coalition, with staff representation from the City of Burnaby, the City of New Westminster, the Burnaby and New Westminster School Districts, the Burnaby RCMP, the New Westminster Police, the Fraser Health Authority, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and a number of non-profit agencies who provide services to youth. Over the years, the work of the Taskforce has focused on two priorities:

- to ensure provision of adequate support, services and treatment for sexually exploited children and youth; and
- to prevent the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth.

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 From: Director Planning and Building
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 Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth
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The Committee and Council were last updated on the overall work of the Taskforce in 2018 January. This report provides an overview of the Taskforce's key activities since that time, and outlines the Taskforce's priorities for its next two-year workplan (January 2020 – December 2021).

2.0 POLICY SECTION

The report aligns with the following goals and sub-goals of the Corporate Strategic Plan.

- A Safe Community
 - Crime prevention and reduction – Ensure citizens and businesses feel safe in our community
- A Connected Community
 - Social connection - Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
 - Partnership – Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments
- An Inclusive Community
 - Serve a diverse community – Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community
- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life – Encourage opportunities for healthy living and well-being

3.0 OVERVIEW OF RECENT TASKFORCE ACTIVITIES

The last two years have been a time of transition for the Taskforce. As was reported in the update report to this Committee from 2018 January, over the past year the Taskforce undertook work to develop a new Strategic Plan, starting in the fall of 2018. However, during its development, activities under the Taskforce's previous workplan and priority areas continued. These activities are outlined below.

3.1 Community/Youth Engagement and Education

The intent of the Taskforce's work in youth engagement has been to promote fun and healthy activities for youth in order to build self-esteem and trusting relationships with adults, and to educate/raise awareness among youth – via the technology favoured by them – of the dangers of participation in the sex trade. To this end, the Taskforce undertook a social media campaign for Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week in 2018 March. The campaign consisted of six messages to be pushed out through member organization's social media accounts. Each message provided a link to further information about sexual exploitation and related support and services. Also, a Taskforce member organization, St. Leonard's Youth and Family Services Society, hosted a youth-oriented awareness activity as part of the City's Youth Week activities in 2018 and 2019.

The Taskforce also finalized a review of its youth services website "Where to Find 411". The independently-hosted website provided information on the work of the Taskforce, the issue of youth sexual exploitation, relevant local programs and services, and links to other pertinent

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supports and resources. Feedback received during youth focus groups determined that youth most commonly seek information and support from trusted adults rather than turning to the internet. As a result, the Taskforce decided to phase out the “Where to Find 411” website and put greater attention to ensuring that front line staff working directly with youth have the information needed to support exploited and at-risk youth. Before the web hosting service expired, the Taskforce undertook a detailed review of the website’s content, identifying information that needed to be updated and that which was no longer relevant and cross-referenced this information with other websites that provided similar information. The Taskforce identified the Kids Help Phone¹ website as an online resource that was easy to use and provided comprehensive information on support and services available in Burnaby and New Westminster. Upon request by the Taskforce, Kids Help Phone agreed to add additional resources for Burnaby and New Westminster that the Taskforce identified as missing on its “Resources Around Me” search engine. The “Where to Find 411” website is now decommissioned.

3.2 Targeted Service Delivery

In order to advocate for appropriate and effective services and supports for sexually exploited youth and their families, the Taskforce has undertaken several surveys of sexually exploited and at-risk youth in Burnaby and New Westminster to gain a greater understanding of the scope and nature of youth sexual exploitation locally. In 2018, the Taskforce undertook a comprehensive review of the youth survey in an effort to ensure those filling in the survey have clear direction and that the information collected was useful, relevant and consistent moving forward. A number of changes were made to this biennial activity, including changing the name to “Youth Survey” instead of “Youth Count”, revising the questions for clarity and additional information, and moving to an online survey for ease of use and data collation. The next Youth Survey is anticipated to take place in 2020.

The Taskforce abandoned its previous efforts to re-establish a community-based integrated case management committee for discussing integrated supports and care coordination for particularly at-risk and sexually exploited youth partially as a result of the establishment of the Burnaby Mobilization and Resiliency Table (BMART), which deals with situations in the community that present an “acute, elevated risk” of harm, victimization or criminality and need attention of more than one agency. Several Taskforce member organizations participate in BMART processes to assist with comprehensive support for youth identified through the BMART.

3.3 Taskforce Operations

In 2018 November, the Taskforce initiated work on developing a new 6-year strategic plan. This process included reviewing past accomplishments and challenges, identifying priorities, and consulting with front line service providers, in order to create a new plan to focus energy and resources and guide the next 6 years of work. The Plan was finalized in June 2019 and resulted in a new vision and mission for the Taskforce.

¹ <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

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Vision: Communities free from sexual exploitation of youth.

Mission: A collaborative network that amplifies youth voices, educates the community, and advocates for responsive policies and services around sexual exploitation of youth.

The Plan identified three priority areas to focus the Taskforce's work: Youth Engagement; Education and Awareness; and Service Provider Capacity Building. The Taskforce has started to initiate work on its new workplan. The focus this past fall has been to create an online version of the youth survey using the revised questionnaire developed through the survey review.

4.0 2020 – 2021 WORKPLAN

The Taskforce will continue to work toward advancing the general goals of service provision, community and youth engagement, education and advocacy, with a particular focus on the three priority areas identified in the 2019-2025 Strategic Plan.

4.1 Youth Engagement

The new Strategic Plan has split Youth Engagement from Education and Awareness to reflect the significant work of each topic area. The Taskforce is currently investigating innovative methods of engaging sexually exploited and at-risk youth to inform its work. This could include facilitating youth-led events, developing a peer mentorship program among youth who have been sexually exploited or at-risk, or other forms of outreach to the general youth population.

4.2 Education and Awareness

The strategic plan focuses raising awareness of youth sexual exploitation among three target audiences: the general public, youth and the business community. Immediate efforts over the next two years will be focusing on the general public through annual activities for Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week held in early March. Other activities will include the development of awareness messaging and materials along with a schedule of opportunities to disseminate this messaging for greatest effect. This could include times when there is media coverage of youth sexual exploitation in Canada. Planning for this topic area is in its initial stages and definitive plans will be developed over the next few months.

4.3 Service Provider Capacity Building

Continuing with the work of ensuring that front line service providers have access to the information they need to best support sexually exploited and at-risk youth, the Taskforce plans to coordinate annual networking sessions for service providers to come together to share information and ideas regarding youth sexual exploitation. These sessions are anticipated to vary from year to year. The 2020 activity is anticipated to be a lunch and learn session on a topic to be determined in the coming months. The Taskforce will also work on implementing the new online 2020 Youth Survey with service providers in Burnaby and New Westminster. Outcomes from the youth survey will help the group identify potential gaps in service that could become the basis of future advocacy

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work. It will also be working on developing a process to facilitate regular input from front line youth service providers that can be used to inform the Taskforce's work.

To ensure adequate funds are available to complete the activities described above, the Taskforce is requesting an allocation of \$2,000 from the 2020 Provisional Boards, Committees and Commissions budget and \$2,000 from the 2021 Provisional Boards, Committees and Commissions budget. For accounting purposes, these requests are required to be separated between the two fiscal years.

Such a request is consistent with requests made previously through the Public Safety Committee to support Taskforce activities in past years.² Sufficient budget funds are available in the Boards, Committees and Commissions budget for this purpose, and would support the workplan over the next two year period, new communications projects, improved data collection for the Youth Survey and ensuring information shared with the public remains current. All Taskforce members contribute in-kind support to workplan initiatives, including members' staff time, provision of event venues, and contributions towards the development of educational content and awareness activities.

