

Report to Council



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To: City Manager
From: Stacey Jackson, Police Services Manager, Corporate & Protective Services
Brent Mundle, Superintendent Kelowna RCMP Detachment
Subject: RCMP Quarterly Update – quarterly update review, 2016

Recommendation:

That Council receive the RCMP Quarterly Update report from the Superintendent, Kelowna RCMP Detachment and the Divisional Director of Corporate and Protective Services dated May 29, 2017.

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on the activities of the RCMP for the previous quarter and report on progress toward goals and outcomes in the 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy.

Background:

The 2016-2019 Crime Reduction Strategy consists of four main goals each with multiple strategies within. The four goals include:

1. Taking a proactive approach to crime
2. To work with partner agencies for more effective policing
3. To maximize the effectiveness of resources using an intelligence-led model
4. Leveraging effective communications

In the fourth quarter of 2016, work continued to meet these goals. Initiatives underway to take a proactive approach to crime included bike patrols, promotion of the bicycle registry website Project 529, impaired driving enforcement, pawn shop charges for stolen items and a number of significant drug seizures.

We also worked with partner agencies for more effective policing, including the John Howard Society for Program STOP (domestic violence prevention), Elizabeth Fry Society for a Building Knowledge and

Resiliency Workshop, and Interior Health for supervised injection sites and building a police and crisis team.

To maximize the effectiveness of resources using an intelligence-led model, we gathered statistics to help deal with and target problem residences, and used data to effectively align resources. Each piece of data helps us to better understand what is happening in our community and work to proactively target problem areas or even prevent future incidences from happening.

In order to effectively communicate about crime prevention, we have developed internal and external communications about the new Police Services building, meet with our Communications Department quarterly to identify key touchpoints and continue to look for opportunities for positive community involvement.

Trends

In all of 2016, there was a 9.5 per cent increase in property crime compared to 2015, and a 13 per cent reduction in persons' offences.

However, we continue to see an issue with thefts from vehicles and people leaving their vehicles unlocked. Thefts from vehicles have increased 26 per cent from 2015, with approximately 60-70 per cent of vehicles broken into left unlocked. Bicycle theft also increased in 2016 – up 43 per cent over 2015.

By encouraging residents to take action against these preventable property theft crimes, we can all work together to drive Kelowna's overall crime rate down.

More information about the *Crime Reduction Strategy* and crime prevention programs can be found online at kelowna.ca/police.

Internal Circulation:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

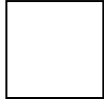
Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

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Approved for inclusion:



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