



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, 2020 MARCH 12

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall

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Public excluded according to Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter for the Committee to consider personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour.

9. ADJOURNMENT



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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, 2020 January 22** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair
 Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair
 Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education
 Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society (*arrived 6:07 p.m.*)
 Mr. Stephen Baron, Citizens' Representative
 Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
 Ms. Carolyn Oraziatti, Secretary District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
 Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Member (*due to illness*)
 Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade
 Ms. Sue From, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
 Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast

STAFF: Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services
 Chief Superintendent Dianne Burleigh, OIC, RCMP
 Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
 Mr. Aiden Buckley, Communications Strategist, RCMP
 Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner
 Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

The Chair introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the presentation – *Burnaby RCMP Criminal Collision Investigation Team (CCIT)* be added to the agenda as Item 2i.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Dawson arrived at 6:07 p.m.

2. MINUTES**a) Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2019 November 13**

MOVED BY MR. BARON
SECONDED BY MS. GATES

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2019 November 13 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Without objection by any member, Item 4(c) was brought forward for consideration at this time.

4. REPORTS**c) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: Update on the Activities of the Burnaby-New Westminster
Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report providing an overview of recent and planned activities of the Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

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.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The normal order of the agenda resumed.

2i. PRESENTATION

- a) **Burnaby RCMP - Criminal Collision Investigation Team (CCIT)**
Presenters: Corporal John Hargreaves, CCIT, RCMP
Constable Shawn Emery, CCIT, RCMP

Corporal John Hargreaves and **Constable Shawn Emery**, Burnaby RCMP CCIT, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the Detachment's CCIT.

Corporal John Hargreaves advised that the CCIT provides investigative support to General Duty and Traffic Enforcement Teams. The CCIT investigates the following collision types: life altering injuries, all fatalities, and serious collisions involving RCMP and City employees.

Constable Shawn Emery stated that the CCIT is comprised of one Sergeant, one Corporal, and five Constables, undergoes specialized training, and follows Major Case Management (MCM) methodology to organize and structure an investigation. For each investigation or case, the principle of a Command Triangle is adhered to - there is a Team Commander or Leader, a Primary Investigator, and a File Coordinator.

The delegation provided the following explanation for MCM:

- investigations often fall into RCMP policy for serious offences requiring mandatory reporting, such as fatal motor vehicle collisions, fatal Hit and Run, Criminal Negligence Causing Death, crashes involving more than one fatality, and incidents causing serious bodily harm where media attention is required;
- investigations are more complex and require a competent level of expertise and follows the Police/Crown Memorandum of Understanding.

Corporal Hargreaves further commented on the complexity of the investigations, noting that files often involve the following: search warrants, video canvassing and processing, obtaining and analyzing statements, GPS tracking, vehicle data extraction, and reconstruction of an incident.

The delegation listed a number of the CCIT's partner agencies, such as: ICBC/Special Investigative Unit, Transit Physical Security, BC Coroners, Fraser Health, Crown Counsel - Charge Approval, BC Paramedics, and the Burnaby Fire Department.

In conclusion, the delegation summarized the Unit's case load files by type for the last two years, as follows:

- 2018 - 33% Injury, 67% Fatal
- 2019 - 44% Injury, 56% Fatal

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Memorandum from the Officer In Charge, RCMP Burnaby Detachment
Re: Request for Surveillance Camera at Barnet Road
and Pandora Street**

A memorandum was received from the Officer in Charge, RCMP Burnaby Detachment in response to correspondence from Ms. Loretta Teng. Under the New Business portion of the Committee meeting held on 2019 November 13, the Committee referred the correspondence to the RCMP for analysis, assessment and recommendations to improve security.

The OIC advised that Corporal Hebert provided information to Ms. Teng about the Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), and met with her at the District 2 CPAC meeting held in 2019 November. Ms. Teng was given 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 RCMP will continue to monitor the situation.

b) **Memorandum from the Officer In Charge, RCMP Burnaby Detachment
Re: Burnaby RCMP Mental Health Car**

A memorandum was received from the Officer in Charge, RCMP Burnaby Detachment in response to the Committee's request for information regarding available resources to support community mental health issues, in particular dedicated mental health vehicle.

The OIC advised that, as the Burnaby Mobilization and Resiliency Table is now operational, Burnaby RCMP is exploring the need for a mental health car (including the ability to initiate and sustain such an initiative), reviewing mental health service delivery models, and working to solicit partnerships and commitments. As part of this analysis, the Burnaby RCMP is communicating with other detachments that have a dedicated mental health vehicle, such as Surrey and Richmond RCMP.

The Burnaby RCMP currently has one member dedicated to a partnership with one member of the Fraser Health Authority to support the community's mental health needs.

The OIC undertook to provide updates to the Committee.

**c) Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk
Re: Fireworks in Burnaby**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that, at the Open Council meeting held on 2019 November 18, correspondence was received from Ms. Holly McCallum, and Mr. Nikolay and Ms. Elena Pashenkov expressing concerns with the use of fireworks in the Central Park area.

Staff advised this matter will be dealt with under item 4a) Reports.

**d) Correspondence from Holly McCallum
Re: Fireworks Ban in Burnaby**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Holly McCallum expressing concern with fireworks being set off in Central Park at 11:00 p.m. on 2019 December 01, and requesting a ban on the sale and use of fireworks in the City.

Staff advised this matter will be dealt with under item 4a) Reports.

4. REPORTS

**a) Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services
Re: Illicit Use of Fireworks**

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report providing information to the Committee regarding the nature and frequency of the illicit use of fireworks.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

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.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES
SECONDED BY MS. ORAZIETTI

THAT the recommendations of the Director Public Safety and Community Services be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b) Report from the Officer in Charge, Burnaby RCMP Detachment
Re: Controlled Substance Property Bylaw**

The Officer in Charge, Burnaby RCMP Detachment, submitted a report seeking Council support for a bylaw to recover costs from property owners resulting from enforcement of illegal controlled substance and cannabis grow operations.

The Officer in Charge, Burnaby RCMP Detachment, recommended:

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.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

THAT the recommendations of the Officer in Charge, Burnaby RCMP Detachment, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**c) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: Update on the Activities of the Burnaby-New Westminster
Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth**

This item was dealt with previously in the meeting.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

a) District #1 - November and December 2019

Ms. Sue From, Chair, provided the following report for 2019 November and December 2019:

- District #1 has decreased in membership;
- a female, grade 8 student from Alpha Secondary School committed suicide;
- house of prostitution in the Brentwood area is a concern;
- hoarder on Brentlawn Drive has acquired another Cadillac, with approximately seven vehicles now parked in front of his house.

b) District #2 - January 2020

Ms. Carolyn Oraziotti, Secretary, provided the following report for 2020 January:

- as a result of businesses reporting crime, RCMP Officers conducted additional surveillance which has helped reduce crime - overall, the RCMP work has had a positive effect on reducing unwanted activity;
- supporting youth members, including establishing a Graffiti Busters Club in Burnaby North and Burnaby Mountain Secondary Schools.

c) District #3 - no submission

No report was submitted at this time.

d) District #4 - no submission

No report was submitted at this time.