5.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth has been working since 1998 to address the sexual exploitation of children and youth in the sex trade. In 2018 and 2019, the Taskforce focused on activities that:

- undertook a comprehensive review of online youth-oriented resources;
- overhauled the Youth Survey to improve the Taskforce's ability to collect meaningful and consistent data on sexually exploited and at-risk youth who are connected to services in Burnaby and New Westminster;
- raised awareness among youth of the dangers of the sex trade and resources available to support vulnerable youth;
- raised awareness among the general public about youth sexual exploitation generally and where to find information about local services and supports; and
- completed a strategic planning process to guide the Taskforce's work to 2025.

Within the next two-year workplan (2020-2021), the Taskforce will work through actions included in its strategic plan focusing on empowering youth through engagement, coordinating awareness activities and producing new messaging, and increasing service provider capacity.

To support Taskforce priorities it is recommended that the Public Safety Committee request Council to authorize the allocation of \$2,000 from the 2020 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget and \$2,000 from the 2021 Boards, Committee and Commissions budget to the Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth to support its two-year workplan, as described in Section 4.0 of this report.

² Similar requests were made, and approved, in the years 2001, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018.

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It is further recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Social Planning Committee for information.



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November and December 2019

District 1 notes:

- Dist. 1 is down in members. Hope to increase in 2020.
- There was a student suicide by a grade 8 female student at Alpha school but haven't heard details.
- NO Light up the Heights this year as the tree lights will be on year long. They do look beautiful.
- This year's Hats Off Days theme will be "Out of This World"
- Talks about Translink pushing for no parking along Hastings and businesses would be greatly affected if this happens.
- House of Prostitution in the Brentwood area but apparently it is not illegal and supposedly they continue to rent out the basement to women on a weekly basis.
- The guy on Brentlawn has purchased another Cadillac. That makes 7 I think? He rents a house, is a hoarder and parks the cars out front. They are all insured, only two have Collector plates and if neighbours don't call and complain, nothing is ever done about it.
- Many homes in Brentwood area are being demolished slowly and huge ones going up. Sad to see our neighbourhood change like this.

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Public Safety Committee Report from District 2

Prepared By Aki Ediriweera, Chair

Businesses in the district 2 area have been reporting greater crime in their area, despite CPTED improvements. While, there have been more security guards to protect businesses in the area, the issue has been ongoing. Businesses are requesting a greater RCMP presence in the area.

We are currently working on supporting youth in our CPAC establish a Graffiti Busters Club in Burnaby North and Burnaby Mountain Secondary schools. This was a club that was running a few years ago created by students from our CPAC, both students and community organizations benefited from the club.

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Partners for a Safe Community

OCT—NOV 2019



Pedestrian Safety Month



Message from the Chief



Units from Investigative Services at the detachment had very successful investigations through October and November.

Our Strike Force Unit worked alongside other RCMP agencies and Municipal Police Departments in locating a man who is alleged to have committed crimes across the Lower Mainland. The suspect stole cash registers from businesses, including four in Burnaby and is facing serious charges thanks to a diligent inter-jurisdictional investigation.

A six-month investigation led to two warrants being executed in late October which resulted in Burnaby Drug Section taking fentanyl, cocaine, replica handguns and an assault rifle off the streets. Three individuals are facing serious charges in relation to this investigation including drug trafficking.

A plan to reduce property crime is laid out in the Burnaby RCMP Strategic Plan 2019-2022 and it has been great to already see this plan in action. In October, our Prolific Offender Suppression Team arrested a man suspected of stealing motorbikes and in early November, our Community Response Team (CRT) officers arrested a man and woman

who are alleged to have been in possession of stolen property including a pickup truck, power tools, camping gear and personal electronics.

In October, our CRT officers led the first “Boost and Bust” initiative in the City. CRT officers teamed up with Loss Prevention Officers in Metropolis at Metrotown and arrested four people in a targeted initiative. This resulted in the recovery of over \$2,000 worth of merchandise.

Our Youth Investigative Team (YIT) had a very busy end to October, conducting presentations in schools around the City educating young people on partying safely on Halloween night and also about dangers associated with fireworks. On Halloween night itself, YIT officers attended events around the City, engaging with members of our community and ensuring everyone was safe.

Finally, in November we launched our Strategic Plan for 2019-2022. This plan is available on our website and pamphlets which outline the plan are available at our Community Police Offices and at the main Burnaby RCMP detachment.

I encourage you to please take time to read this plan and get to know what the focus of your local police is going to be in the coming years. We are always open to feedback on the work we do in our growing City so if you have any questions or feedback then please contact the detachment or drop by one of our community events such as Coffee with a Cop and ask questions then.

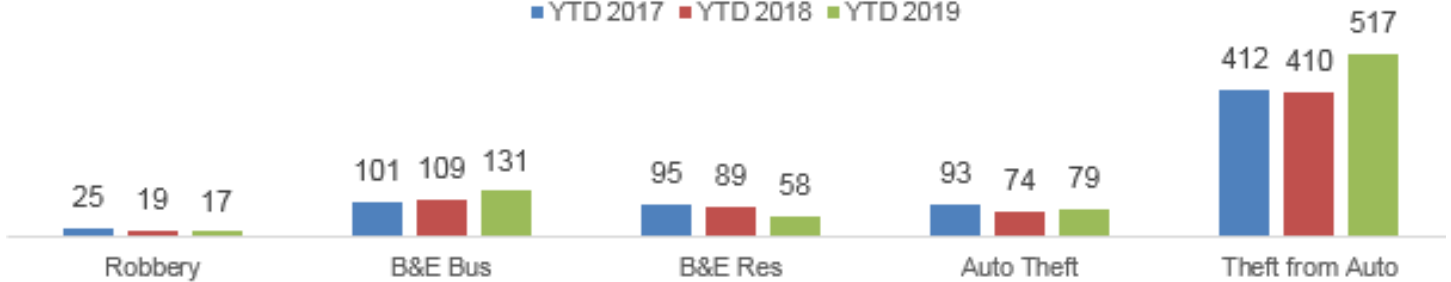
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh
Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment



