

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2024

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather and work is on the Unceded Traditional Territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

Meeting Location: Council Chambers, 1801B Beaufort Avenue, Comox

Call to Order: 5:00 pm

Adoption of the Agenda

1. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES: NIL

2. DELEGATIONS:

- a. [Shelley Ashfield \(Director of Operations\) - Draft Subdivision and Servicing Bylaw presentation](#)

ITEM SUMMARY: Presentation from the Director of Operations.

- b. [Marvin Kamenz \(Director of Development Services\) - Draft Template Multi-Family Zones presentation](#)

ITEM SUMMARY: Presentation from the Director of Development Services.

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REPORT: NIL

4. STAFF REPORTS: NIL

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (2) a. [RCMP Quarterly Reports - October 1 to December 31, 2023](#)

- (10) b. [RCMP Community Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024-2025](#)

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Comox Valley RCMP Detachment

QUARTERLY REPORT TOWN OF COMOX

October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

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Comox Valley RCMP Detachment Quarterly Report

October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

The Comox Valley Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) provides quarterly updates on policing in the community. The quarterly reports coincide with the Comox Valley RCMP Annual Performance reporting time lines in conjunction with Community Priorities.

First Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Second Quarter: July 1 to September 30

Third Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Fourth Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Calls for Service

In 2023, there were 2577 Calls for Service in Comox. This was a 13 percent increase over the 2285 Calls for Service in 2022 and an 8 percent decrease from the 2806 Calls for Service in 2020.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	203	169	210	244	260	254	261	278	229	214	195	191	2708
2020	218	252	221	222	256	252	264	293	225	249	201	153	2806
2021	159	152	167	219	216	215	294	240	208	190	188	189	2437
2022	160	160	182	183	191	170	232	228	206	222	156	195	2285
2023	161	162	194	151	245	237	294	271	206	242	221	193	2577

Most Common Call Types

The most common Call for Service in Comox in 2023 pertained to Check Wellbeing files. There was a 51 percent (83 file) increase in this type of Call for Service relative to 2022. In 2023, another of the most common Calls for Service that increased notably pertained to Unwanted Person files. There was an 82 percent (31 file) increase in this type of Call for Service relative to 2022.

	Final Case Type	Year					% Change from 2022	Difference from 2022
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
1	CHECK WELLBEING	133	168	174	162	245	51%	83
2	TRAFFIC INCIDENT	232	237	272	244	243	0%	-1
3	PROPERTY	212	181	155	148	183	24%	35
4	DISTURBANCE	114	152	129	122	167	37%	45

5	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	118	116	138	109	145	33%	36
6	THEFT	228	143	96	86	123	43%	37
7	ASSIST POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE	77	94	70	97	101	4%	4
8	MISCHIEF	144	114	89	116	97	-16%	-19
9	ABANDONED 911	121	96	83	89	73	-18%	-16
10	UNWANTED PERSON	56	69	56	38	69	82%	31

Most Common Call Locations

In 2023, the location in Comox with the most Calls for Service was the Marina. Calls for Service at this location increased by 106 percent (34 files) compared to 2022. Twelve of the 66 files at the Marina in 2023 involved one individual who is a known Social Chronic Offender with mental health and addiction issues. Another location in Comox where there was a notable increase of Calls for Service in 2023 was a Youth Group Home.

	Location	Year					% Change from 2022	Difference from 2022
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
1	123 PORT AUGUSTA ST (Marina)	29	33	30	32	66	106%	34
2	1250 KNIGHT RD (Airport)	34	23	24	40	56	40%	16
3	2187 COMOX AVE (Seascape Apartments)	62	53	55	48	54	13%	6
4	215 PORT AUGUSTA ST (Comox Centre Mall)	32	51	37	47	41	-13%	-6
5	Private Residence	5	17	26	22	40	82%	18
6	Youth Group Home	1	0	0	1	37	3600%	36
7	2137 COMOX AVE (St. Joe's Hospital)	24	24	24	25	32	28%	7
8	12 HAWKINS RD (Goose Spit)	26	16	21	14	29	107%	15
9	1966 GUTHRIE RD (Highland Village)	26	20	22	19	28	47%	9
10	1300 ELLENOR RD (BC Ferries Little River)	18	20	21	17	28	65%	11

Violent Crime

In 2023, there were 173 Violent Crime files in Comox. This was a 4 file increase from the 169 Violent Crime files in 2022.

