

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None.

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update regarding the policing services provided by the Coquitlam RCMP Detachment for the second quarter of 2025.

**BACKGROUND**

The Coquitlam RCMP released its four-year strategic plan to guide the efforts of RCMP members, City staff, and volunteers in making Port Coquitlam a safer place to live. The strategic plan sets out four priorities developed through a consultative process involving community outreach, internal interviews, and environmental scans of Canadian police jurisdictions throughout Canada.

The first priority within the Strategic Plan is “partnering with the community” which involves deepening collaboration, trust and community engagement; learning and adapting to changing community needs; and demonstrating accountability to Port Coquitlam residents. Priority two is to “promote public safety” by focusing on road and traffic safety, enhancing visible police presence, and reducing crime through public education and engagement. The third priority is “targeting criminal activity” which entails enforcing the law, targeting prolific offenders, and gathering criminal intelligence. The fourth priority is “supporting our people” and it aims to create an inclusive workplace, support employee mental and physical wellness, and promote effective internal communications. Progress is reported to Council and the community on a quarterly basis. The following is an update for the second quarter of 2025 in which there were 3,467 recorded police activities in Port Coquitlam, accounting for roughly 30.7% of total police activities in the Detachment’s catchment area.

**DISCUSSION****Partnering with the Community**

The Coquitlam RCMP continues to work closely with the community to build strong, collaborative relationships that make Port Coquitlam a safer place to live. During quarter two (Q2), RCMP staff built stronger relationships with the public by participating in 14 community events and by working collaboratively to improve safety practices by hosting 2 public education opportunities such as a personal safety presentation and participating in the Port Coquitlam Business Improvement Association. Members also carried out nearly 430 hours of proactive patrols, including more than 25 foot patrols in parks and throughout the downtown core to increase visibility and strengthen ties with the public during Q2.

### Promoting Public Safety

Delivering policing services to residents is one of the Coquitlam RCMP's core functions and is integral to promoting public safety. The primary method of delivering policing services is by responding to calls for service. In Quarter 2, the Detachment averaged an 8.3 seconds 9-1-1 call answer time and responded to 2,635 calls for service. These quick response times show the public that when they need police help, they will reliably be able to get a hold of operators.

Traffic safety is of particular importance given public concerns regarding distracted driving and speeding in school zones/residential areas. In the second quarter, the Detachment promoted public safety by spending more than 61 hours on specialized traffic enforcement on key roadways such as the Mary Hill Bypass, Coast Meridian Road, and Lougheed Highway. Hundreds more hours were spent promoting traffic safety through general traffic patrols identifying unsafe driving behaviours and encouraging future compliance through ticketing. These efforts led to more than 750 traffic contacts relating to speeding and more than 200 relating to moving infractions during 2025-Q2.

After consistently engaging in High Accident Zone Enforcement and High Visibility Enforcement, along with thousands of hours doing regular traffic enforcement, the Detachment was able to carry out nearly 1,500 traffic contacts during Q2-2025. Speed related infractions accounted for 51% of all traffic contacts, reflecting the Detachments efforts to prioritize speeding enforcement and make Port Coquitlam streets safer.

### Targeting Criminal Activity

Tackling crime remains a key focus for the Coquitlam RCMP. To tackle criminal activity, the Detachment is engaging in proactive activities including high-visibility patrols, awareness sessions on violence in relationships, and connecting victims of crime with community resources through the Victim Services Unit. During the second quarter of 2024, the Detachment saw a 7% decrease in persons crimes compared to the three-year average for the same time period.

Similarly, property crimes decreased by 8% during the second quarter, with theft from vehicle, shoplifting and frauds, representing the highest proportion of property crimes. In response, the Detachment is targeting criminal activity by working diligently to educate businesses and the public on crime prevention techniques using community policing events, volunteer programming, media channels, and in-person discussions. Our membership remains vigilant in areas with higher crime volumes, conducting foot patrols in business areas and parks, while also carrying out vehicle patrols in residential areas using data supplied by the Crime Analysis Unit.

The Detachment has also begun an Enhanced Summer Patrols initiative to improve proactive police presence throughout the City. The initiative was created as part of the Detachment's CompStat meetings and is intended to use data provided by the Crime Analysis Unit to identify specific businesses/areas that are being targeted by criminals and provide increased visibility for deterrence. These patrols go above-and-beyond regular watch patrols because the entire shifts' purpose is to provide police presence at these sites, with members on shift working with affected businesses to reduce criminal occurrences over time.

## Supporting Our People

Staff well-being is essential to delivering effective policing services to community residents. The Detachment is committed to supporting RCMP members and City staff so they can continue their vital work in keeping residents safe. In order to improve their physical and mental well-being, the Coquitlam Member Wellness Unit provides support through check-ins, consultations, and referrals. The Detachment is also supporting its people by focusing on providing training opportunities and tactical resources to members so they are ready to safely and efficiently respond to all types of calls for service. In Q2, the Detachment completed 42 training sessions to enhance officer safety and develop their skills.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None. The costs associated with the Coquitlam RCMP Detachment are shared between the cities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Report: RCMP Q2 2025 Report – City of Port Coquitlam

Attachment 2: Presentation Slides: RCMP Q2 2025 Presentation – City of Port Coquitlam

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