

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE A G E N D A

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE M I N U T E S

Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair (participated electronically)

Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair

Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade

Ms. Emily Li, Resident Representative (arrived at 5:03 p.m.)

Mr. Heymann Yip, Resident Representative

Ms. Sue From, Chair District #1 - Hastings/Brentwood

Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair District #2 - Burnaby Mountain (participated

electronically)

Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast (participated electronically)

ABSENT: Mr. Stephen Baron, Resident Representative

Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 - Southwest

STAFF: Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP

Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer Ms. Shelly Reinhart, Council Support Assistant

Ms. Samantha Thompson, Council Support Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. The Chair, Mr. Ediriweera, and Ms. Ali participated electronically.

For the benefit of the members that were participating electronically, the Administrative Officer read the names of members and staff present in the Chamber.

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

Ms. Li arrived at 5:03 p.m. and participated electronically.

The Chair acknowledged the recent passing of Committee member Councillor Nick Volkow.

2. MINUTES

2.1 <u>Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2020 March</u> 12

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on 2020 March 12 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Items 3.1 - 3.5 were provided on the 2020 July 02 Council Correspondence Package, and referred to the Committee for consideration. A note on the correspondence from staff stated that the City's recently implemented Community Safety Plan was developed through community engagement and research on the vision of a safe community for all. Further, the Plan will be reviewed in consultation with community members on a regular basis to explore and implement initiatives that further support a safe community.

3.1 <u>Correspondence from the Canadian Commission for UNESCO-Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities (CIM) - Re: A Call to Action on Recent Anti-Racism Movements</u>

Correspondence was received from Mr. Sébastien Goupil, Secretary-General, Canadian Commission for UNESCO-CIM, calling on municipalities to condemn all manifestations of racism, including anti-black racism and profiling, and to recommit to the CIM's values and objectives. The writer provided information on resources available, as well as a list of actions for municipalities to consider.

3.2 <u>Correspondence from the YouthCo HIV & Hep C Society - Re: Act Now to</u> Address RCMP Violence

Correspondence was received from Ms. Sarah Chown, Executive Director, YouthCo HIV & Hep C Society, calling upon Council for action to support Black lives and reduce police violence in Burnaby. The writer requested consideration of the following: redirecting financial resources, currently allocated to the Burnaby RCMP detachment, to community-driven social supports and responses to violence; address ongoing inequities related to housing, access to public spaces, and services such as childcare; commit to abolishing police and prisons that reinforce inequities and oppress marginalized communities; and condemn anti-Black and anti-Indigenous violence and harm enacted by the RCMP.

3.3 <u>Correspondence from Erin Bush - Re: City of Burnaby Anti-Racism</u> Commitment

Correspondence was received from Erin Bush urging Council to redirect money away from the Burnaby RCMP and instead prioritize services that help strengthen Burnaby communities. The writer expressed concerned that the proposed changes to the City's equity policy are highly general, didn't speak to tangible changes, and needed a cultural strategy around reconciliation and decolonization.

The Committee inquired regarding follow up action, as well as policing standards in Canada verses those in the United States of America.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services referred to the staff note provided under item 3.1 of the agenda. The Director further advised that he is a local government representative on the Advisory Committee for Provincial Policing Standards (ACPPS). The ACPPS works to establish policies and procedures to ensure policing is delivered in a fair and equitable manner to all citizens. It is through this Committee that issues such as racial profiling and historical undesirable police practices are brought forward, discussed and policies and procedures are implemented to improve upon those standards.

The Committee advised that the School Liaison Officers program was initiated from the school community (Parent Advisory Committee), and noted how now some people in that community no longer want the RCMP Officers in the schools.

Trustee Hayes advised that there is a range of comments in the school district regarding the RCMP Officers in schools - some in support, some not. More education needs to be done on the role of the RCMP in schools. There is a misconception by many that, after watching American television footage, our Officers in schools have metal detectors and are armed, which is far from the reality in Burnaby schools. The District's experience with the RCMP has been positive, proactive and valuable. The District will be putting together a Committee to focus on racism in schools and hiring an anti-racism officer.

3.4 <u>Correspondence from Georgina Johnston - Re: Long-Term Community</u> <u>Safety</u>

Correspondence was received from Ms. Georgina Johnston calling upon Council and Members of The Public Safety Committee to defund the Burnaby RCMP and invest in initiatives that support long-term community safety such as harm reduction services, child care support, comprehensive mental health intervention and social support, peer-based programming, housing initiatives, and homeless shelters.