Types of Violent Crime

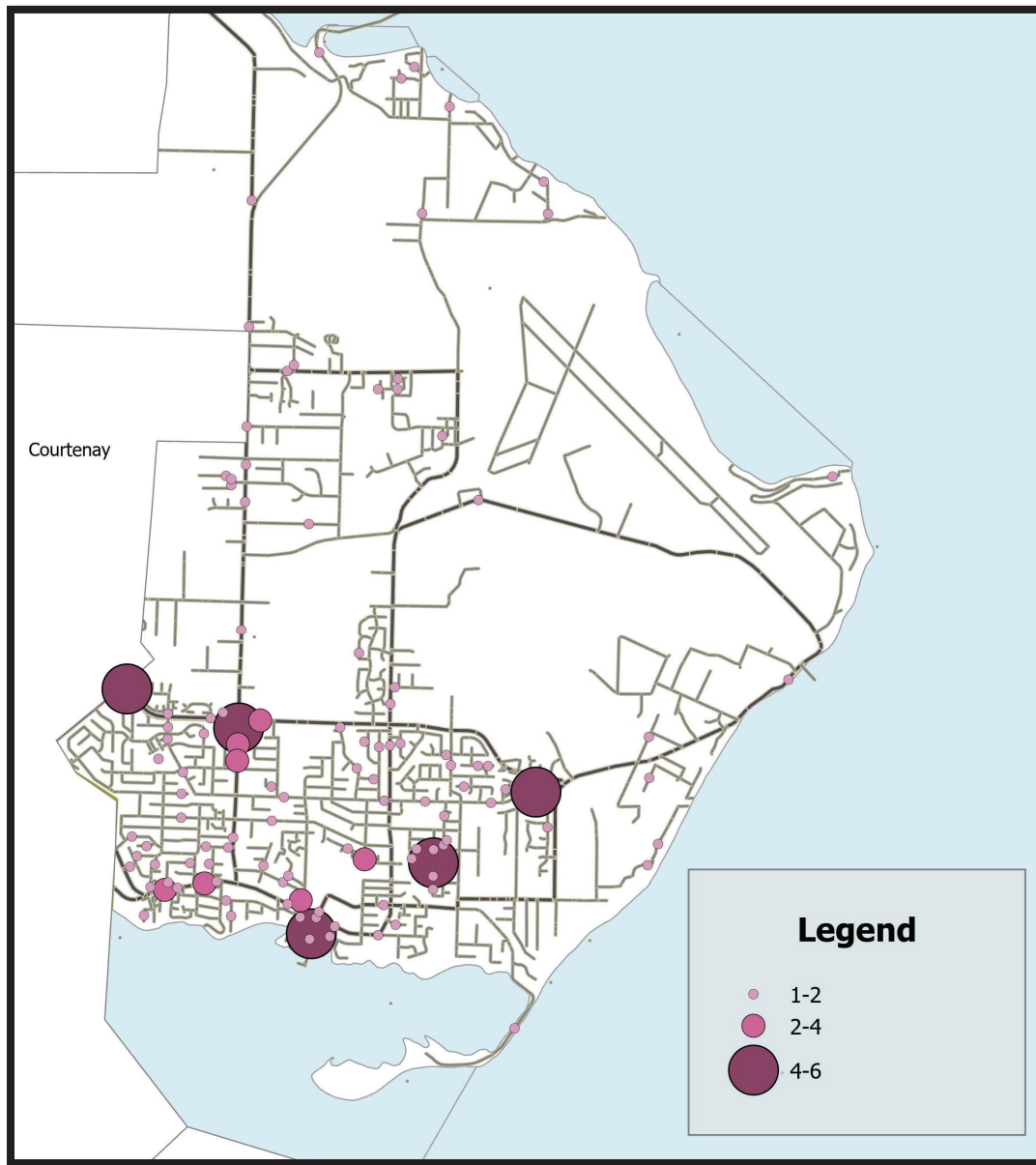
In 2023, the most common type of Violent Crime file in Comox was Assault. One type of Violent Crime that increased notably in the past three years was Extortion. In 2023, all of the Extortion files in Comox were cases of “sex-tortion” in which suspects threatened to release nude photos of victims if the victims did not send money to the suspects.