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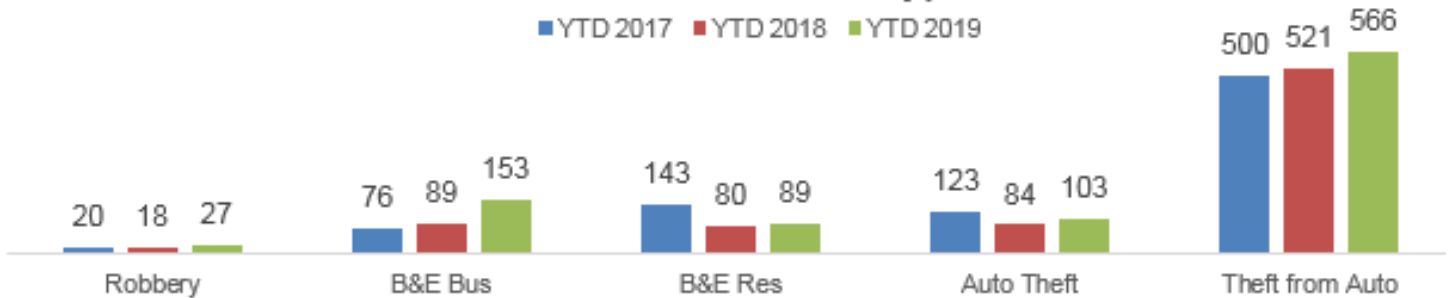
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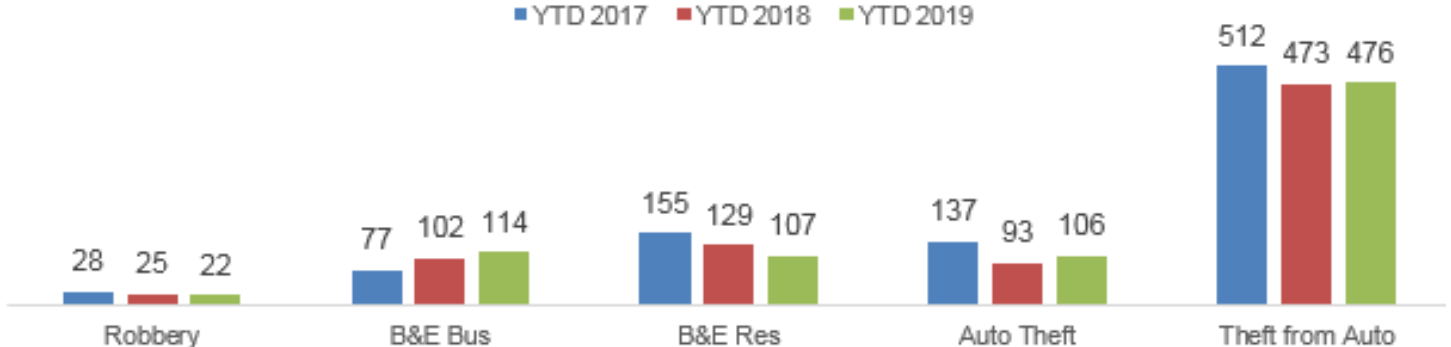
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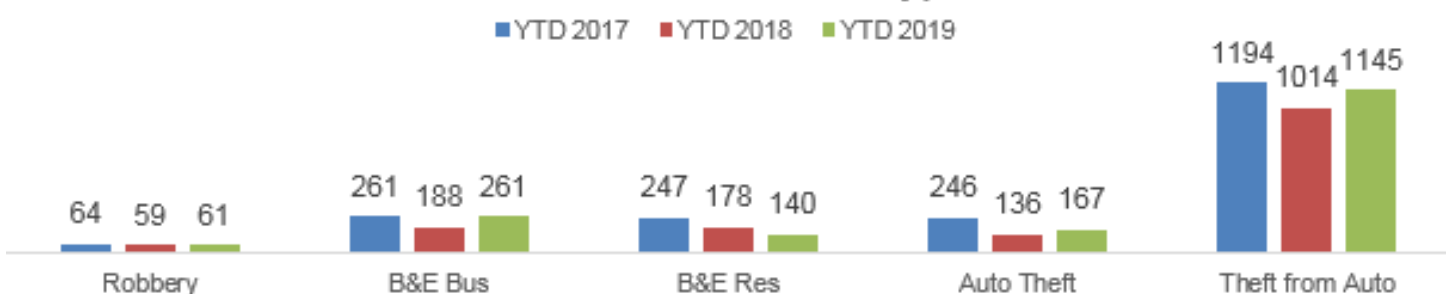
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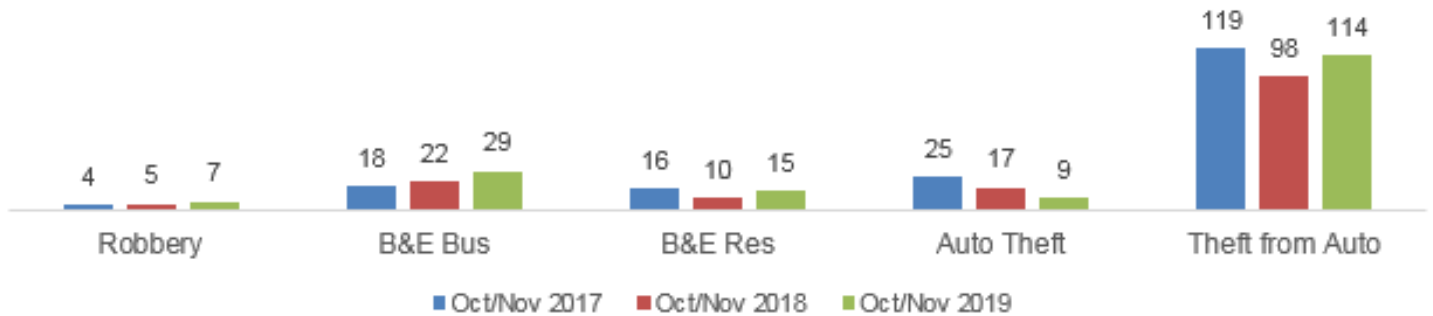
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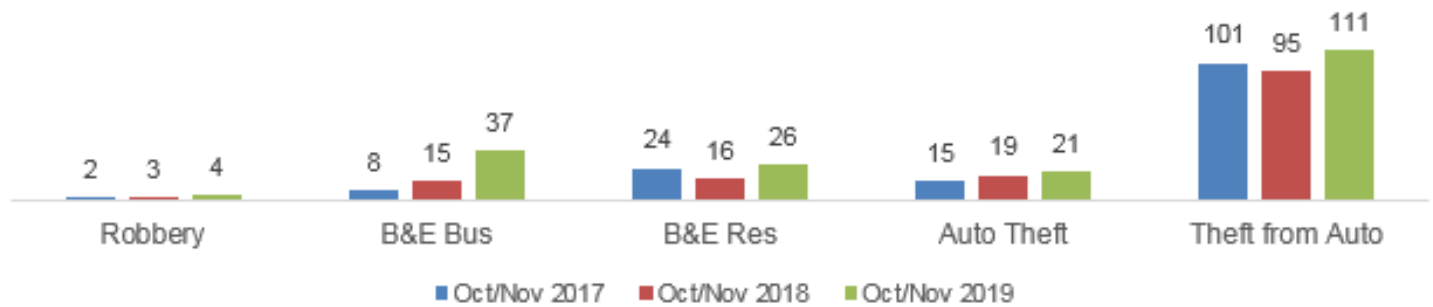