Chief Superintendent Burleigh advised that the RCMP values their partnership with the School District and their connection with educators and students. Further, it is an opportunity to showcase how the RCMP has moved from an enforcement role to a prevention and education role. The RCMP will continue to be in the schools. Chief Superintendent Burleigh noted that the RCMP needs to have more discussions not only with educators and the School District, but also with students so that they are aware of the RCMP role and what the RCMP can do as part of the education community and system.

Regarding racism, the Chief Superintendent advised that the RCMP Commissioner has acknowledged the existence of systemic racism. At the local level, the Detachment is discussing how they might deliver their services differently; such as, having a dedicated Diversity Coordinator and enhancing their communications team.

The Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) District #1 Chair advised that the CPAC's also have a role in having conversations with young members and creating a sense of community between Officers in the schools and students.

3.5 <u>Correspondence from Anthony Yuen - Re: Call to Action for the City of Burnaby</u>

Correspondence was received from Mr. Anthony Yuen expressing concern for Black and Indigenous lives, and calling upon Council and the Public Safety Committee to defund the Burnaby RCMP and invest in public services that support long-term community safety.

3.6 Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk - Re: Community Safety Plan

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that, at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 June 08, Council adopted a motion to support the implementation of the Community Safety Plan.

Staff advised that they will be providing a bi-annual progress report on the initiatives identified in the Plan to the Committee for their review. Further, staff will provide an annual report, through the Committee, to Council.

4. <u>REPORT</u>

4.1 Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services - Re: Placement of Nasal Naloxone Spray at City Recreation Centres and Libraries.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report providing information regarding the placement of nasal naloxone spray at City recreation centres and libraries.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

- 1. THAT Public Safety Committee receive this report for information purposes.
- 2. THAT Public Safety Committee recommends Council receive this report for information purposes.
- 3. THAT a copy of this report be provided to the Library Board for information purposes.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

5.1 **DISTRICT #1 - no submission**

No report was submitted at this time.

5.2 DISTRICT #2 - March to June 2020

Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair, provided the following report of activities that took place in District #2 between March and June 2020:

- businesses have been gradually opening in the community and are grateful for the support the RCMP has provided;
- as an attempt to proceed to the highway, Drivers have been making dangerous U-turns in the intersection of Norland Avenue and Sprott Street;
- the removal of the pedestrian sidewalk on Douglas Road between Regent and Norland Avenue has posed a challenge for pedestrians as the opposite direction of Douglas Road does not have a proper sidewalk; and,
- the June meeting was successfully conducted via Zoom with a good turn out, the September meeting will also be facilitated through Zoom.

5.3 <u>DISTRICT #3 - no submission</u>

Ms. Tazul Ali, Chair, advised that District #3 will be hosting a Zoom meeting in September.

5.4 DISTRICT #4 - no submission

No report was submitted at this time.

5.5 RCMP - February to May 2020

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh provided an overview of the following activities that took place between February and May 2020, and commented on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their service delivery:

- crime statistics theft from auto is up in Districts 1, 2 & 3 and Business
 Break & Enters (B&E's) are up in Districts 1, 3 & 4;
- Traffic Services February successful Commercial Motor Vehicle road check resulted in 297 commercial vehicles checked with 147 vehicles removed from roads;
- with a reduction of vehicles on road (COVID-19) there was an increase in aggressive drivers and excessive speeding, doubling statistics compared to last year, and a number of vehicles were removed from the roads;
- investigated 392 collisions, 51 involved non-life-threatening injuries, there were no fatalities;
- to address the increase in business B&E's, partnered with the City's graphics design team and created posters which were put up around the City business areas, and organized foot, bike and vehicle patrols at various times of the week;
- Bike Section responded to a report of a man in Central Park with a pellet gun, responded to a call regarding a confused elderly woman walking barefoot, assisted with frontline calls for service (COVID-19);
- Community Response Team officers located and arrested the driver of a
 car involved in a hit and run, arrested two men in response to a break and
 enter in North Burnaby, prevented a man from the suspected attempt of a
 business break in, located a prolific offender with a history of weapon
 offences, and located an individual who is a known property offender that
 was wanted on a warrant from North Vancouver;
- Child Abuse and Sexual Offences Unit worked on an investigation that led to charges against a man in the alleged sexual assault of a child;
- Drug Section arrested two women resulting in the seizure of fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, counterfeit pills of unknown substances and approximately \$1500 in cash;
- Crime Prevention Unit connected with students at Simon Fraser University considering a career in law enforcement at "behind the badge" – shut down in March due to the pandemic;
- Burnaby Citizen Crime Watch shut down in March due to the pandemic;
- Victim Services Unit (VSU) had to change service delivery models (COVID-19) but was the only VSU which remained operational in the Lower Mainland with the onset of the pandemic;
- new initiative crime reporting went on-line.