e) RCMP - October and November 2019

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh provided an overview of activities that took place during October and November 2019, and highlighted the following:

- theft from auto up in Districts 1 & 2, auto theft is up in all districts;
- business Break & Enters (B&Es) up, residential B&Es down in all districts;
- Strike Force (robbery unit), in a multi-jurisdictional investigation, was successful in locating a suspect who stole cash registers from businesses;
- Drug Section arrested three individuals after seizing several ounces of fentanyl, cocaine, \$20,000 cash, replica handguns and an assault rifle;
- Prolific Offender Suppression Team arrested a man suspected of stealing motorbikes;
- Bike Section patrols enabled quick response to a number of robberies which resulted in suspects arrested on outstanding warrants;
- Community Response Team led the first *Boost and Bust* initiative (officers work inside shopping malls to identify and arrest shoplifters) and arrested four people over a four-hour period at Metropolis;
- Youth Investigative Team were talking with students at schools about how to party safely during Halloween, and safe and legal use of fireworks;
- Crime Prevention Unit conducted a pedestrian awareness campaign, events around the City aimed at educating the public on road safety;
- events and initiatives included: *Girls Can Fly* at Abbotsford Airport, *Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau Toy Run*, Remembrance Day ceremonies, and *Operation Red Nose*.

The OIC advised of the following recent events of concern:

- a young woman was assaulted in Burnaby at night on 2020 January 19;
- social media posting regarding luring people into the sex trade is a hoax;
- the Burnaby RCMP and the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team are investigating recent gun violence incidents, not linked to one another.

6. NEW BUSINESS**Stephen Baron – Cyber Bullying in Schools**

Mr. Baron, Citizens' Representative, expressed concern regarding cyber bullying in schools and inquired as to further action to be taken.

The OIC advised that the Youth Investigative Team is actively engaged with students in schools, and noted that between 2019 October and December, they gave 19 presentations in schools on this matter. Further, RCMP Officers are very aware of this issue and speak to it also while out in the community, and at events and initiatives such as the Youth Soccer Camp and Youth Academy.

Trustee Hayes advised that each secondary school in the School District has a *Safe School Specialist* and works closely with the RCMP School Liaison Officer to monitor behaviour and keep students safe.

Councillor Wang – Business Cyber Bullying

Councillor Wang advised that a small business owner at one of the Town Centres recently approached him regarding cyber bullying and, on behalf of the owner, requested support from the RCMP.

7. INQUIRIES

There were no new inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY MS. GATES

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Monica Macdonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Dan Johnston
CHAIR



Public Safety and Community Services Department
Licence Office

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2020 February 18

FROM: DIRECTOR - PUBLIC SAFETY AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES

FILE: 25000 - 01

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO COUNCIL'S REQUEST REGARDING THE FUTURE
BAN OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF VANCOUVER**

At the open City Council meeting held on 2020 January 27, Council received a report (Attachment 1) from the Director - Public Safety & Community Services in regards to the current City bylaws surrounding the sale and use of fireworks. That report was drafted in response to citizens' complaints received after Halloween.

Arising from discussion, Council brought forward a question about reports that the City of Vancouver intended to introduce a fireworks ban. Council subsequently requested staff obtain additional information regarding Vancouver's potential fireworks ban and provide to the Public Safety Committee. This memorandum provides the information obtained by staff.


In November 2019, Vancouver City Council directed staff to work with Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and the Vancouver Police Department to review and report back in 2020 on the feasibility to ban the retail sale as well as the use of consumer fireworks within the City of Vancouver by 2021. Considerations are to include:

- How to address enforcement and compliance with a ban on consumer fireworks;
- Exemptions for how display fireworks can still be used as part of large public events (Canada Day, Celebration of Light, New Year's Eve etc.) and cultural/religious occasions (Diwali, Chinese New Year Parade and celebrations, etc.);
- An authorized Fire permit from the City of Vancouver to ignite, explode, set off or detonate display fireworks within the guidelines and conditions of the permit, Vancouver Fire Bylaw, and the Canadian Explosives Regulations;
- Necessary by-law changes to facilitate a ban on the retail sale of consumer fireworks.

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- Necessary amendments to the Fire By-law in order to facilitate a ban on the use of consumer fireworks.

At the time of writing this memo, Burnaby staff were unable to gather any additional information as the report to Vancouver City Council is not yet complete. Staff will continue to monitor the situation in Vancouver and provide an update to the Public Safety Committee once Vancouver implements their bylaw amendments.



Dave Critchley
Director - Public Safety and Community Services

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Attachments (1)

ATTACHMENT 1



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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- o 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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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

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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

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Attachment 1

Section 3 Council Correspondence 2019.11.14

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Living by Central Park, the fireworks start a week prior to Halloween and continue for at least a week later - as I write this at 11:32 PM on November 5th, there are fireworks going off in Central Park.

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.

The City of Burnaby's rules are pathetic:

Fireworks on private property may only be set off or discharged on October 31 with the consent of the owner of the property. For more information on how you can enjoy a fun and safe Halloween read our [Halloween Fireworks](#)

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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Copied to:

City Manager

Dir. Corporate Services

Dir. Public Safety and Community Services

Fire Chief

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Section 3 Council Correspondence 2019.11.14

From: Nikolay Pashenkov [REDACTED]
 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, [REDACTED]

Copied to:

City Manager

Dir. Corporate Services

Dir. Public Safety and Community Services

Fire Chief

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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 mm²;
 - (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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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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 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	

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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)

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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.

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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

District 1 – Report for January and February, 2020

- We had Todd Polich from the City come speak on Graffiti at our Feb. CPAC meeting. Very interesting how some may see graffiti as art and others as trash. He gave an enjoyable presentation.
- We are looking for more reps to join our CPAC. Over 15 letters to new and longtime businesses inviting them to the Graffiti talk or CPAC meetings were personally delivered.
- Several vacant houses in the Brentwood area. One has a Mon-Fri daycare in the basement and no one lives upstairs. A suspicious man was recently seen on the weekend leaving the gated backyard holding a full blue recycle bin, covered with the large yellow bag so you couldn't see what was in it. He carried a skateboard and the bin up the lane for over a block. The daycare said their blue box went missing at Xmas.
- There was an incident at a Hair Salon on Hastings where someone called and made arrangements for a \$200.00 treatment, didn't have a working debit card after the treatment, left to apparently go to the bank, and never returned. The phone number given and called was answered by the man who was with the woman and claimed that she got hit by a car on Hastings so not available. All lies... Hastings Heights Merchants Assn. sent info out to advise businesses.

March 2020

Public Safety Committee Report from District 2

Presented by Carolyn Orazieti, Secretary

Prepared by Aki Ediriweera, Chair

There has been a lighting issue on University Dr E by Univercity street going down towards Gaglardi. This is still an issue with no vision improvements.

There have been some safety issues at the Silhouette Towers with individuals who are not authorized to be in the building staying in the parking lot overnight.

The Cameron Recreation Centre is making progress with the safety improvements recommended by the RCMP member during the safety inspection.

The BIA has just gotten a 6-year renewal and wants to thank RCMP for their great work. Lots of police related questions from business owners/property owners who are appreciative of the police's work.