Crime Reduction Stats by Month

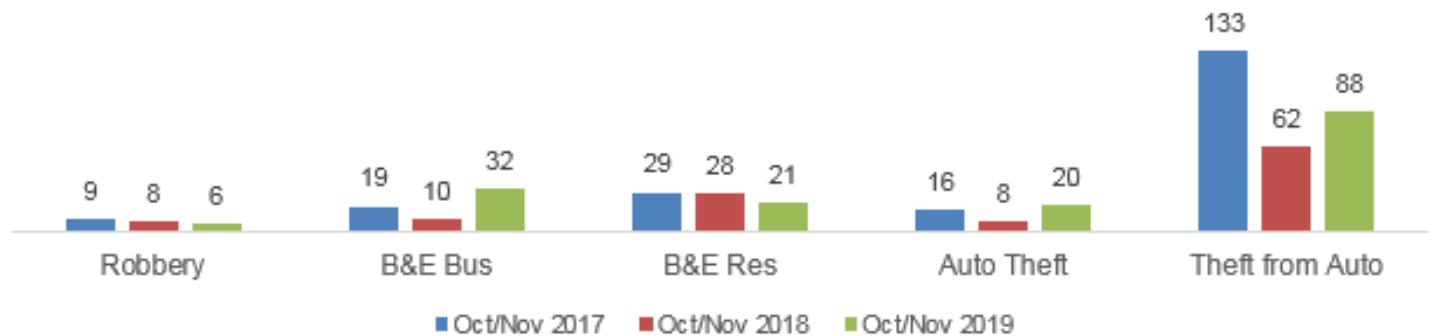
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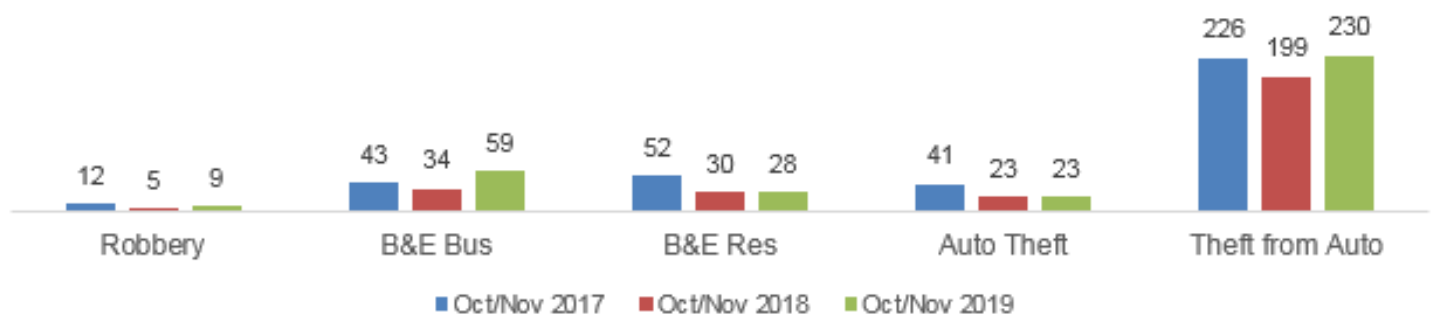
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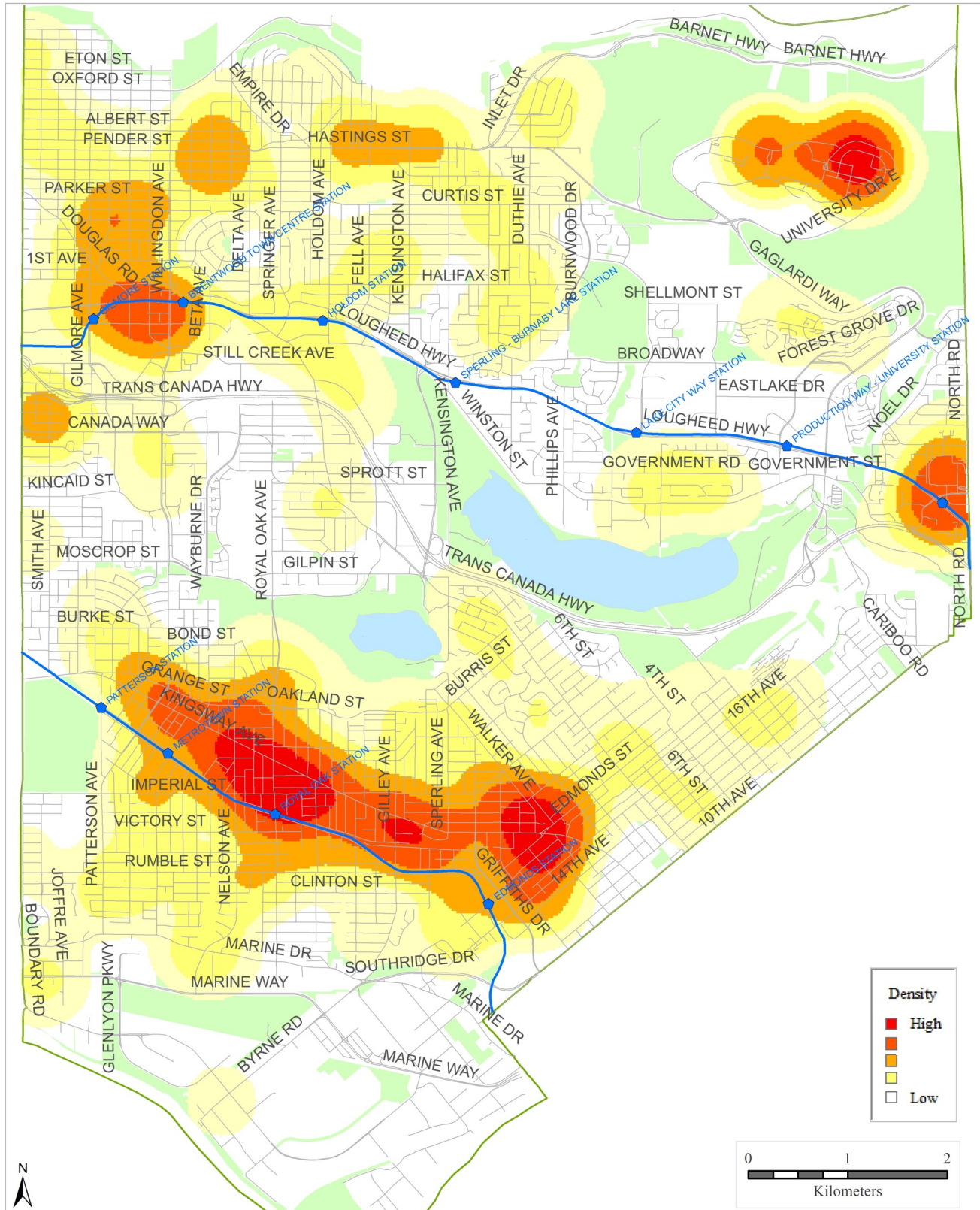
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Oct 1, 2019 to Nov 30, 2019
Break & Enter Density Map