Further to her report, Chief Superintendent Burleigh advised of the following changes in the policing environment in the last year: a slight decrease in calls for service; decrease in property crime; and an increase in violent crime. In a proactive response to the latter, the Detachment will be establishing a dedicated Gang Enforcement Unit to be operational in the fall.

In conclusion, Chief Superintendent Burleigh advised that the Detachment has created a committee consisting of senior management, including City managers, to lead them through implementation of health and safety COVID-19 protocols and assist in maintaining policing service levels and standards. In terms of illness, there have been exposures to the virus but no instances of COVID-19.

The Committee inquired regarding the Detachment's mental health response.

Chief Superintendent Burleigh advised that mental health and wellness checks often fall to the RCMP because they are a 24/7 agency. The Detachment is pursuing the option of a mental health car, and will be discussing a possible partnership with the Health Authority. Further, the Detachment has dedicated Officers performing health and wellness checks after having consulted with mental health professionals, drug addiction specialists, and other care workers in the community.

6. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

There was no new business brought before the Committee at this time.

7. <u>INQUIRIES</u>

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

8. CLOSED

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

THAT the Committee, in accordance with Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter, do now resolve itself into a Closed meeting from which the public is excluded to consider matters concerning personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Without objection, the Open Committee meeting recessed at 5:59 p.m. and, following the conclusion of the Closed portion of the meeting, reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

9.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>				
	Without objection, the open meeting of the p.m.	Public Safety Committee adjourned at 6:00			
	CHAIR	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER			

13 August 2020

ATTN: Mayor and Council c/o Office of the City Clerk 4949 Canada Way Burnaby, BC V5G 1M Email: clerks@burnaby.ca

I am writing to express quite a few distressing experiences I have had so far since the Douglas Road shelter has been opened.

I live in one of the townhouses right across the green space beside Purolator. I have noticed an uptick of tents being set-up on the park and on the outskirts of the park. This in itself is not a major issue but my neighbors and I have noticed drug paraphernalia being scattered on sidewalks and right on the side of our driveway at the back of the townhouses which is a private area nonetheless and where our children play! Not only that, just today alone, there was a man shooting up right across the street in front of our home! The police was called to deal with this particular situation.

Also, I would like to mention that I had quite a scary encounter with a person I can only assume was from the shelter as he came from that direction. It happened a couple of months ago, early Sunday morning (just before 6am), as I was walking towards the bus stop on Lougheed Highway to get to work. The man came from the direction of the shelter as I was walking up the ramp to get to Douglas Road. He then crossed Lougheed Highway to get to the other side of the street. There was an ample space between us. I then crossed the street as well and that was when he noticed me. He deliberately turned around and went behind me. I asked him if there was a problem to which he replied that there was none but was clearly following me still. Lougheed Highway on Sunday mornings is pretty deserted and there was not a single car or person around that time. At this point, I took out my phone and pretended to call somebody. The person then stopped following me and crossed the street to walk on the other side. I pretended to be on the phone until I got to the bus stop which was a 10-minute walk. That person turned his head to look at me a few times. Luckily, there was somebody close to the bus stop when I got there. I have lived in Burnaby since 2011 and I have never experienced such a distressful moment until that time. That experience has taken away my sense of security and safety! I now have to find other means to get to work on Sundays because of that experience as I do not want a repeat of that!

Please be aware that these instances are happening and that they are quite problematic. I hope that you would be able to come up with some solutions to address them.

Sincerely,



From: <u>Vinh Doan</u>
To: <u>Clerks</u>

Subject: Fwd: Dangerous disturbance at the park at 4911 Dawson St Burnaby V5C0E9

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:40:42 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to tell you that there has been a rise in dangerous activities at this park: 4911 Dawson St Burnaby V5C0E9

The incidents are:

- Homeless people doing drugs, doing needles in front of children during the daylight
- Setting up camp, taking space at the park where people go to walk their dogs, do picnic, and children play
- Using shopping cards to carry in and out what seems to be stolen goods
- Screaming at local neighbours during night time, and having escalated situations

We have already contacted the **non-emergency police**, **the bylaw officers**, **and the shelter** for help but no action or steps have been taken to fix this issue.