Community Policing Report for CPAC District 3

Summary for January and February, 2020.

- A member reported that a child was struck by a vehicle near the Community centre on Humphrey Street sometimes in early January. It is noticed that there is a large amount of pedestrian foot traffic in this area and no sidewalks or speedbumps. The member did call the City to bring the matter of no side walk on that street. He was told that the City is looking into getting the side walks done in most of the streets in Burnaby.
- Alongside 10th Ave and Kingsway near "Our Lady of Mercy" Church, there is high traffic congestion as well as speeding makes it a very dangerous area for young children who often need to cross over to St. Thomas More school. This matter was brought last year as well. The school is doing its best to maintain the traffic but sometimes the speeding cars take over.
- Recently it has been noticed a lot of debris and other litter outside the Tommy Douglas Library. It could be because of the Homeless gathering on some days of the week at the Church across from that Library, however, CPAC will try to join the Spring Sweep Clean to help clean some of these areas.

BURNABY RCMP PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Partners for a Safe Community

DEC—JAN 2020

Cram the Cruiser





Message from the Chief



December was a busy month for our Community Programs teams with our Community Response Team (CRT) and Youth Investigative Team (YIT) officers leading fundraising initiatives at the detachment.

CRT officers led a Cram the Cruiser event, the first held in Burnaby. This event took place at Metrotown Mall with officers and staff seeking food donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. These donations assist the food bank in what is a very busy holiday season for them. Over 725lbs of food and \$1,200 in cash donations were gathered at the event. My sincere thanks to everyone who came by, engaged with our officers and staff and donated.

YIT led a record breaking year for Keian's Holiday Wish Toy Drive. Throughout December, Burnaby RCMP officers and staff brought toy donations to the detachment for the toy drive. In addition to this, YIT officers took the toy drive to Metrotown Mall for the first time and thanks to the generosity of members of the public and our staff at the detachment, over 600 toys made their way to BC Children's Hospital in time for Christmas.

The dedication of the officers and staff at the detachment to these initiatives is truly inspiring and it's our hope that we continue to build on the success of these next year.

Operationally, two of our specialist units had significant successes with investigations in January. Our Economic Crime Unit (ECU) saw the conclusion of a three year investigation into a fraud which had taken place at a housing co-op in Burnaby. This fraud involved over two million dollars and impacted many people. In January the former president of the co-op was jailed for three years and nine months thanks to a diligent investigation by ECU.

Burnaby RCMP's High Risk Offender Unit (HRO) continued an investigation into alleged groping incidents that had taken place in 2019. After a six-month investigation, a man was charged with four counts of sexual assault in relation to these incidents. More information on both of these investigations can be found in the report.

Finally, in January we saw an increase in violent incidents in Burnaby with our officers responding to two homicides and one non-fatal shooting. In response to these incidents we have conducted an initiative aimed at disrupting this violence. Already this initiative has seen success with our officers taking weapons and drugs off of our streets. We want our community members to know that when we have violence on our streets, we are prepared to redeploy our resources in order to deal with it.

We are looking forward to continuing to provide excellent service to our community in 2020 and are excited about the rollout of our Strategic Plan. In 2020 you can expect to see even more of us in the community with events like Coffee with a Cop and National Police Week. Your continued engagement at these events and with our officers in Burnaby is much appreciated and we look forward to even more of this in 2020.

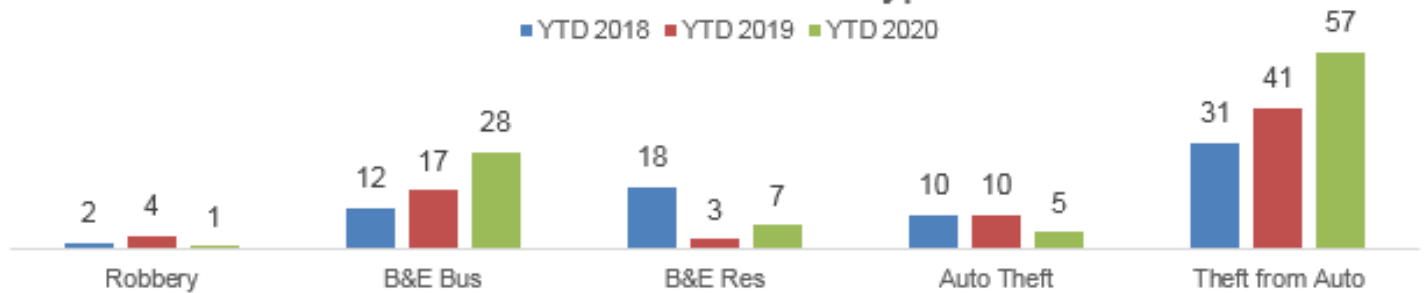
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh
Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment



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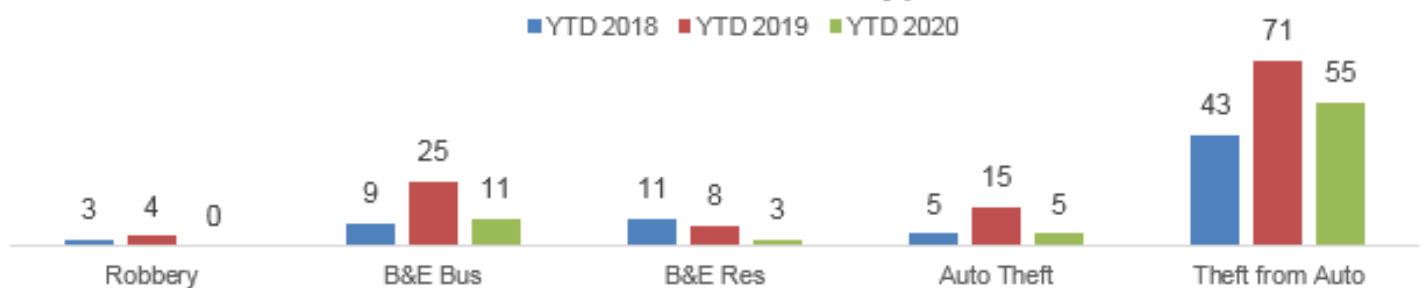
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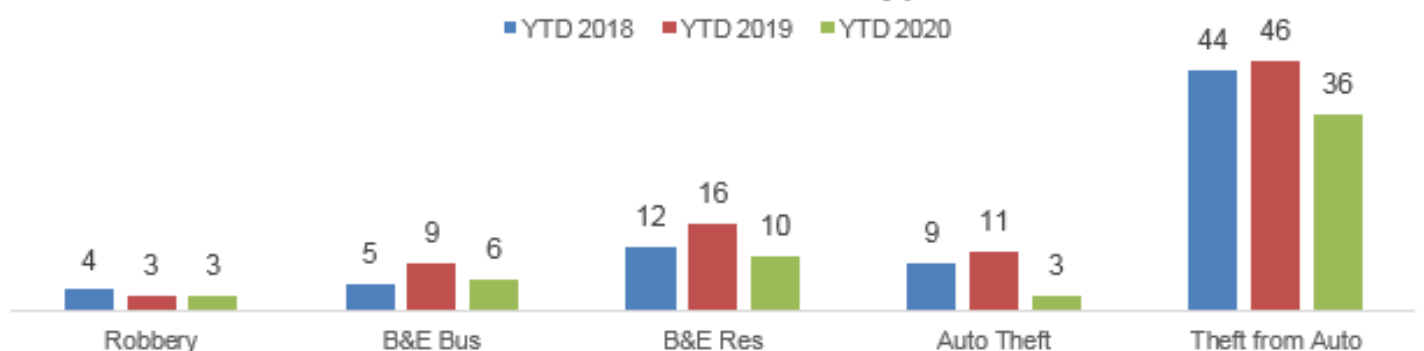
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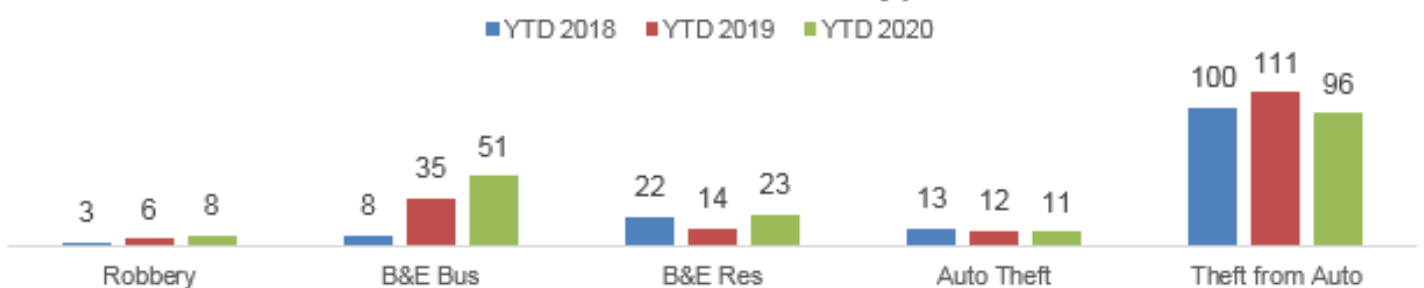
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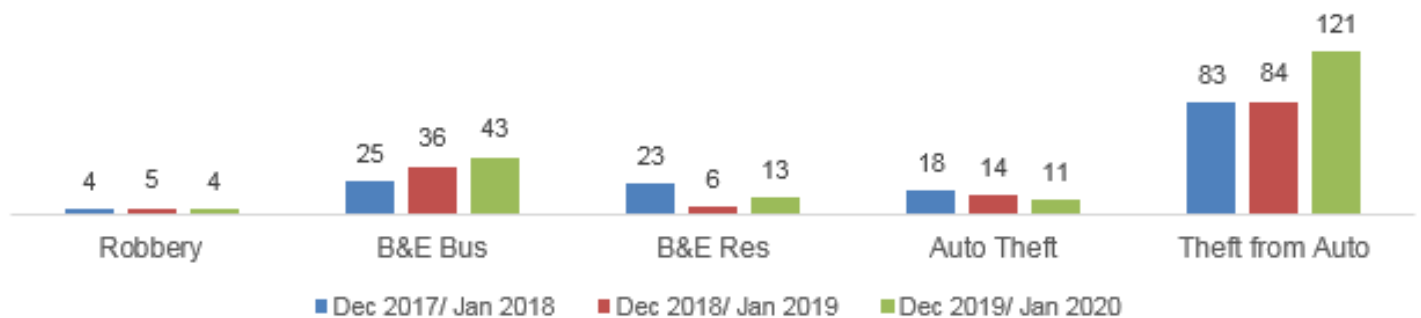
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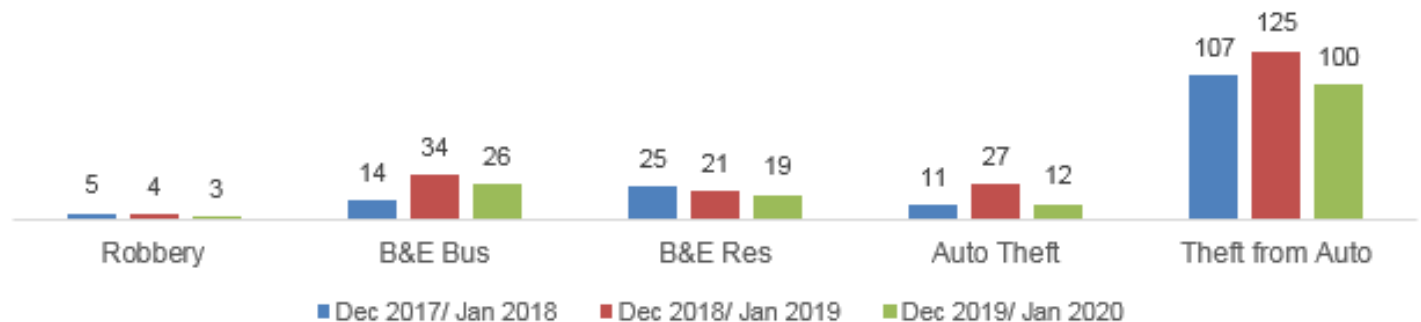


