



New Westminster Police Department

New Westminster Police Department Community Policing Committee Meeting Minutes October 2nd 2025 – Virtual

Present Groups

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

Moody Park Residents' Association - Philip Walkinshaw
West End Residents' Association- Gavin McLeod
Downtown Residents' Association – Quentin Vandermerwe, Roland Guasparini
Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association – Sid Johnson
Yorkville University – Tracie Baldwin
Queensborough Residents' Association – Rob MacLean
Queen's Park Residents' Association – Sunny Garcha
Brow of the Hill Residents' Association – Kelli Wuerth
Douglas College – Lisa McMullin
Sapperton Residents' Association – Eileen
Victoria Hill Ginger Drive Residents' Association – Michael Racanello
Glenbrooke North Residents' Association – Rick Folka

Absent Groups

Lookout Society – Cathy Zanella
Sapperton Residents' Association – Jacob Huang, Sandy Leung, Sandra Grzelak
Queensborough Residents' Association – Laurie David Moore
Connaught Heights Residents' Association - Karl Brysch



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Crime Statistics – Deputy Chief Andrew Perry



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August 2025 - Statistics

Crime Type Category ¹	2025 July	2025 August	August 3YR Avg	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 3YR Avg	% Change 2024-2025
Persons Offences								
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A ²
ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	N/A
SEXUAL ASSAULTS	5	11	7	42	50	60	51	20%
ASSAULT-COMMON	50	45	48	296	364	348	336	-4%
ASSAULT-W/WEAPON OR CBH	12	9	14	128	132	110	123	-17%
ASSAULT-AGGRAVATED	2	0	0	5	1	4	3	300%
ROBBERY	3	6	5	57	23	40	40	74%
Total Monitored Persons Offences	72	71	75	529	570	562	554	-1%
Domestic Violence								
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	76	49	51	405	356	416	392	17%
FAMILY VIOLENCE	30	15	17	196	174	146	172	-16%
Property Offences								
BREAK & ENTER-BUSINESS	4	1	5	98	95	82	92	-14%
BREAK & ENTER-RESIDENCE	6	1	3	61	46	36	48	-22%
BREAK & ENTER-OTHER	9	8	4	33	25	40	33	60%
THEFT OF VEHICLE	12	10	10	77	91	81	83	-11%
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	27	19	34	424	264	197	295	-25%
THEFT-OTHER OVER \$5000	0	1	1	12	8	9	10	13%
THEFT-OTHER UNDER \$5000	44	48	51	324	295	351	323	19%
MISCHIEF OVER \$5000	2	0	0	8	1	5	5	400%
MISCHIEF \$5000 OR UNDER	42	32	40	352	300	319	324	6%
Total Monitored Property Offences	146	120	149	1389	1125	1120	1211	0%
Traffic Offences								
Collisions								
COLLISION-FATAL	1	0	0	2	1	3	2	200%
COLLISION-NON-FATAL INJURY	2	5	7	72	104	56	77	-46%
COLLISION-ALL OTHERS	34	38	39	354	384	331	356	-14%
Total Collision Offences	37	43	46	428	489	390	436	-20%
215 Impaired								
215 ALCOH-24HR & DRUG	1	2	4	32	26	21	26	-19%
215 ALCOH IRP FAIL & REFUSE ASD-90 DAY	7	9	12	117	51	55	74	8%
215 ALCOH IRP WARN	10	7	8	55	32	29	39	-9%
IMPAIRD OP MV (DRUGS & ALCOH)	8	6	12	142	88	79	103	-10%
Weapons Offences								
WEAPONS	8	9	8	73	54	69	65	28%
Other Non-Criminal Code Offences								
BYLAW	23	26	34	301	241	212	251	-12%
FALSE ALARMS	57	61	68	588	447	444	493	-1%
MISSING PERSONS	26	15	18	170	180	158	169	-12%
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED	60	47	64	552	724	455	577	-37%
DISTURBED PERSON/ATT SUICIDE	46	45	52	454	440	389	428	-12%
SUDDEN DEATH	10	13	11	96	90	95	94	6%
DOMESTIC DISPUTE-NO ASSAULT	42	41	33	268	199	240	236	21%

¹ The above statistics were extracted from LMD PRIME, General Occurrences (GOs) with CCIS Status: <A (all files except unfounded) or B:2 (founded). Please note that the figures reflect police records as of the day the data was originally extracted; therefore, the figures may have changed over time. The PRIME data was last reviewed on: 2025-09-04. Please contact the New Westminster Police Department - Criminal Intelligence Unit for more information.