We are concerned about our safety especially for those that live nearby (right across the street).

This is somewhat related to the shelter being built nearby: Progressive Housing Society at 2294 Douglas Road, Burnaby. The housing has attracted dangerous activities in the nearby neighborhood.

We would like this problem to be solved as soon as possible since it has made the area more dangerous for the people living here.

Thank you for your time,

Vinh

From: <u>Lin Nie</u>
To: <u>Clerks</u>

Subject: Shelter and neighborhood safety

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:28:42 PM

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To whom it may concerned,

this is Lin Nie, a townhouse owner of Perspective project . I am writing this email to express my concerns about neighborhood safety around the temporary shelter at 2295 Douglas Road. This area have a lot kids and elderly. Since the temporary shelter set up in our area, our neighborhood security got affected! Especially this summer! There is a field on Dawson street called Coco park. Recently, it has been brought to my attention that some homeless people setting up tents and injecting on the fields. We were shocked! People walk their dogs, young kids picnic and play with each other on that field on daily basis. I hope city of Burnaby or the shelter can help us. Community safety should be the top priority. I am looking forwards to your reply, Sincerely,

Lin Nie

BURNABY RCMP PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Partners for a Safe Community

JUNE—JULY 2020





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Message from the Chief



This has been a summer unlike any other we have experienced in our lifetime. The Global COVID-19 pandemic has created significant challenges to each of our lives and I continue to be proud of the dedication and resilience being shown by all of our police officers and staff at Burnaby detachment.

COVID-19 has brought an extra layer of safety measures in our response to calls around the City and our Frontline officers have responded exceptionally. Taking appropriate precautions to keep both themselves and the public safe in what are at times, challenging situations.

In June and July we saw serious gang related incidents in our City and as you will see throughout this report, teams at Burnaby detachment have responded by proactively targeting those suspected to be involved in these incidents and the illicit drug trade in our City. We have also begun the recruitment for the Burnaby Gang Enforcement Team (BGET) with a view to having a team in our community in the Fall.

Through proactive community patrols our Community Response Team has taken drugs and dangerous weapons off our streets while Burnaby Drug Section had two significant drug seizures that were the culmination of months of investigation. Our Drug Section officers are committed to keeping harmful drugs such as Fentanyl out of our community.

Our Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) tracked down thousands of dollars' worth of products which were stolen from a Burnaby business. A thorough investigation resulted in POST tracking the products, worth \$75,000 which included 3,200 pounds of rice and 26 pallets of sandals to a warehouse in Langley.

Burnaby Traffic Section were busy through June and July working on various initiatives such as Operation Safe Driver Week. This initiative focused on speeding and in a single week, 106 drivers were ticketed for speeding in our City. Officers also ticketed 18 distracted drivers and 13 drivers were found to be driving while impaired during this week.

In July, Burnaby RCMP's Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) led an investigation which resulted in the arrest of Jack Kelley who had been wanted on a number of serious charges including sexual assault, assault and unlawful confinement. The arrest of Kelly was the culmination of six-months of demanding investigative work that involved officers and staff from units' right across our detachment.

Finally, as we look towards the fall and the potential second wave of COVID-19, I want to assure Burnaby residents that we are doing everything we can within our detachment to ensure our officers and staff stay healthy. Thanks to the measures being taken by staff at our detachment both at work and at home, everyone has remained healthy and our response to incidents around our City has not changed.

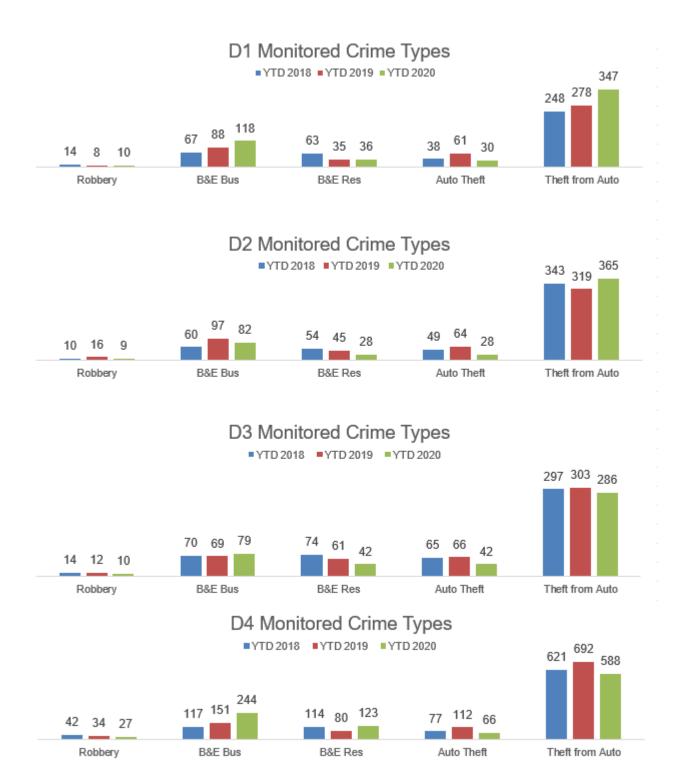
On behalf of the entire detachment I want to pass on our sincere gratitude to all of you who have reached out to thank us for the work being done in Burnaby through this pandemic. We are proud to serve such a supportive community.