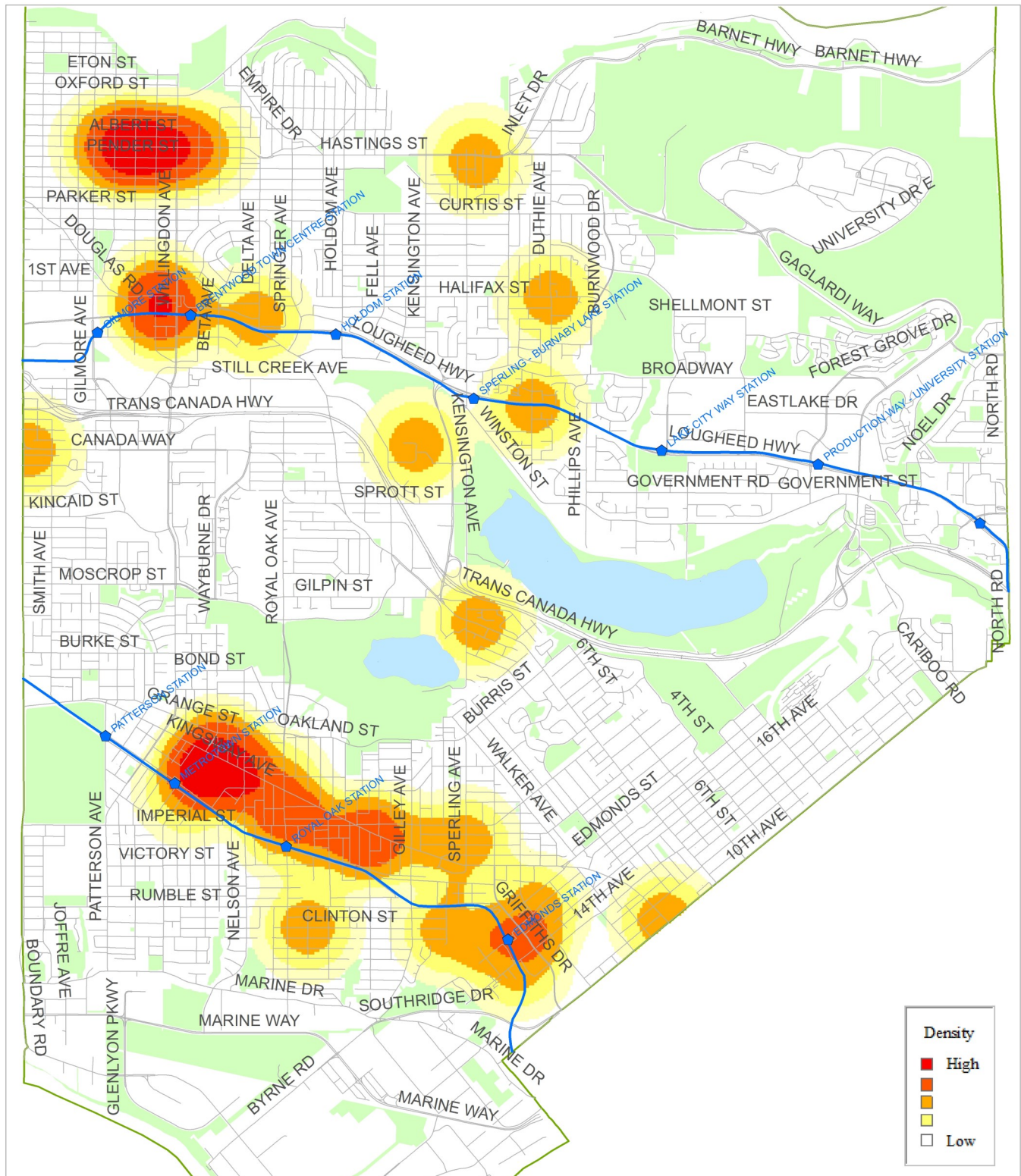




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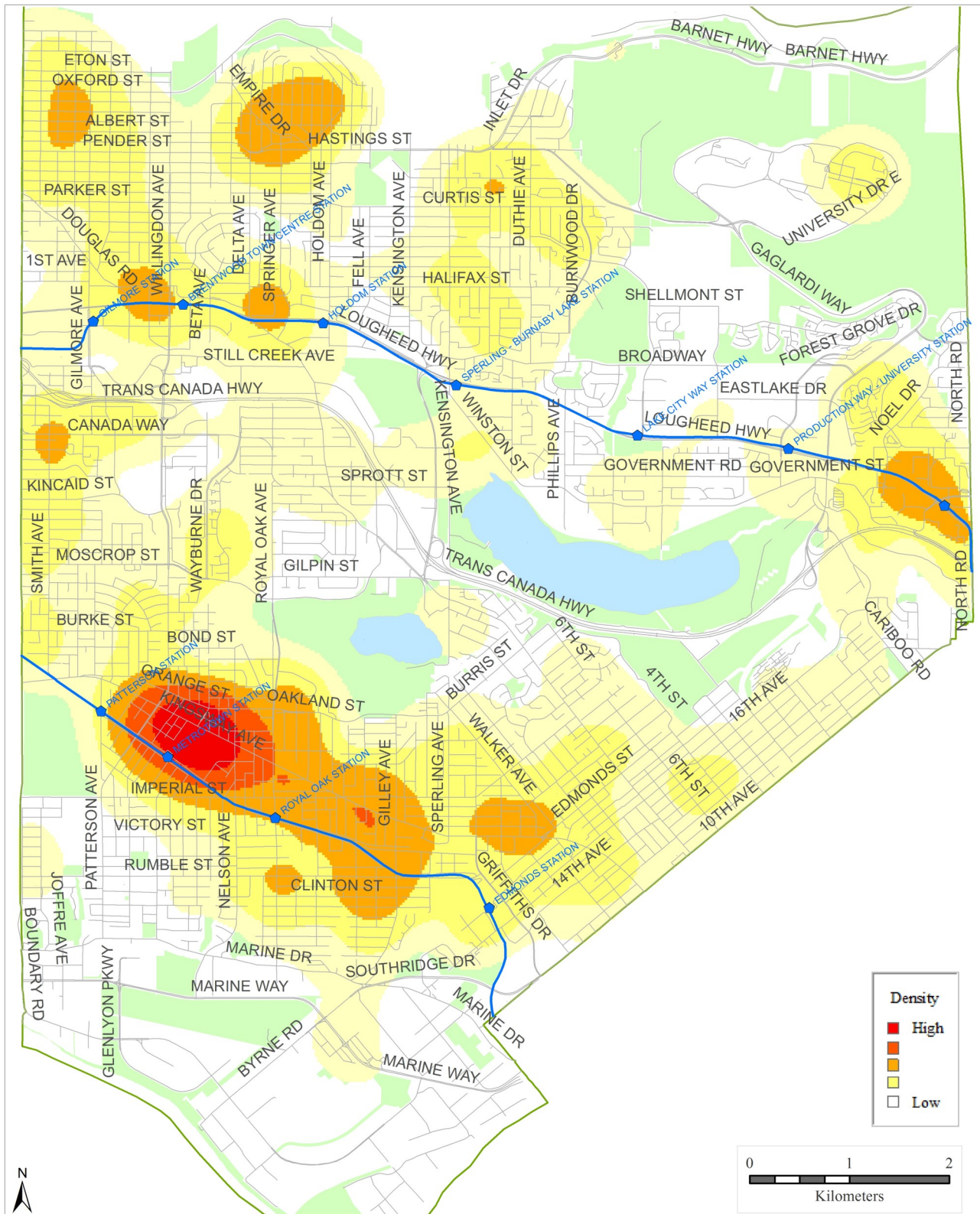
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Crime Density Map

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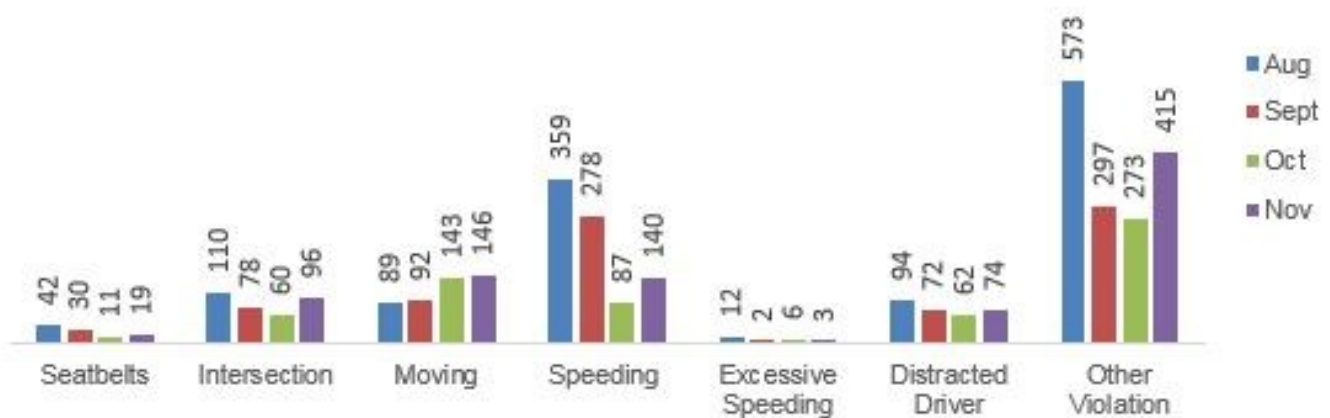
Traffic Services Statistics

During the months of October and November, Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services conducted a number of enforcement initiatives aimed at high risk drivers as well as educational initiatives involving pedestrians. Officers were reminding the public of the importance to watch for cyclists and pedestrians in the darker winter months and also for drivers to prepare their vehicles for Winter with Winter rated tires.