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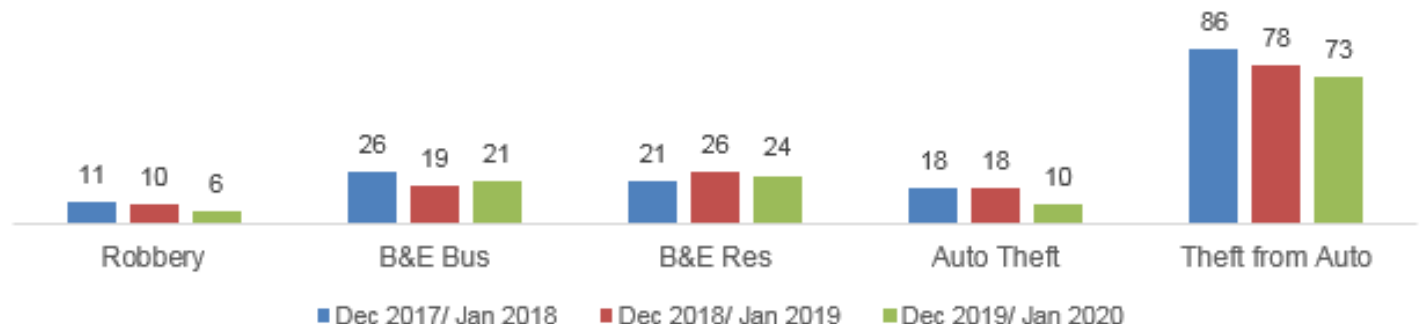
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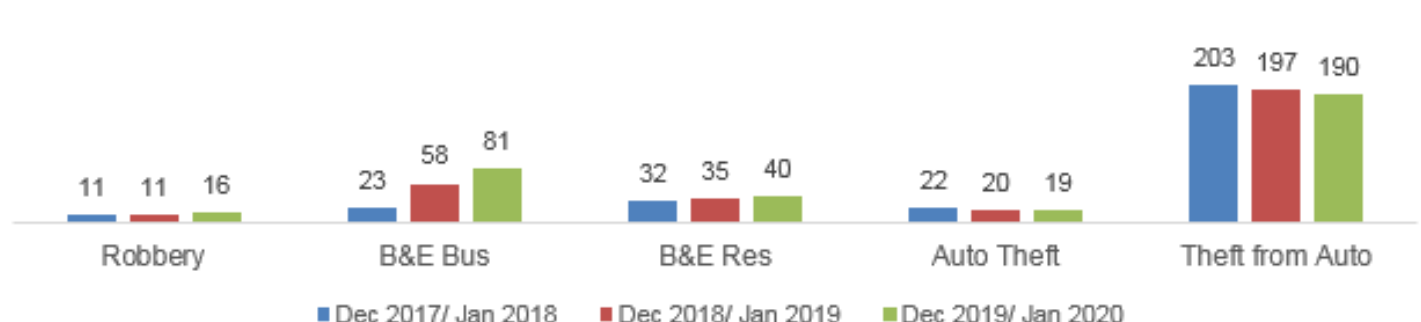
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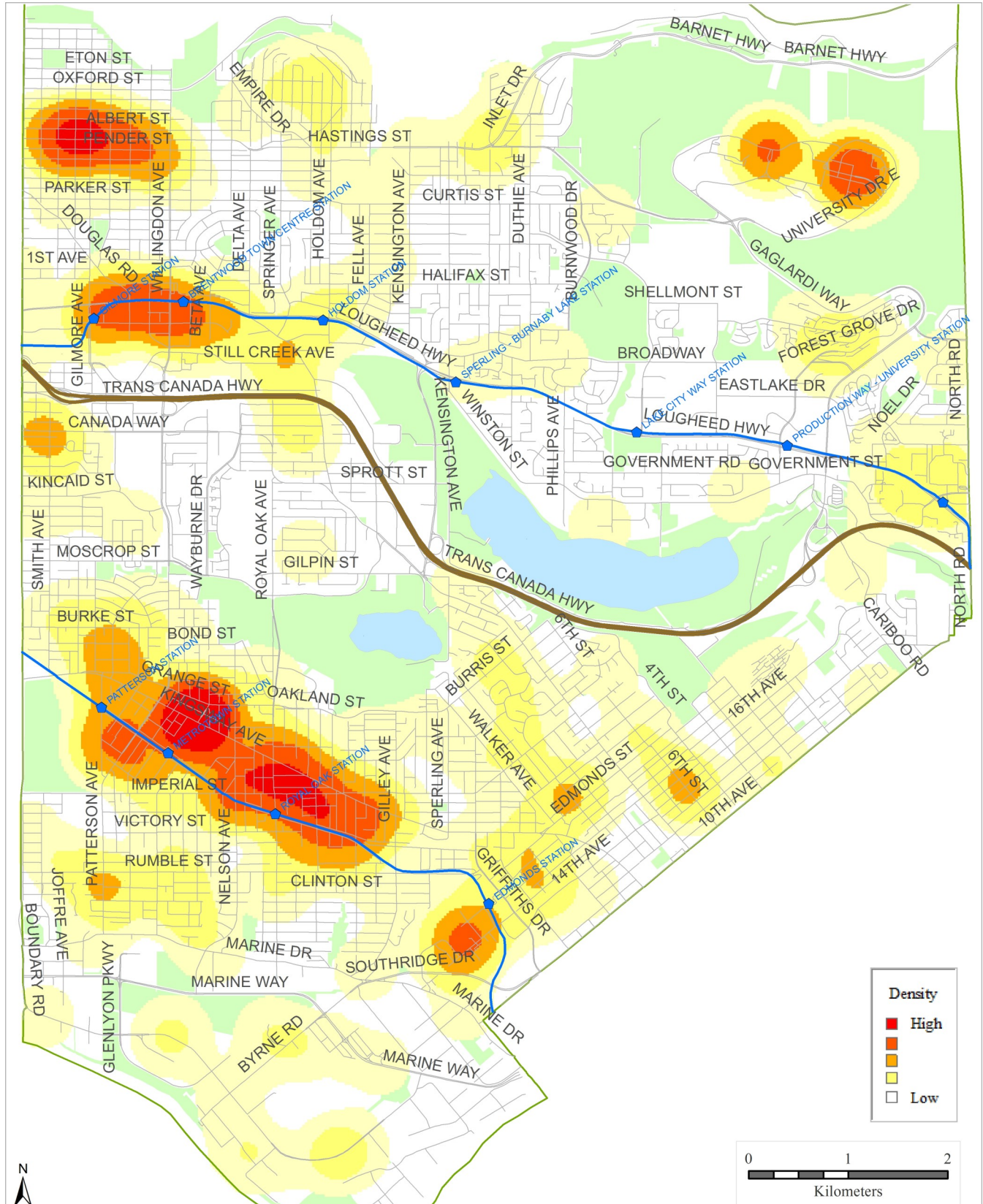
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Crime Density Map