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

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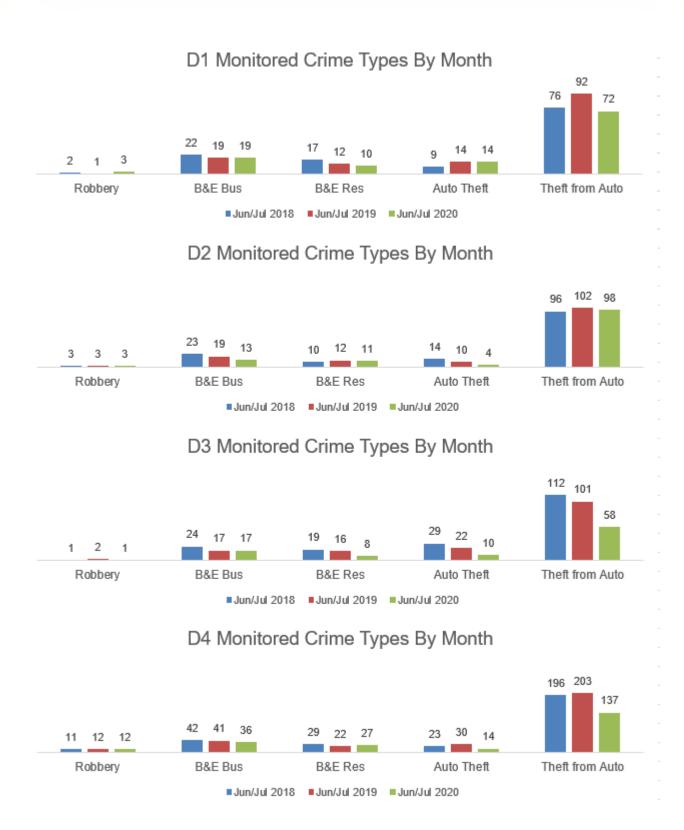
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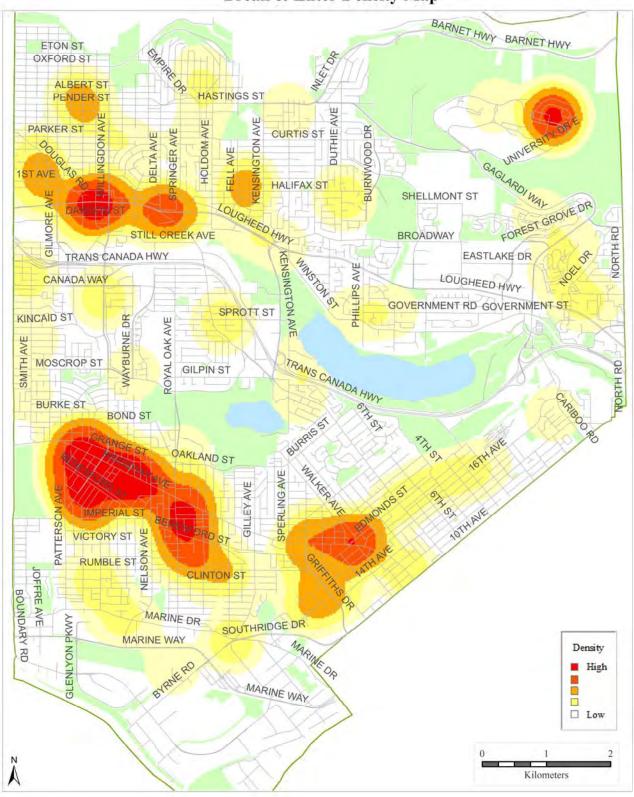
Crime Reduction Stats by Month





