



New Westminster Police Department

New Westminster Police Department Community Policing Committee Meeting Minutes May 29th 2025 – In Person/Zoom

Present Groups

New Westminster Police Department – Deputy Chief Andrew Perry
New Westminster Police Department – Staff Sergeant Ryan Long
New Westminster Police Department – Emma Palmer

Moody Park Residents' Association - Philip Walkinshaw
West End Residents' Association- Gavin McLeod
Downtown Residents' Association – Roland Guasparini
Connaught Heights Residents' Association - Karl Brysch
Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association – Sid Johnson
Yorkville University – Tracie Baldwin, Vivian Ho
Queensborough Residents' Association – Rob MacLean
Queen's Park Residents' Association – Gail North
Brow of the Hill Residents' Association – Kelli Wuerth

Absent Groups

Lookout Society – Cathy Zanella
Douglas College – Sarah Elliott, Lisa McMullin
Glenbrooke North Residents' Association – Kathy McLellan
Sapperton Residents' Association – Jacob Huang, Sandy Leung, Sandra Grzelak
Douglas College – Sarah Elliott, Lisa McMullin
Queensborough Residents' Association – Laurie David Moore
Victoria Hill Ginger Drive Residents' Association – Michael Racanello
Downtown Residents' Association – Quentin Vandermerwe



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Crime Statistics – Staff Sergeant Ryan Long

March 2025 - Statistics

Crime Type Category ¹	2025 February	2025 March	March 3YR Avg	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 3YR Avg	% Change 2025-2024
Persons Offences								
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A ²
ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
SEXUAL ASSAULTS	7	7	6	21	9	28	19	211%
ASSAULT-COMMON	35	47	39	83	109	124	105	14%
ASSAULT-W/WEAPON OR CBH	9	8	12	49	42	30	40	-29%
ASSAULT-AGGRAVATED	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	N/A
ROBBERY	1	5	5	21	9	8	13	-11%
Total Monitored Persons Offences	52	67	63	177	169	190	179	12%
Domestic Violence								
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	36	57	52	179	120	138	146	15%
FAMILY VIOLENCE	11	16	22	78	60	43	60	-28%
Property Offences								
BREAK & ENTER-BUSINESS	8	13	12	31	40	39	37	-3%
BREAK & ENTER-RESIDENCE	5	7	8	27	14	16	19	14%
BREAK & ENTER-OTHER	9	6	6	15	12	18	15	50%
THEFT OF VEHICLE	7	16	12	33	26	36	32	38%
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	24	26	35	164	79	71	105	-10%
THEFT-OTHER OVER \$5000	1	1	2	8	3	4	5	33%
THEFT-OTHER UNDER \$5000	34	54	39	96	96	137	110	43%
MISCHIEF OVER \$5000	1	1	1	3	0	2	2	N/A
MISCHIEF \$5000 OR UNDER	28	37	42	111	113	114	113	1%
Total Monitored Property Offences	117	161	156	488	383	437	436	14%
Traffic Offences								
Collisions								
COLLISION-FATAL	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	N/A
COLLISION-NON-FATAL INJURY	9	7	7	28	48	22	33	-54%
COLLISION-ALL OTHERS	31	50	44	124	132	139	132	5%
Total Collision Offences	41	57	51	154	180	162	165	-10%
215 Impaired								
215 ALCOH-24HR & DRUG	1	1	5	6	13	7	9	-46%
215 ALCOH IRP FAIL & REFUSE ASD-90 DAY	9	8	10	49	15	22	29	47%
215 ALCOH IRP WARN	1	2	6	19	12	5	12	-58%
IMPAIRD OP MV (DRUGS & ALCOH)	13	7	11	45	30	29	35	-3%
Weapons Offences								
WEAPONS	4	9	7	19	25	25	23	0%
Other Non-Criminal Code Offences								
BYLAW	18	17	20	87	66	59	71	-11%
FALSE ALARMS	62	42	55	193	180	155	176	-14%
MISSING PERSONS	16	20	20	58	50	61	56	22%
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED	54	46	67	179	275	161	205	-41%
DISTURBED PERSON/ATT SUICIDE	49	41	55	169	160	144	158	-10%
SUDDEN DEATH	10	14	14	40	31	36	36	16%
DOMESTIC DISPUTE-NO ASSAULT	17	33	35	121	72	72	88	0%



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Police Updates – Deputy Chief Andrew Perry

Confirmed new Chief Constable is Paul Hyland. Now running a two Deputy Chief model. From a staffing standpoint – we are overall doing very well. We are continuing to have an increased presence of officers in the downtown area.

Questions:

Q: Are your staffing levels impacted by the Surrey Police Service?