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Break & Enter Density Map

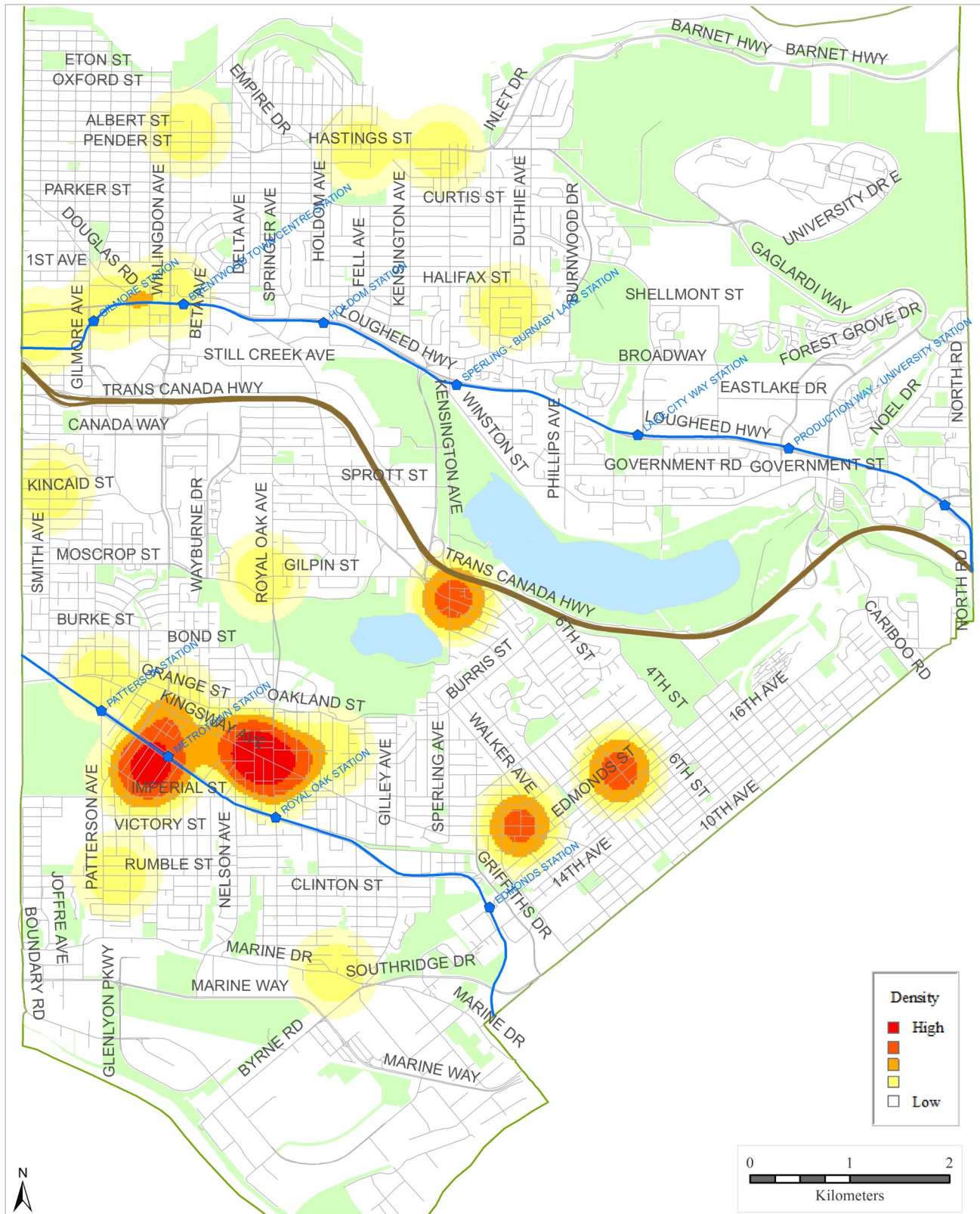




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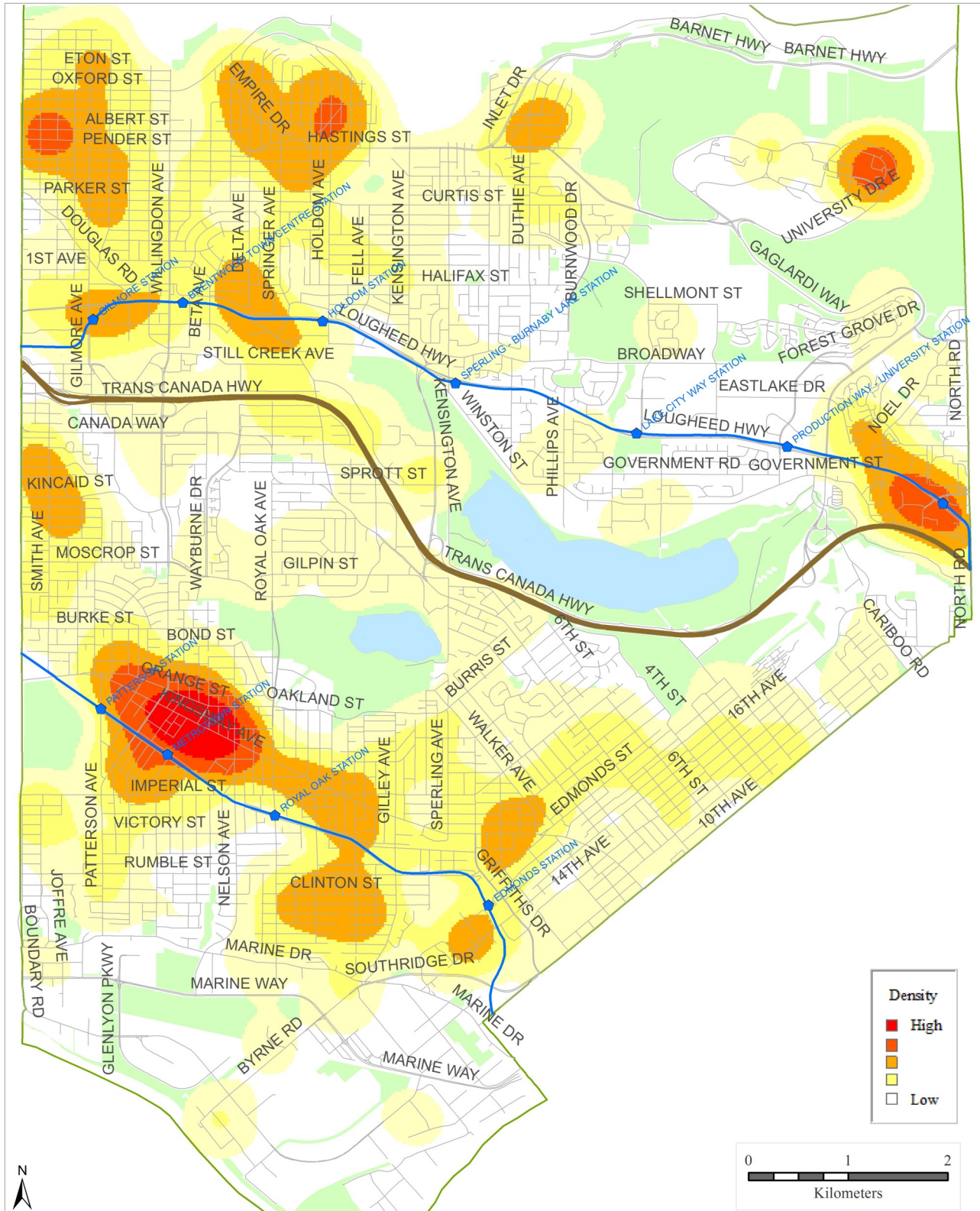
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Crime Density Map

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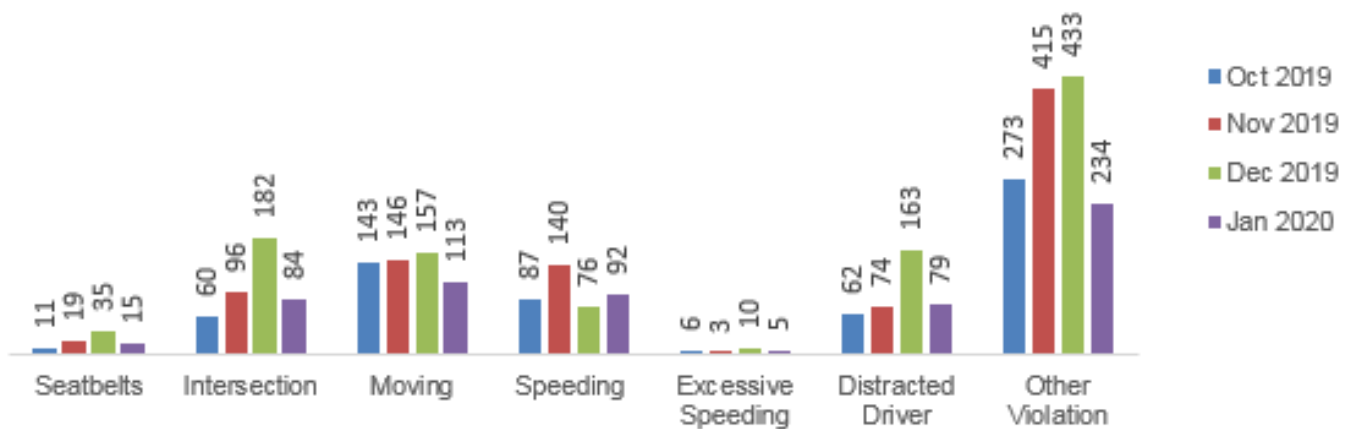
Traffic Services Statistics

During the month of December, Burnaby Traffic Services conducted a number of enforcement initiatives aimed at high risk drivers including impaired driving roadblocks and pedestrian safety for the holiday season. The public is reminded to enjoy the winter months responsibly and prepare your vehicle for winter with winter rated tires.