Crime Density Map

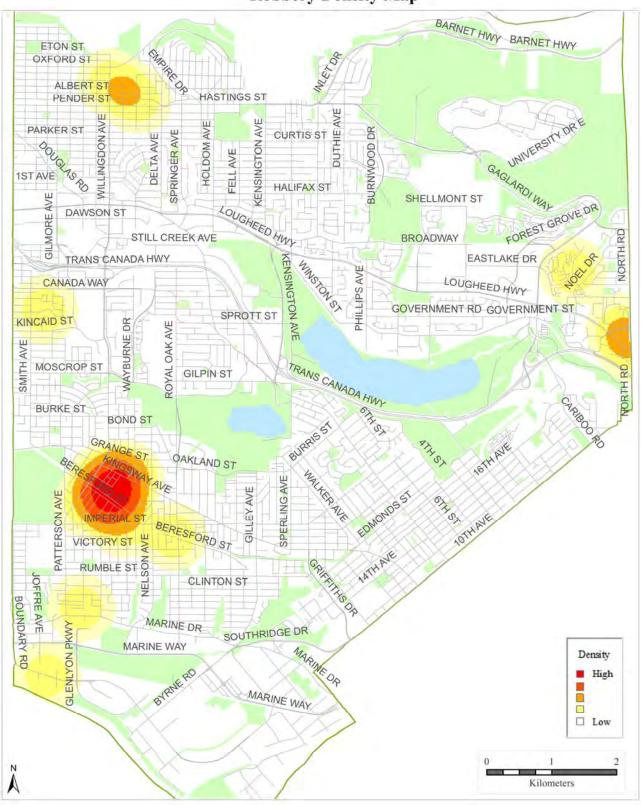
Jun 1 to Jul 31, 2020 Break & Enter Density Map





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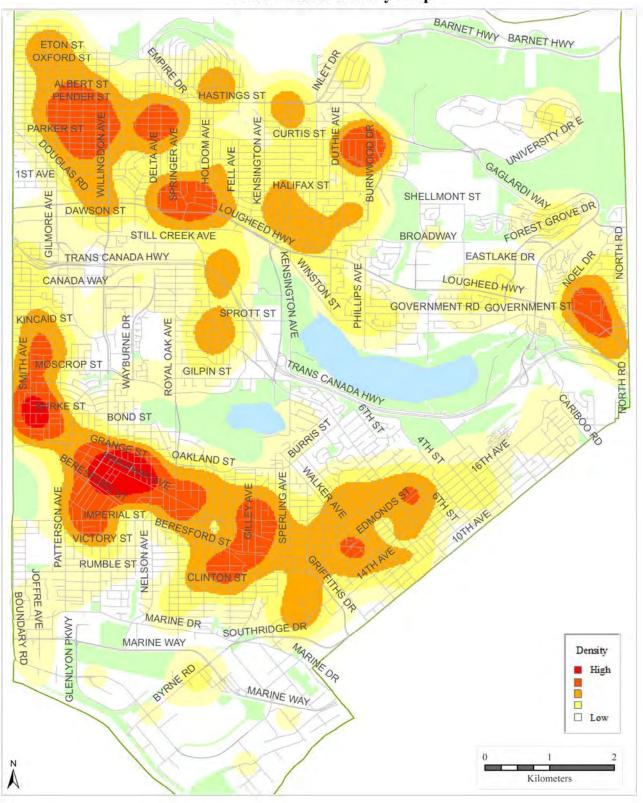
Jun 1 to Jul 31, 2020 Robbery Density Map





Crime Density Map

Jun 1 to Jul 31, 2020 Auto Crimes Density Map



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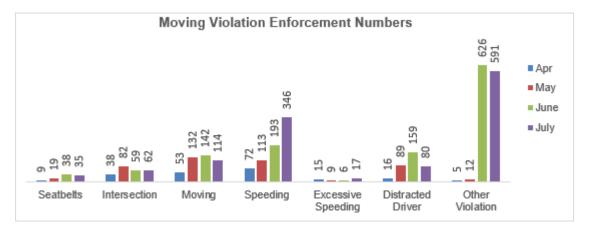
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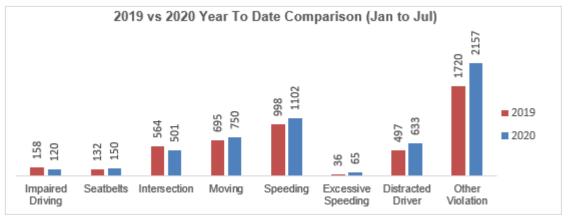
Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) enforcement continued in June and July in Burnaby. In July, a joint initiative was conducted with Port Moody and New Westminster Police. In total for June and July, 264 commercial vehicles were checked, 363 violation tickets were issued and 184 commercial vehicles were removed from the roads.