File Type	Year					% Change from 2022	Difference from 2022
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
ASSAULTS	52	58	41	67	66	-1%	-1
UTTER THREATS	36	45	39	37	47	27%	10
HARASSMENT	46	54	57	41	36	-12%	-5
EXTORTION	0	0	5	7	10	43%	3
SEX OFFENCES	7	11	14	13	9	-31%	-4
ROBBERY	4	0	2	3	4	33%	1
HOMICIDE	0	1	0	0	1		1
KIDNAPPING	1	1	0	1	0	-100%	-1
Grand Total	146	170	158	169	173	2%	4

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Map of Violent Crime in Comox

In 2023, Violent Crime files in Comox were most concentrated in the areas around Guthrie Road at McDonald Road; Guthrie Road at Anderton Road; the Marina; Denman Street; and Guthrie Road at Lazo Road.



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Property Crime

In 2023, there were 424 Property Crime files in Comox. This was a 7% increase over the 397 Property Crime files in 2022.

Types of Property Crime

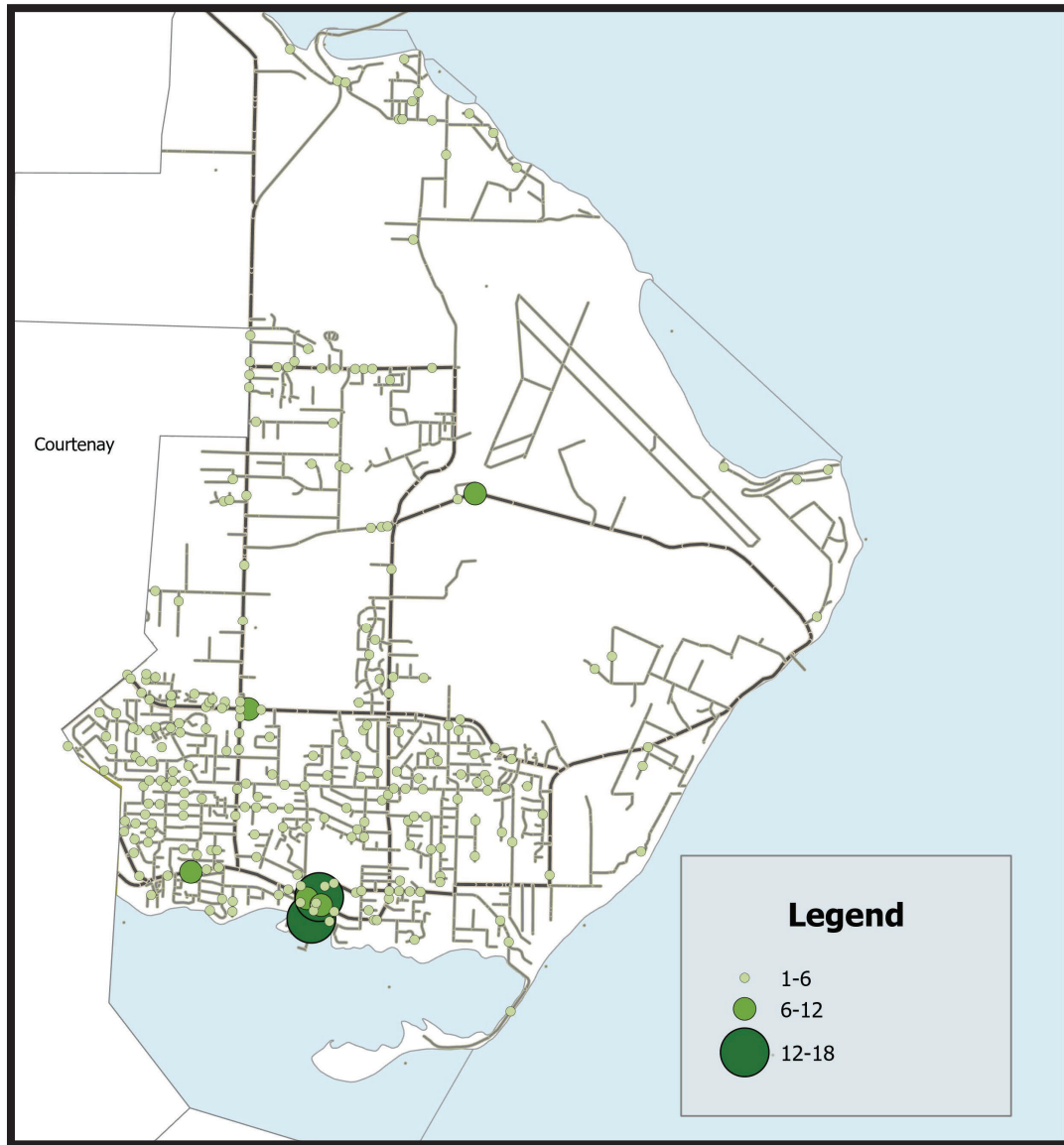
In 2023, the most common type of Property Crime file in Comox was Mischief to Property. There was a 25 percent (45 file) decrease in these files relative to 2022. Types of Property Crime in which there were notable increases in 2023 compared to 2022 included Residential Break and Enters, Shoplifting, Mischief – Caused by Act or Omission, Bike Theft, and Business Break and Enters.