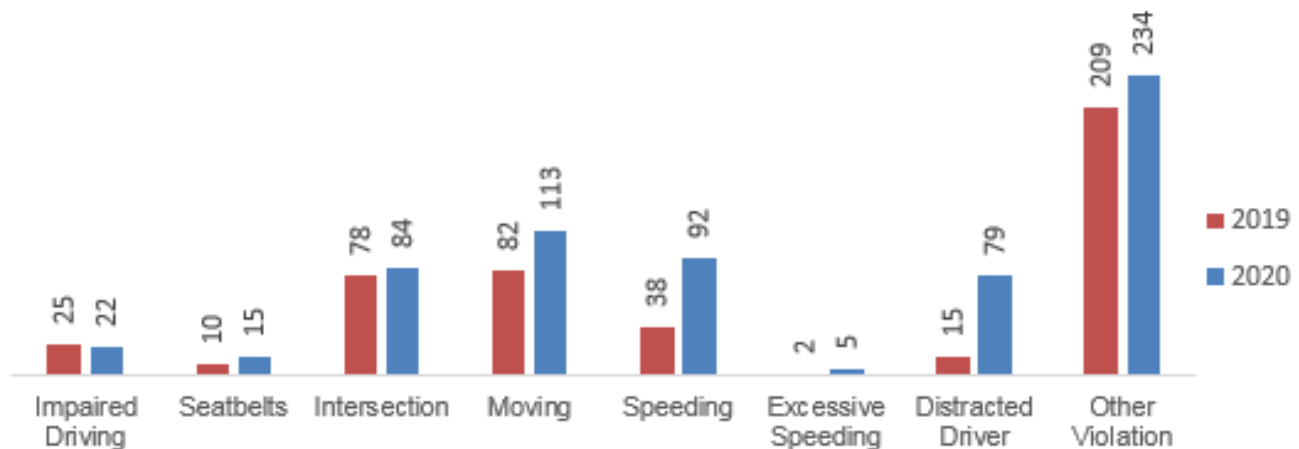
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During the months of December and January, 311 collisions were investigated by Frontline and Traffic Services officers. 56 involved non life-threatening injuries and there was one fatality.

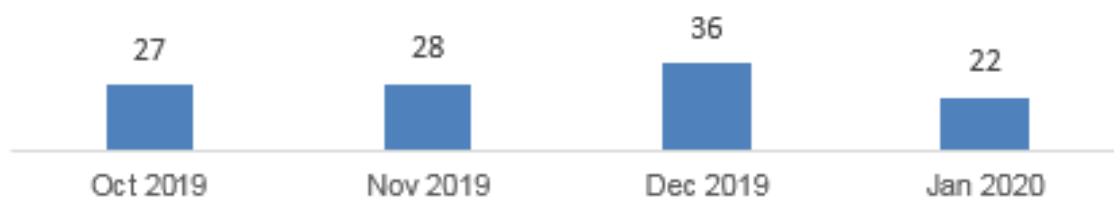
Moving Violation Enforcement Numbers



2019 vs 2020 Year To Date Comparison (January)



Impaired Driving Enforcement Numbers





Investigative Services & Community Programs

Economic Crime Unit

In January, the former president of a low income housing cooperative was sentenced to three years and nine months in jail after an extensive investigation by Burnaby RCMP's Economic Crime Unit. The ECU investigation showed that the former president was writing cheques and creating invoices for work that had not been done. These cheques, totalling over 2 million dollars were then being deposited into her own account over a number of years.

High Risk Offender Unit (HRO)

In December, an investigation by HRO resulted in a Burnaby man being charged with four counts of sexual assault. The investigations related to four separate incidents which occurred in April, May, September and November of 2019. Two of these incidents involved alleged groping of teenage girls and others involved workers assigned to assist the man after his initial arrest and release.

As part of his release, the man must abide by 22 conditions including no contact with anyone under the age of 16, not to travel on any public bus unless travelling to an approved meeting or appointment and to keep the peace and be of good behaviour.



Burnaby Bike Section



In December, Bike Section officers were at Metrotown mall assisting with a fundraising event when they were approached by a loss prevention officer and advised that there was a person shoplifting in a store. Bike Section officers attended the store and detained the male suspect. While they were at the store another shoplifting suspect was observed and detained. All of the merchandise was returned to the retailer.

In late December, Bike Section officers were conducting proactive patrols on foot near the Metrotown Skytrain Station when they observed a man who attempted to flee after observing them. The officers pursued the man on foot and detained him. Queries conducted showed that the man had an outstanding warrant from Transit Police and he was arrested.



Community Programs

Community Response Team (CRT)

In December and January, there was an increase in violent incidents in Burnaby including two homicides and one non-fatal shooting. In response to these violent incidents, the Community Response Team commenced an initiative focused on known gang members in the City.

This initiative involved Community Response Team members who used their knowledge and experience of the City to conduct full uniform high visibility patrols in areas where gang members and those involved in crime are known to congregate. This included street patrols as well as patrols through and around restaurants and bars in the City. This high visibility enforcement has been successful in disrupting crime related to drug trafficking and has resulted in a number of investigations being commenced.

In early January, three traffic stops conducted by CRT resulted in the seizure of multiple weapons. On Friday January 3, 2020, at 5 p.m., CRT officers on patrol stopped a vehicle they had observed speeding at Marine Drive and Strathearn Avenue with multiple occupants. During their investigation one of the occupants advised police that he was carrying a knife. A subsequent detention and search of the three men resulted in officers locating a knife and a can of bear spray.



45 minutes later, at 5:45 p.m., CRT officers observed a vehicle that they believed was being used for drug trafficking in the area of Beresford Street and McKay Avenue. Based on the behaviour of the driver and those approaching the vehicle, officers conducted an investigation and while no drugs were located, officers did locate evidence associated with a dial-a-dope trafficking operation and also two folding knives. Officers seized the two knives and the driver was released at scene.

One hour later, just before 7 p.m., CRT officers stopped a vehicle that was speeding on Kingsway Avenue and Russell Avenue. A check of the vehicle revealed that the owner had a history of committing break and enters. As police approached, both male occupants got out of the vehicle and one of them was observed to have a knife in the waistband of his pants. A search was conducted on the men and an airsoft replica pistol was also found. Both weapons were seized by officers and the two men were released at scene.