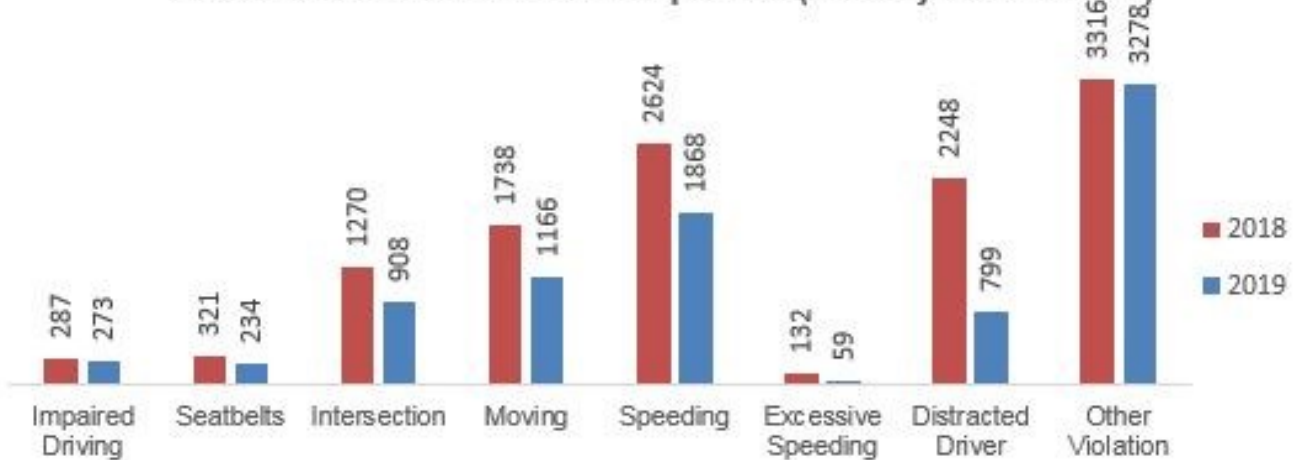
Statistics

During the months of October and November, 361 collisions were investigated by Frontline and Traffic Services officers. 91 involved non life-threatening injuries and there was one fatality.

Moving Violation Enforcement Numbers



2018 vs 2019 Year To Date Comparison (January to November)



Impaired Driving Enforcement Numbers





Investigative Services

Strike Force

In early October a male suspect stole cash registers at a number of businesses throughout the Lower Mainland, including four in Burnaby. A multi-jurisdictional investigation which included Burnaby RCMP, Coquitlam RCMP, Surrey RCMP, Langley RCMP and New Westminster Police Department was initiated and a suspect was identified.

Police began working to locate the suspect, with Coquitlam RCMP arresting him on October 20, 2019. The suspect is facing a number of robbery charges in relation to this investigation.

Drug Section

In late October, after a six-month investigation into a drug trafficking network suspected of selling fentanyl and cocaine, Burnaby RCMP's drug section executed two search warrants in Burnaby and Maple Ridge. The investigation resulted in the seizure of several ounces of suspected cocaine and fentanyl, \$20,000 cash, numerous replica handguns and an assault rifle. Three individuals were arrested and are facing a number of charges, including trafficking, possession for the purpose of trafficking and various weapons charges.



Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

In October, proactive investigative work by POST resulted in the arrest of a suspected prolific offender.

Through a review of calls for service, ongoing investigations and information analysis conducted by the Burnaby RCMP Crime Analysis section, a crime trend emerged where motorcycles were being stolen in an industrial / commercial area of Southwest Burnaby. A residence was located in the area that was potentially being frequented by a Burnaby Prolific Offender suspect.

Burnaby POST members conducted proactive surveillance on the area as the suspect had active arrest warrants for a number of offences. Through surveillance, POST members were able to recover a stolen motorcycle but were unable to locate the suspect at that time. On October 2, 2019, POST members were conducting surveillance in the area of the Gilley Avenue and Kingsway. While conducting surveillance, a male on a motorcycle matching the features of the suspect was seen behaving in a suspicious manner.

With the assistance of the RCMP Air 1 helicopter and the Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Section, the motorcycle and rider were watched as they entered a parkade in the area of Royal Oak Avenue and Imperial Street. Police vehicles converged on the area and the suspect abandoned the motorcycle. After a short foot chase, the suspect was arrested without incident for the outstanding warrants. Police database queries on the motorcycle confirmed the vehicle was stolen, and a stolen set of licence plates were found on the vehicle as well. The suspect was held for court the following day for the outstanding arrest warrants. A Report to Crown Counsel is being prepared for the offence of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime.



Community Programs

Burnaby Bike Section

In November, proactive patrols by Burnaby Bike Section enabled a quick response to a number of robberies and also resulted in suspects being arrested on outstanding warrants.

In early November, Burnaby Bike Section and Frontline officers responded to a robbery in progress at a business in the 7000-block of Kingsway Avenue. The female suspect entered the business and attempted to steal property from a staff member. When she was stopped, she assaulted the staff member and fled. Officers quickly located the suspect just past the Burnaby / New Westminster border and arrested her.

In mid November, Bike Section officers attended to a reported theft at a grocery store at Metrotown Mall. The complainant stated that a male suspect had entered the store and stolen meat products. The man was quick located by Bike Section officers and Community Response Team officers on the platform of Metrotown Skytrain Station. He was arrested and charged with theft.

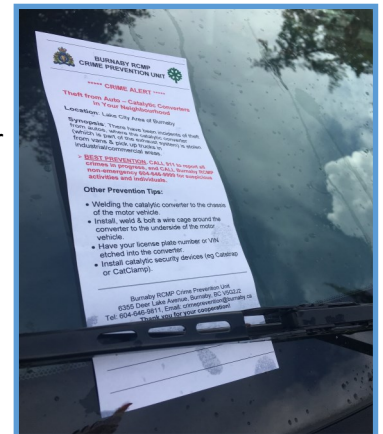
On November 21, Bike Section officers on patrol in the area of Crystal Mall located a female who was known to them from previous encounters. The female was found to be wanted on an outstanding warrant for robbery and was arrested.



Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch (BCCW)

Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch volunteers conducted patrols through the months of October and November, focusing on areas where thefts from vehicles have been occurring. BCCW volunteers also assisted in raising awareness about catalytic converter thefts by placing crime notices on vehicles in areas where these thefts are an issue.

BCCW also welcomed one new member and a current member, Mary Gates was recognized as one of the 2019 Burnaby Local Heros at a ceremony in late October.





Community Programs

Community Response Team (CRT)

In October, CRT engaged in the first ever Boost and Bust program in Burnaby. The Boost and Bust initiative involves our officers working inside of shopping malls to identify and arrest shoplifters. Using statistical information, officers were able to identify days and times when thefts were likely to occur which assisted with determining when the program should be initiated.

The first Boost and Bust took place in Metropolis at Metrotown on October 23, 2019. CRT officers working in conjunction with loss prevention officers arrested four people over a four-hour period at the mall. These arrests resulted in the recovery of over \$2,000 in merchandise. The initiative was a big success and there are plans to continue it into the future.

In late November, CRT officers on proactive patrols in the area of McKay Avenue and Central Boulevard assisted a man experiencing a mental health crisis. Officers attended a local coffee shop after receiving a report that a man was in a washroom yelling and screaming. Officers quickly located the man outside the coffee shop where he was swinging a golf club potentially endangering members of the public. CRT officers managed to safely apprehend the man under the mental health act just before he tried to run into traffic on Central Boulevard.