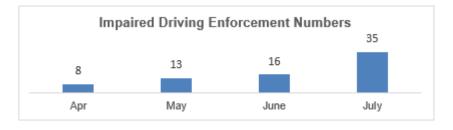
Traffic section members conducted several initiatives throughout June and July in support of the Detachment Strategic Plan and the Annual Performance plan including distracted driving and pedestrian enforcement. DriveSave BC designated July as the month to focus on impaired driving. Traffic section altered their shift schedules to conduct impaired driving checks resulting in 35 impaired driving investigations.

Statistics

During the months from of June and July, 354 collisions were investigated by Frontline and Traffic Services officers. 29 involved non life-threatening injuries and there were no fatalities.







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Community Programs

Burnaby Bike Section



In June, Burnaby RCMP Bike Section conducted a number of proactive drug investigations including an investigation where they seized methamphetamine from a man alleged to have been selling drugs in the Metrotown area.

On June 10, officers responded to a complaint that drugs were being sold in the 4000-block of Beresford Avenue. Upon arrival at the scene, police located two individuals who fit the description provided by a witness. No drugs were located on these individuals. While at scene, an alert Bike Section officer noticed another person who had been reported as being the one selling drugs. The Bike Section officer immediately

approached the man and detained him. A search of the man produced suspected methamphetamine which he is alleged to have been selling in the area.

In addition to the above noted investigations, Burnaby Bike Section officers also assisted in taking dangerous weapons off Burnaby streets including a replica firearm.

In early July, a member of the public contacted the Burnaby RCMP and reported seeing a man with a handgun in a Metrotown Mall parkade. Frontline officers, as well as Community Response Team (CRT) and Bike Section officers who were in the area on proactive community patrols, immediately responded. The witness stated that he had seen a man

with a silver handgun tucked in his pants and directed police to where he had last seen the suspect. A CRT officer and a Bike Section officer located the suspect in a nearby stairwell and advised him he was under arrest for possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

The man was initially uncooperative and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. Despite the presence of a firearm and a suspect who twice reached toward the firearm, police officers on scene used their training and ability to de-escalate the situation to safely take the man into custody. In these instances, police officers must always treat weapons that may have the look and feel of a gun like a real firearm that may cause serious harm. The handgun was later determined to be a pellet gun, but as you can see in the picture, it looks like a real firearm.



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Community Programs

Community Response Team (CRT)

Throughout June and July, CRT conducted proactive targeted enforcement on drug traffickers in the City with significant success.

In early July, while conducting pro-active community patrols, CRT officers observed a known drug user who appeared to be looking to buy drugs in the area of Wilson Avenue and Kingsway. Officers further observed this individual after she was joined by an associate, near a vehicle. The officers initiated a traffic stop on this vehicle and observed clear evidence of drug trafficking.



Both occupants and the vehicle were searched and nearly one-hundred prepackaged baggies of drugs ready for sale on the streets were located. These drugs are suspected to include cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and Fentanyl.

Later in July, Community Response Team officers on patrols observed a vehicle being driven in a suspicious manner around Gilley Avenue and Dickens Street in the City. Police then observed this vehicle meet with another in a manner which led police to believe that a drug deal was taking place.

Additional Community Response Team officers responded to assist and a vehicle stop was initiated. Five occupants of the vehicles were arrested including one person who attempted to flee but was quickly caught by police and safely taken into custody. Two baggies full of suspected fentanyl and crack cocaine ready for sale were seized along with \$5000 in cash and several cell phones.

Due to the nature of their work in providing constant patrols of the City, CRT officers are regularly called upon by members of the public who have witnessed a crime taking place. In mid-June, a member of the public reported seeing a man with bolt cutters approach a motorized bike on the sidewalk, cut off the bike lock and then walk away. CRT officers established surveillance on the bicycle and observed the suspect return and ride the bicycle away. The man was arrested by CRT officers, the bicycle was recovered and returned to the rightful owner.





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Community Programs

Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

In late June, a POST investigation resulted in a huge commercial shipment of rice and other items being seized from a warehouse in Langley.