Community Programs

Youth Investigative Team (YIT)

As part of its educational and preventative strategies, YIT officers have become involved in the Boys Club Network, a privately funded charity organization that works with at-risk youth with the objective of preventing these young people from getting involved in criminal activities. Despite being relatively new in Burnaby schools, YIT officers were quick to get on board with this initiative, in collaboration with Burnaby School District to support the organization by facilitating presentations at the participating schools.

These presentations are held weekly, for groups of young people who are selected by their school and involve speakers from various backgrounds telling their life stories in hope of giving their audience courage and inspiration to lift themselves onto the right path.

In December, YIT officers took charge of organizing the detachment's annual Keian Holiday Wish Toy Drive. As part of the fundraising event, YIT set up a booth at Metrotown mall for a day and took donations of toys and cash from shoppers. This fundraising tradition was started by Keian Blundell, a six-year-old boy who was diagnosed with leukemia in 2012. To put a smile on other kids faces at the hospital, Keian collected toys during the weeks leading up to Christmas and donated them to Children's hospital.

Keian died in 2014 but his legacy of kindness remains. Burnaby RCMP has been involved in the Toy Drive event for the past several years. This year's event was a success and a record for the detachment so far raising \$2,300 in cash and collecting 600 toys, all of which were donated to BC Children's hospital.

The International Education Program of Burnaby School District attracts many foreign students from various countries every year. Some of these students come from countries where perception of safety and security might be different from that of Canada, which might expose them to unexpected risks. Occasionally, police encounter situations where international students get victimized by criminals, or become a suspect in a file, simply as a result of not being aware of laws and rules of the land. As such at the beginning of each semester, at the School District's request, YIT officers attend the International Students Orientation Day and deliver a presentation on safety to the students.

On January 22, 2020, Burnaby Central Secondary School held a career fair for students and parents to provide an opportunity for students to learn about various jobs and professions. In coordination with Burnaby School District, YIT officers attended the event and set up a booth. YIT officers provided information to students and adults wanting to know more about the RCMP and perhaps seeking a career in policing. The event was well attended with approximately 100 people attending the RCMP booth seeking information. The occasion gave our officers another chance to engage with young people and their parents to promote policing in Burnaby and answer many questions they had.





Community Programs

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

In December, Crime Prevention Unit staff conducted three security assessments for businesses and residences in Burnaby. 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.

CPU staff also attended a strata council meeting for a complex that was experiencing an increase in criminal activity. CPU attended to listen to concerns and provide expertise on security measures that could be taken around the complex.



Block Watch training was held in December and January for new captains. This program continues to be successful in deterring crime in Burnaby. If you are interested in starting a new block watch for your area, contact

BlockWatch@burnaby.ca

In December, CPU staff took part in Cram the Cruiser which was a very successful event, raising much needed funds and food donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

Youth Services Unit (YSU)

The trend of a higher than average number of referrals continues for the Youth Services Unit Counselling Program. This has led to the generation a waitlist for therapy and counselling services.

Following previous year's popular prevention circles, the Restorative Justice Program has seen an increase within Burnaby schools for requests in prevention circles and programs, which have been running in multiple schools since the beginning of the school year.

The Counselling Program continues to see an increase in complex file referrals for services, as referral sources realize the long-term benefits in addressing the root causes of certain behavior patterns among youths.



Community Programs

Victim Services Unit (VSU)

In December, VSU completed the year with a total of 1,681 files and 1,887 hours of direct crisis support in 2019. This marked a 5% increase in files and an 18% increase for crisis intervention support from 2018.

In January, VSU opened 140 files and provided 120 hours of crisis intervention support. Staff attended a number of courses focused on personal development at the City of Burnaby through the month.



Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch (BCCW)



Our dedicated BCCW volunteers conducted patrols throughout December and January covering 550 kilometres around the City. Patrol areas focused on reported incidents of theft from autos and areas that have seen an increase in problematic loitering.

In addition to the above, nearly 3,000 license plates were checked against the Stolen Auto Recovery database.



Community Programs

Community Police Offices (CPO)

Over the last few months, counter barriers have been installed at all of our Community Police Offices in order to ensure the safety of staff working at the front counter. This work was completed in December.



**Cell Watch: 4 hours,
588 vehicles checked**



**Speed Watch: 28 hours,
2,725 vehicles checked**



Foot Patrols: 26 hours

In December, volunteers conducted foot patrols in mall parking lots, issuing 645 Crime Prevention Notices to people at the mall. These notices bring better awareness to people around the safety of their vehicle and anything located in plain sight in the vehicle itself.



Events & Initiatives

Cram the Cruiser

In December, Burnaby RCMP's Community Response Team led an initiative called "Cram the Cruiser." As part of the initiative, officers collected over 725lbs of food and \$1,200 in donations for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.





Events & Initiatives

Keian's Holiday Wish Toy Drive

In December, Burnaby RCMP's Youth Investigative Team did incredible work in getting toys donated from detachment staff and members of the public for Keian's Holiday Wish Toy Drive.





Events & Initiatives

Coffee with a Cop

In January, officers from our Community Response Team hosted a very successful Coffee with a Cop event at Metrotown Mall.



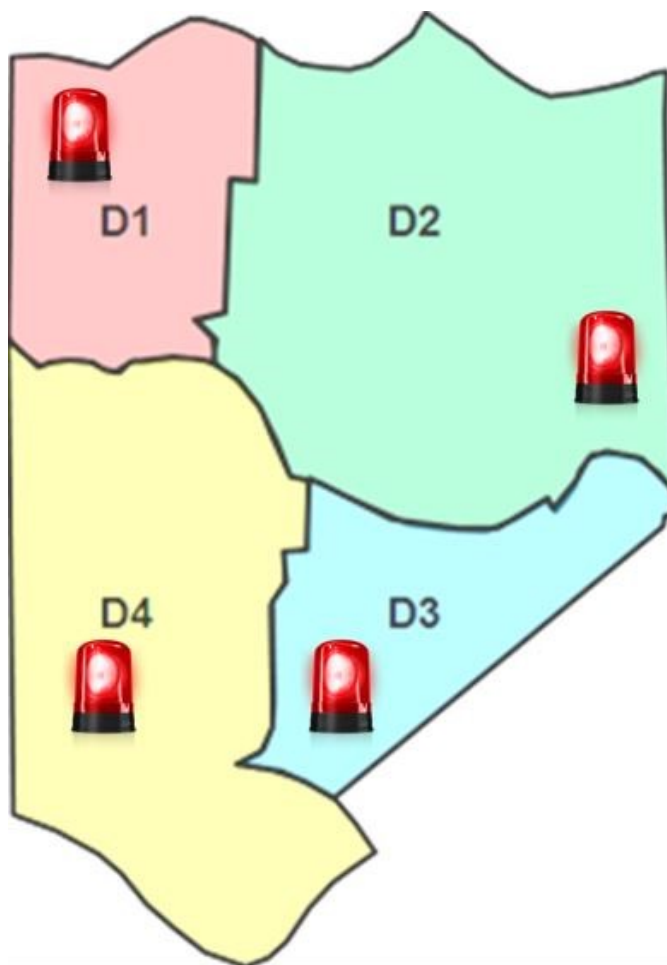


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