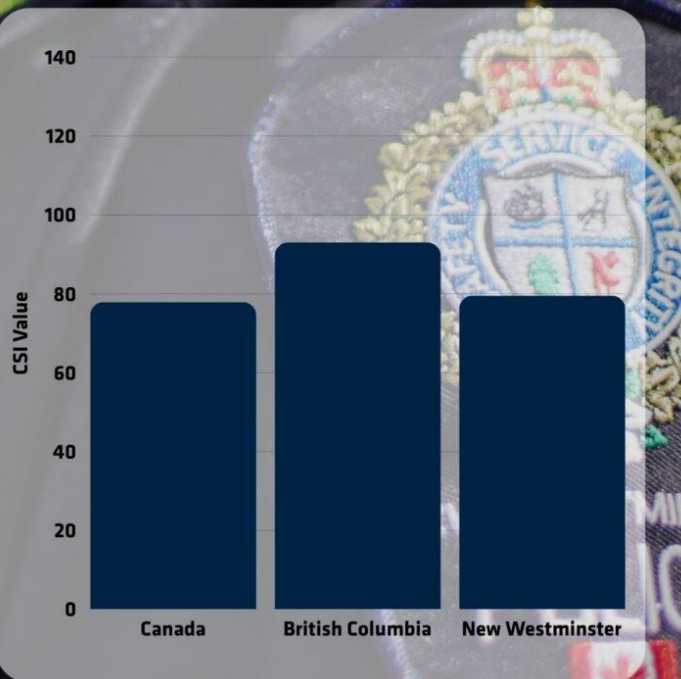
² Undefined: Percent Change = ((new value - initial value) / initial value) x 100). Division by zero is division where the divisor (denominator) is zero, where the expression has no meaning; therefore, division by zero is undefined.



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New Westminister Crime Severity Index Hits Six-Year Low

2024 CSI Data



Statistics Canada has released its 2024 Crime Severity Index (CSI) data, showing crime severity in [New Westminister has declined to its lowest level since 2018](#). The overall CSI for the city dropped by 16.9%, with a 23.3% reduction in violent crime severity, and a 14.1% decrease in non-violent crime severity.

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August 2025 – Downtown Statistics

Crime Type Category	2023 August	2024 August	2025 August	August 3YR Avg	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 3YR Avg	% Change 2024-2025 (YTD)
ASSAULT-AGGRAVATED	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	100%
ASSAULT-COMMON	12	22	16	17	110	122	116	128	-5%
ASSAULT-W/WEAPON or CBH	11	9	4	8	67	59	45	51	-24%
BNE-BUSINESS	3	3	1	2	37	43	33	34	-23%
BNE-RESIDENCE	0	0	0	0	10	5	7	7	40%
MISCHIEF - OVER AND UNDER \$5000	20	14	10	15	122	91	107	117	18%
ROBBERY	3	2	1	2	31	10	17	18	70%
THEFT FROM AUTO - OVER AND UNDER \$5000	15	11	3	10	104	81	48	52	-41%
THEFT-OTHER - OVER AND UNDER \$5000	22	9	15	15	115	86	111	120	29%
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED	28	12	11	17	188	236	143	189	-39%

Calls For Service Breakdown:

Number one Call for Service – Unwanted Persons

Number two Call for Service – Theft

Number three Call for Service – Property (Lost, Found or Seized)

Number four Call for Service – Check Welfare

Number five Call for Service – Assist General Public

NWPD recently hired a consultant to do a review of our Patrol Division and they found that our Patrol officers are spending about 50% of their time on assistance related calls for service and calls for service related to social issues (i.e. Check Welfare, Unwanted Persons, Mental Health). This helps give some context into how our officers are being deployed and areas that we can look to focus efforts on and to reduce calls for service. This way our officers can focus more on proactive time for example in the Downtown area.

Budget Update:

We are going through our police budget preparation. Our first budget proposal to City Council will take place on October 6th. A lot of our budget increases relate to non discretionary costs (i.e. collective agreements, ECOMM). As for discretionary costs, we are asking to increase our authorized strength of sworn police officers.



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Questions:

Q: What kind of speeding enforcement is being done in Queensborough?

A: Our Traffic Unit has not received any speeding complaints in Queensborough. If you do have specific areas of concern, please send them to us. They have been in Queensborough doing enforcement but it is more around intersections and parking. You are able to report this online.

Q: Any updates on the Mazarine Lodge and police calls for service?