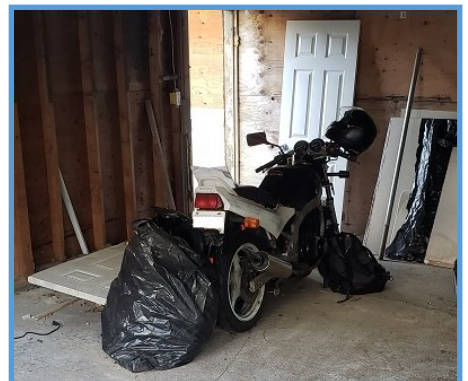
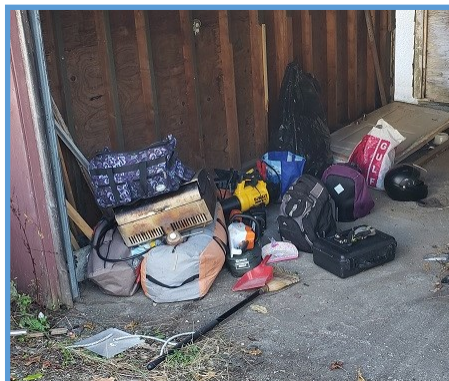


In early November, CRT officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 5000-block of Keith Road in Burnaby. The complainant stated that there was a pickup truck parked near an open garage at an abandoned residence and that a man and woman were loading items into the truck.

Upon arrival, CRT officers approached the two people, both said they were doing clean up work at the residence. When asked to identify themselves, the man gave a false name and was arrested for obstruction. After learning of his real name, officers discovered the man was wanted on a warrant from another jurisdiction.

CRT officers then checked out the pickup truck that was at scene and quickly learned it was stolen. As a result of this, the woman on scene was also arrested. Police found additional stolen property in both the stolen truck and the residence including a motorcycle, power tools, hand tools, suitcases, camping gear and personal electronics.

Both suspects are facing charges of possession of stolen property in relation to this investigation.





Community Programs

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

YIT officers were involved in working with school staff to prepare for Halloween this year. As much as Halloween is fun and a time to enjoy for young people, it can also result in them getting in trouble or seriously injured.

In the days leading to Halloween night, YIT officers engaged in conversations with students at schools talking about how to party safely during Halloween. Officers provided presentations to large groups of students, in elementary and secondary schools, on this topic to help them understand the dangers and legal aspects of using fireworks. YIT officers worked until late through Halloween night to enjoy the occasion with young people and also prevent any potential criminal activity from occurring.

Events attended by YIT officers included:

- Halloween at Lougheed Mall where hundreds of young people were trick and treating.
- Halloween Dance at Alpha Secondary school. Officers were at the event until it ended to provide police presence and support to students and school staff.
- YIT officers attended a firework event arranged by 2nd Street Community School on Halloween night. Hundreds of students and parents attended the event.
- YIT officers provided a presentation to a large group of students at Marlborough Elementary talking about trick-or-treating safety.



In early November, YIT officers organized a Take Our Kids to Work Day at the main Burnaby RCMP detachment. 19 students attended the six-hour program which included informative classroom sessions and presentations, relative to policing, by various police specialized sections such as Forensic Identification, Traffic Services and Police Dog Services.



This group included nine students whose parents were not employees of the detachment, but had been identified by YIT officers at their schools and given the opportunity to join the event.

Overall, based on feedback received by attendees and their parents, the event was informative and appreciated by everyone.



Community Programs

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

October was a busy month for the Crime Prevention Unit with a number of presentations and awareness sessions organized and attended by staff.

As part of the Safe Community Series, CPU staff gave a presentation on Incident Reporting at Tommy Douglas Library. The presentation was well attended and covered topics such as when to report an incident and which agency to report certain incidents to.



Senior Safety and Fraud Prevention was another topic covered by our CPU staff in October. 41 people attended a presentation at a seniors living facility in Burnaby and feedback from attendees was very positive.

CPU staff worked alongside Burnaby Traffic Services officers and ICBC on a pedestrian awareness campaign in mid-October. Events took place around Burnaby with a launch at Simon Fraser University aimed at better educating the public on their safety on the roads.



In addition to the events listed above, CPU staff conducted nine security assessments in October and November. Seven of these were at multi-residential condo complexes and two businesses. Security assessments are conducted by trained CPU staff. After an assessment, a recommendations report is generated and presented to the property representative. The report provides guidance and suggestions for property representatives on making meaningful changes to their property in order to enhance overall safety and security. Security assessments are offered free of charge to both businesses and residential properties. Due to the high demand, requests are prioritized based on the level or frequency of reported crime and nuisance activity.



Community Programs

Crime Prevention & Victim Services Liaison

In November, the Burnaby RCMP's Crime Prevention and Victim Services Liaison, Corporal Abby Yep participated in two Youth Forums hosted by MOSAIC. The "Moving Forward" program, which is a MOSAIC initiative, specifically created this event for Redirecting Youth Through Empowerment (RYTE) students. RYTE offers at-risk youth aged 14-24 the opportunity to engage in activities that promote the development of pro-social skills and facilitate peer and community connections.

For each of these events Corporal Yep provided information on topics such as the law in Canada and how it pertains to youth. Corporal Yep also focused on topics such as alcohol consumption, cannabis legalization, illicit drug use, driving laws and incident reporting.

On each day there were approximately 25 young people in attendance along with MOSAIC staff. Interpretation in Arabic and Tigrinya was provided by MOSAIC. The presentations varied in length from a half hour to an hour and provided an opportunity for the young people to ask questions and create conversation.

The majority of the young people were Burnaby residents and attend Burnaby schools. There were also a few older attendees who are no longer in the school system. The event was well organized and the attendees were very receptive and engaged in the presentations.



Victim Services Unit (VSU)

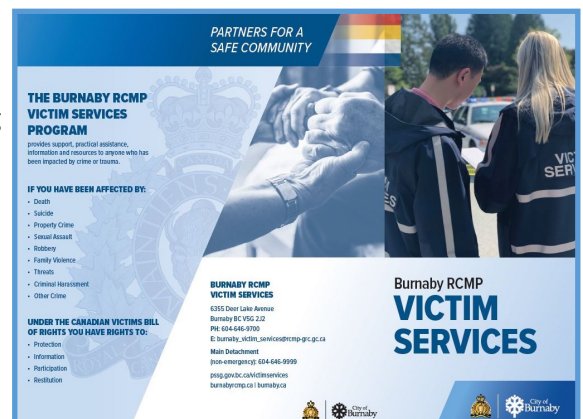


In October and November, Burnaby RCMP's Victim Services Unit (VSU) opened 289 files and provided 230 hours of direct crisis intervention support.

In October, VSU staff took part in a meeting with the Ministry of Public Safety to speak about how the program has flourished in recent years and to also speak about increases in files being generated. Staff also took part in a number of training sessions to better expand on their skill set.

In November, VSU staff hosted a shoe and clothing drive at the detachment to help a local transition house and Progressive Housing during the cold winter season.

In addition to the above, in collaboration with graphic designers at the City of Burnaby, VSU finalized pamphlets which continue to be distributed around to Community Police Offices and to partners at Community Based Victim Services.





Community Programs

Community Police Offices (CPO)

In October and November, CPO Volunteers took part in Pedestrian Safety Month, accompanying officers and staff as they handed out reflectors and gave advice to the public about their safety on the roads in the Winter months.



**Cell Watch: 27 hours,
7769 vehicles checked**



**Speed Watch: 12.5 hours,
1255 vehicles checked**



**Foot Patrols: 42 hours,
2986 vehicles checked**

Much of the speed watch outlined above was done in school zones around the City where volunteers also educated members of the public about the importance of slowing down through school zones.

In addition, volunteers also took part in Halloween at the Heights, handing out Candy to kids from our Community Police Office on Hastings Street and they also assisted with the Festival of Lights at Edmonds Park in late November.