File Type	Year					% Change from 2022	Difference from 2022
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
MISCHIEF TO PROPERTY	152	141	133	183	138	-25%	-45
FRAUDS	76	83	66	63	74	17%	11
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	136	62	53	39	58	49%	19
OTHER THEFT U/5000	69	58	49	36	42	17%	6
AUTO THEFT	13	22	17	12	20	67%	8
BREAK & ENTER - RES	26	30	15	10	17	70%	7
SHOPLIFTING	8	8	10	8	16	100%	8
MISCHIEF-CAUSE BY ACT/OMMISS'N	6	8	3	7	15	114%	8
BIKE THEFT	25	24	9	8	14	75%	6
BREAK & ENTER - BUS	13	23	15	7	14	100%	7
BREAK & ENTER - OTH	16	24	7	19	9	-53%	-10
OTHER THEFT O/5000	4	3	4	2	3	50%	1
POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY	3	3	3	2	3	50%	1
THEFT FROM MAIL	14	2	1	0	1		1
THEFT UTILITIES	0	0	1	0	0		0
ARSON	0	0	0	1	0	-100%	-1
Grand Total	561	491	386	397	424	7%	27

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Map of Property Crime by Area of Comox

In 2023, Property Crime files in Comox were most concentrated in the areas around the Marina and Downtown.



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CDSA Offences

In 2023, there were 5 CDSA Offence files in Comox, which was 1 more than in 2022.

File Type	Year					% Change from 2022	Difference from 2022
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
DRUG POSSESSION	4	8	3	2	3	50%	1
DRUG TRAFFICKING	9	4	1	0	2		2
DRUGS OTHER	8	3	0	2	0	-100%	-2
DRUG PRODUCTION	1	1	0	0	0		0
Grand Total	22	16	4	4	5	25%	1

Traffic Offences

In 2023, there were 272 Traffic Offence files in Comox, which was a 17 percent increase over the 232 Traffic Offence files in 2022. Eighty-nine percent of the Traffic Offence files in 2023 pertained to the Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicles.

File Type	Year					% Change from 2022	Difference from 2022
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
IMPAIRED OP MOTOR VEHICLE	231	184	228	216	243	13%	27
DANGEROUS OP MOTOR VEHICLE	10	8	11	5	12	140%	7
PROHIBITED DRIVING	12	10	3	9	7	-22%	-2
MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS	6	5	5	2	9	350%	7
IMPAIRED OP BOAT/VESS/AIR	0	0	0	0	1		1
Grand Total	259	207	247	232	272	17%	40

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Feb 19, 2024

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From: Kilborn, Corey (RCMP/GRC) <c.kilborn@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

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Subject: Community Priorities for RCMP Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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Good day,

As you may be aware, each RCMP detachment sets yearly priorities and goals with specific activities to achieve each. A key tenet of determining these priorities is Community consultation with those that we serve. I would like to open up lines of communication with each of our Communities in order to help us determine what our priorities will be for the next year.

Our priorities were set last year as the following:

- Community Issues
 - Road Safety (roadways)
 - Crime Reduction
 - Liaison with residents and community
 - Safety (watercrafts)
 - Parks/Campgrounds
 - Road Safety (off-road vehicles)
 - Property Crime
 - Drug Trafficking
 - Violence in Relationships
 - Sexual Assaults
 - Bylaws: Homeless Encampments
 - Collaboration with CVRD emergency planning
 - Police/Community relations re KFN bylaws
 - Increasing communications support with KFN
 - Mental Health Awareness/Support
 - Downtown Police Presence

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I would ask that each community please identify the top 5 areas of concern for Policing Services. As a detachment we would then look to harmonize common concerns where possible and identify internal action items to support each goal with these efforts in place for the start of our fiscal year (April). Please feel free to call anytime, or I am available to meet to discuss further. We had our share of challenges and successes last year. We look forward to the continuing dialogue so that we can most effectively provide Policing Services to the Comox Valley.

Thank you,
Corey

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