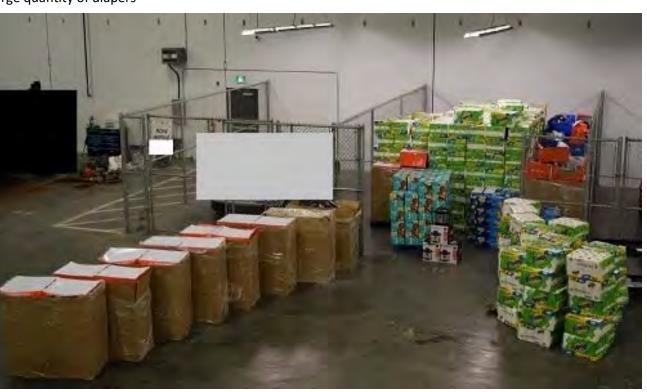
In May, Burnaby RCMP Frontline officers received a report that a large shipping container full of rice, worth approximately \$20,000, had been stolen from a business in South Burnaby. In mid-June, police received a tip that some of the stolen rice was being sold online and in public. Further investigation led police to a warehouse in Langley.

On June 26, 2020, Burnaby RCMP's Prolific Offender Suppression Team, Strike Force and Frontline officers executed a search warrant at the Langley warehouse.



- 3,200 pounds of rice
- 26 pallets of sandals
- 400 packages of paper towels
- Large quantity of toilet paper
- Large quantity of diapers





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Investigative Services

Drug Section

In late July, a warrant executed by Burnaby Drug Section on a condo which was allegedly being used to process drugs resulted in the seizure of over 2,000 street level doses of crack cocaine and Fentanyl. Drug Section also seized, bulk cocaine, \$20,000 in cash, four vehicles, several weapons and phones.







This followed another investigation in June which resulted in hundreds of street level doses of Fentanyl being seized. A search warrant, executed in Vancouver, also resulted in the seizure of two high end vehicles and thousands of dollars in cash.

Both of these investigations targeted dial-a-dope lines believed to be operating across the Lower Mainland. These investigations and disruption of drug dealing in our community continue to be a priority for Burnaby Drug Section.

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Investigative Services & Community Programs

Domestic Violence Unit (DVU)

After a six-month investigation led by Burnaby RCMP's Domestic Violence Unit, 34-year-old Jack Kelley was located and arrested in White Rock in early July. This was an investigative effort that involved officers and staff from units' right across the Burnaby RCMP detachment. Their diligence, persistence, cohesion and hard work has led to Kelley being taken off the streets to face 15 charges including assault, uttering threats and sexual assault.



Victim Services Unit (VSU)



In June and July, Burnaby VSU opened 427 files which involved 63 call outs to scenes. Staff also provided 120 hours of direct crisis intervention.

In addition to this, the team conducted continuous training on procedures and policies relating to COVID-19. This training has ensured that VSU staff remain safe and have the ability to still attend scenes and provide support to those impacted by incidents taking place in our community. Burnaby VSU remains one of the few Victim Services Units in the Lower Mainland providing full service to members of our community.

Youth Services

Throughout June and July, Youth Services continued offering phone counselling to clients as per current COVID-19 protocols and also in person counselling on a case by case basis, ensuring physical distancing was in place.

During this time, both new and existing clients have been actively engaged in their care plans and Youth Services therapists continue to work with over 40 active clients as per their existing and emerging needs in the areas of:

- · Trauma-Related Disorders
- · Substance-Use Disorders
- Anxiety-Related Disorders
- Mood Disorders

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Happy Pride!

In June, the Pride flag was flown for the first time at Burnaby detachment. The flag was raised by Burnaby RCMP Sgt. Lorena Rostie who is also on the board of Out On Patrol which is a non-profit peer support organization for LGBTQ2S+ members of law enforcement, focused on community engagement, charitable work, and education.



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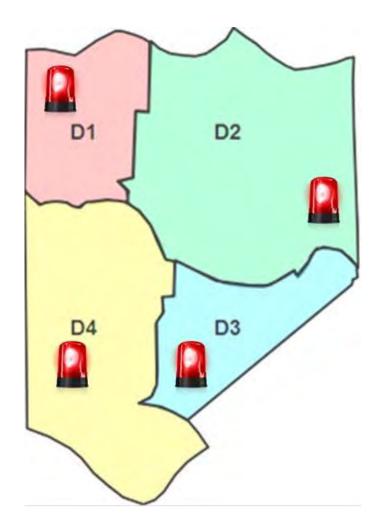


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