A: We have lost some members and are expected to lose the occasional member. We continue to hire new recruits as well as experienced officers from other organizations.

Q: What caused the increase presence of officers in the downtown area?

A: Downtown and Uptown areas of New West are our highest areas for calls for service. There has always been a higher presence of officers in those areas (for example, our Crime Reduction Unit). It is not often we have random assaults in New Westminster. The recent random assault was a trigger point for increasing officer presence in the downtown area.

Q: How is the City's Crisis Response Pilot Project going?

A: It is a city lead project. We are part of the stakeholders at the table to help with decision making (for example, assisting city staff if they feel unsafe attending certain locations). We are very supportive of the city and this project, but we cannot share any stats or information on how the project is going.

Q: Does the new involuntary care expansion allow police to apprehend more people?

A: The powers that we have to apprehend under the Mental Health Act have always existed. Nothing has changed for us. After we bring someone to the hospital, it us up to a specialist to make the decision if they will remain under involuntary care or not.

Q: Are there regular patrols in Queensborough at night when many parkade break ins have happened?

A: Queensborough is an area that we do regular patrols in. In the last six months there have been a total of four underground parkade break ins that have been reported.

Q: Are there any issues associated with Mazarine Lodge?

A: Assuming that this is referring to crime or public safety issues – in general we are not concerned.

Q: Will there be a system set up so that the public will be aware of anything going on in their neighborhood?

A: If there is an in progress incident that involves public risk – those that need to be notified will be notified (for example, officers knocking on doors, social media alerts)

Q: Are there plans to bring back the online crime map?



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A: We recently did a significant upgrade to our file management system making it no longer compatible with our crime map. We are looking to find a cost effective solution to this issue.

Q: Why is there an apparent lack of bike patrols in the West End?

A: The West End is not a high calls for service area for us. Most of our bike patrols are going to be focused on our high calls for service areas – downtown and uptown.

Q: How many commercial vehicle inspections have been conducted on East 10th?

A: Our Commercial Vehicle Inspector spends time on East 10th Avenue every shift he works. He has also worked in conjunction with Burnaby RCMP 3 times this year where they set up a formal commercial vehicle roadblock on East 10th avenue.

Q: How many tickets have been issued for Unnecessary Noise?

A: 2025x1, 2024x0, 2023x3, 2022x1, 2021x1, 2020x0

Q: Are there any vacancies in the Traffic Unit?

A: At our last meeting there was one vacancy – it has now been filled.

Q: What information is available on the different platforms that the NWPD uses?

A: Nextdoor

- Police Board meetings
- Media releases
- NWPD events
- Safety Alerts (sometimes specific to neighbourhoods)

Facebook and Instagram (Owned by Meta)

- NWPD job postings
- Weekly warrant arrest information
- Broadcast channel that features behind the scenes content about police operations
- Police Board meetings
- Resharing of content from our public safety partners
- Media releases
- Photos of NWPD staff
- NWPD events
- Live ride-alongs (Instagram only)

YouTube

- Recordings of Police Board meetings
- Recruiting content
- Some informal behind-the-scenes clips are shared as YouTube Shorts.



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Reddit

- Reactive engagement only (responding to questions and correcting misinformation when appropriate)

X (Formally twitter)

- NWPD events
- Media releases
- Police Board meetings
- Resharing of content from our public safety partners
- NWPD job postings
- Weekly warrant arrest information

LinkedIn

- NWPD job postings
- Media releases as they relate to internal news like showcasing awards and achievements

TikTok

- Informal behind-the-scenes clips

Round Table:

Downtown Residents' Association –Roland Guasparini

Seeing an increased number of people exhibiting hazardous behaviour, especially related to drugs and fire.

A: A reminder to please call 911 if you see anyone overdosing or if there is a risk to anyone's personal safety or property.

Moody Park Residents' Association - Philip Walkinshaw

Nothing to add.

Yorkville University – Tracie Baldwin, Vivian Ho

Actively collecting resources for students.

Queen's Park Residents' Association – Gail North

Received good service from NWPD, Delta Police and Vancouver Police recently.

Queensborough Residents' Association – Rob MacLean

Happy to hear the crime map is being worked on. Nothing to add.



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Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association – Sid Johnson

Nothing to add.

West End Residents' Association- Gavin McLeod

Concerns with bike lanes in neighborhood.

A: Follow up directly with city engineering operations.

Connaught Heights Residents' Association - Karl Brysch

Nothing to add.

Brow of the Hill Residents' Association – Kelli Wuerth

Thanks to Paul Hyland and Ryan Long for coming out to RA meeting in April. Big issues are traffic.

Next Meeting – TBD