Events & Initiatives

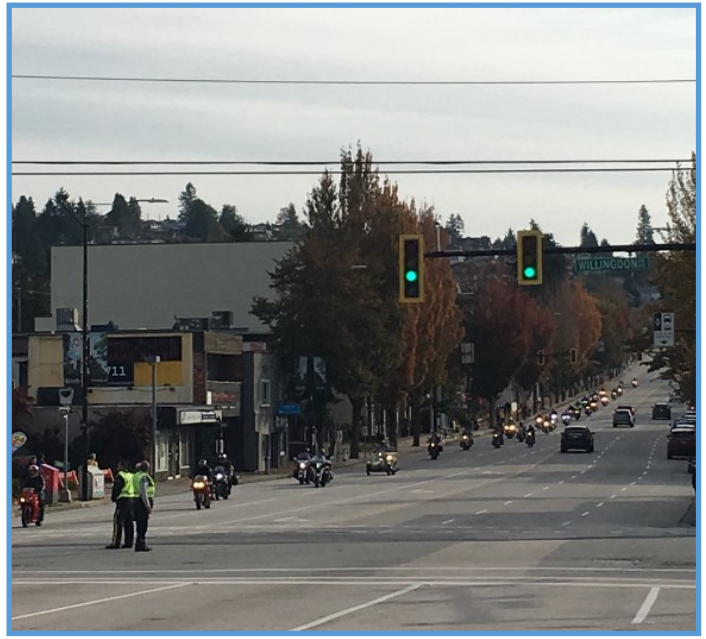
Girls Can Fly Event

In early October, C/Supt. Burleigh was a keynote speaker at the Girls Can Fly event at Abbotsford Airport. A number of Burnaby RCMP officers also attended in Red Serge.



Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau Toy Run

Each year Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services Unit ensure that Santa, the Grinch and thousands of others on motorcycles get the toys they are carrying safely to the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau.





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Pedestrian Safety Month

Throughout October and November Burnaby RCMP officers, staff and volunteers were out across the City providing safety advice and reflectors to members of the community for pedestrian safety month.





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Remembrance Day

Along with our colleagues at Burnaby Fire Department, a number of our officers took part in Remembrance Day events around the City.



Operation Red Nose Launch

Burnaby RCMP Traffic Services Sergeant Dwayne Beckerleg spoke about the importance of not driving impaired and planning a safe ride home at the launch of Operation Red Nose in November.

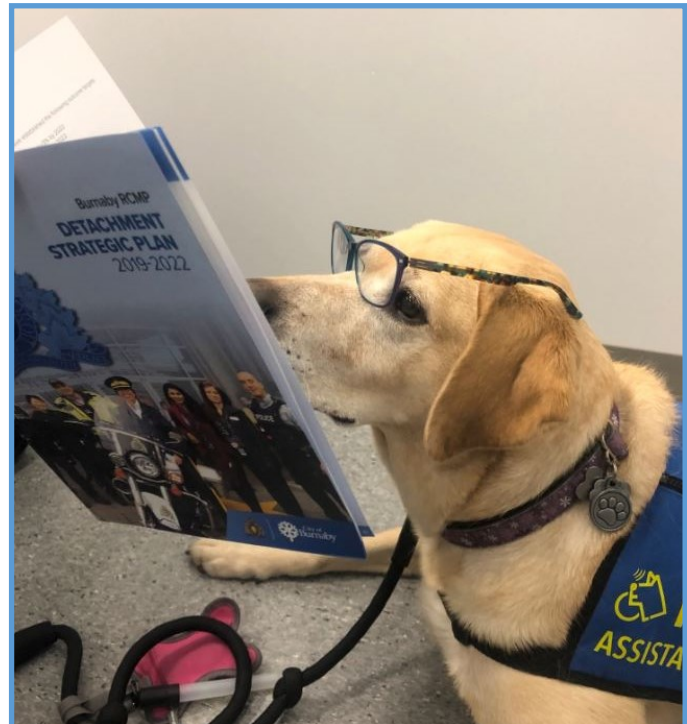
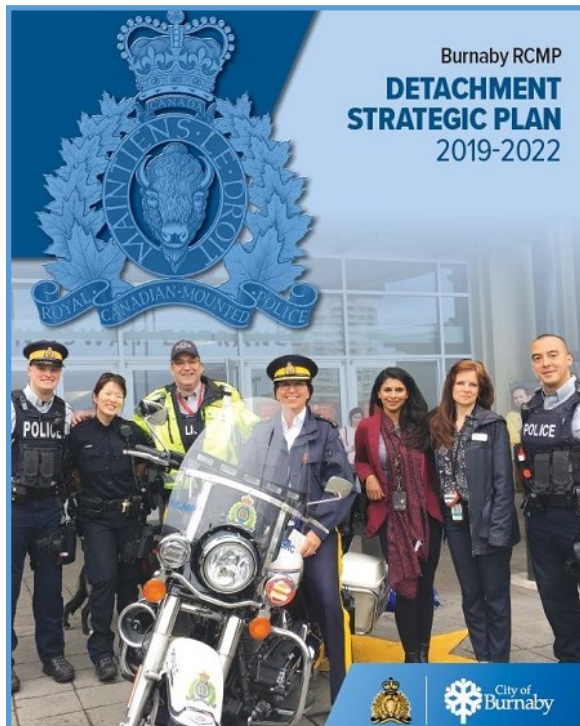




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Burnaby RCMP's Strategic Plan

After months of community consultations, conversations with stakeholders, research, planning and speaking with our people at the detachment, in November we launched our Strategic Plan for the period of 2019—2022. If you would like a copy of the plan check out the Burnaby RCMP Website, Twitter page or drop into our main detachment or any of our Community Police Offices.





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If you have any questions about this report or if you're interested in volunteering with Burnaby RCMP then please contact us at any of the locations below.

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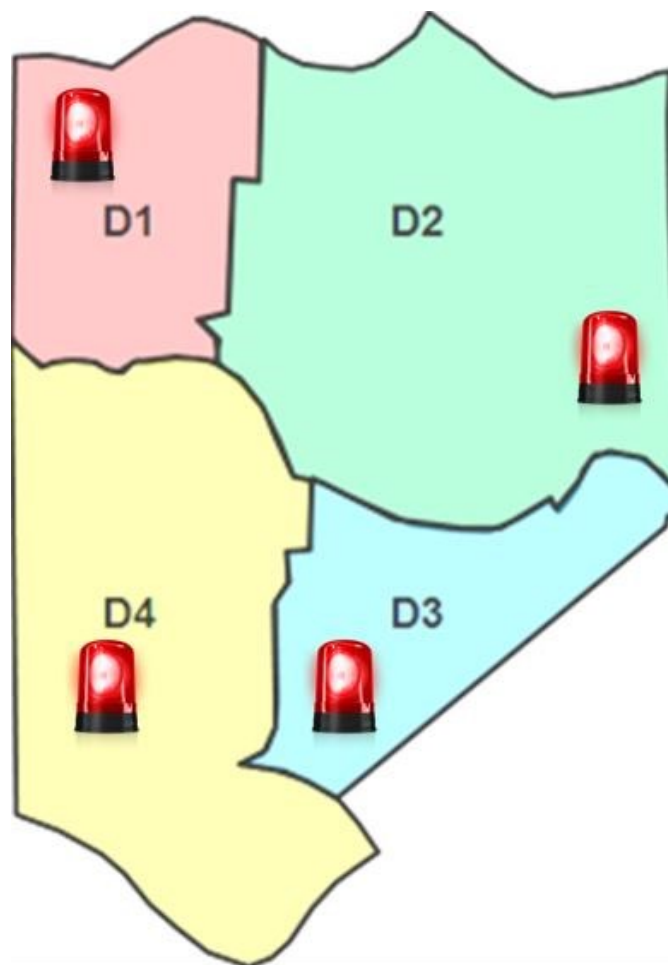
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