A: Overall the calls for service in and around that location are not a concern that would warrant a greater police presence than normal. Of note, we are aware of concerns around the Queensborough Community Center (i.e. nuisance behaviour, drug use) and we have asked our officers to increase patrols in the area. The City's Community Liaison Officers have also been made aware.

Q: The Ministry of Transportation did a presentation to Mayor and Council that outlined major traffic disruptions due to the new patullo bridge. There will be Royal Ave and Columbia Street shutdowns. Have they reached out to police to discuss this?

A: We have been made aware of it and were sent a document with the closures and when they will be happening. This is publicly available online. We are mindful of police response to calls during closures. It's hard to say how traffic will divert during these closures. Traffic will continue to be an issue beyond the completion of the bridge.

Round Table:

Queensborough RA – Rob MacLean

Questions have been answered, no updates.

Massey Victory Heights RA – Sid Johnson

Nothing to add.

Moody Park RA - Philip Walkinshaw

Q: It was mentioned that Downtown and Uptown are the highest calls for service areas. Are there increased patrols in Uptown?

A: Our officers are always patrolling the area. With majority of our calls coming from Downtown and Uptown we are getting pulled there often.

Q: There always seems to be a NWPD police car parked at 4th Ave and 10th Street. Just wondering if there was a reason?



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A: Can't speak to why it's always parked there. Nothing going on in that area that would require additional resources.

Q: Have you had any difficulty with the narrowed road at 100 block 6th St?

A: Not that's been shared with us.

Downtown RA – Quentin Vandermerwe, Roland Guasparini

There have been issues with students from local universities jay walking when coming from the Skytrain station.

A: Representatives from the local universities will be sure to address that with students. NWPD will also be partnering with local universities and will stress the importance of pedestrian safety.

Q: Do police have guidelines that explain when a situation warrants bringing someone to a hospital for involuntary admission?

A: The Mental Health Act says that if a police officer has grounds to believe a person is a danger to themselves or others they can apprehend them and take them to a doctor. After that, it is up to the doctor to make a decision. That hasn't changed and will not change under current legislation.

Q: Of all the Mental Health Calls, how many result in people being brought for further assessment?

A: That's difficult to answer and I don't have those statistics available. For example, someone committing an act of mischief may have a mental health component. We do track Mental Health Act apprehensions, but that is only a piece of the mental health statistics you see. Ultimately we need help from other organizations such as the city's Crisis Response Outreach Team or CRCL.

Douglas College – Lisa McMullin

Continue to deal with unhoused population using the college. Security guards deal with this along with mental health issues. Some Theft from Auto in parkade.

Sapperton RA – Eileen

Have had issues recently in the alley way between East Columbia St and Kelly St. There has been drug use resulting in people passing out on driveways.

There has been lots of traffic on side streets as well as traffic violations. Also have noticed an increase in driving through red lights – curious about red light cameras.

A: The red light camera program is not a police program.



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Glenbrook North RA – Rick Folka

Echoes the speeding issue in the city. Concerns about a motor home potentially engaging in criminal activity that moves around the neighborhood.

A: If you see acts of criminal activity, be sure to report it to police.

Brow of the Hill RA – Kelli Wuerth

At the last RA meeting concerns were brought up around Fraser River Middle School (primarily parking related) and speeding along Queens Avenue.

Primary discussion was around electric scooters.

A: Currently electric scooters are illegal in New Westminster. From an enforcement standpoint, we can issue a fine or seize the device if needed. It comes down to resources and how much time we have to enforce it. This is something you can report online.

Q: Any updates on the crime map?

A: We are still looking for a cost effective solution to get the crime map back up and running. There are currently no significant updates. If there are any updates in the future, I will send out a separate communication.

Q: The data shows that Unwated Persons is the top call for service but only accounts for 5%. This looks like very granular data. If you were to go through and collapse some of the categories, would this still be the top call for service?

A: Yes, it is only 5% but that is the highest amount out of anything else. For example, assault is 0.6% of all calls.

Victoria Hill Ginger Drive RA – Michael Racanello

Traffic issues throughout neighborhood. Representatives from Pattullo Bridge replacement project will be attending next RA meeting as they will be directly impacted from road closures.

Echoes the interest in status update on the crime map.

Q: Is the raw data that would be available on the crime map available somewhere else?

A: No it is not.

Yorkville University – Tracie Baldwin

Yorkville is about to start their fall term and will welcome a couple hundred more students.



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West End RA – Gavin McLeod

Traffic is an issue due to the water main construction and sewer separation project. Lots of discussion around bike lanes and lime bikes. Curb real estate is diminishing.

Century House will be hosting a discussion around electric scooters and bikes later this month.

Next Meeting – TBD