

# 2024 Business Plan RCMP

### **DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

The RCMP celebrated our 150 year anniversary of providing police service to Canadians and have been policing the City of Nanaimo for 74 years.

The City provides the building, office infrastructure and support staff to the RCMP.

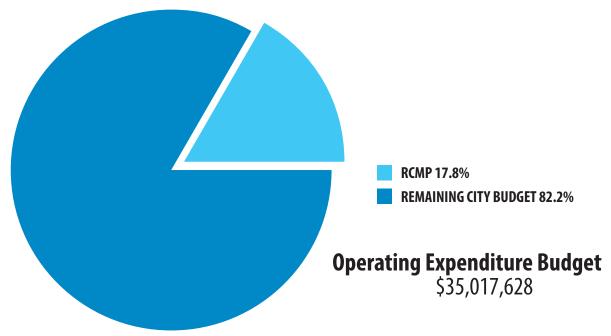
The current detachment at 303 Prideaux Street is now filled past capacity and as we continue to grow with both

RCMP members and support staff, we have no place to accommodate/locate them.

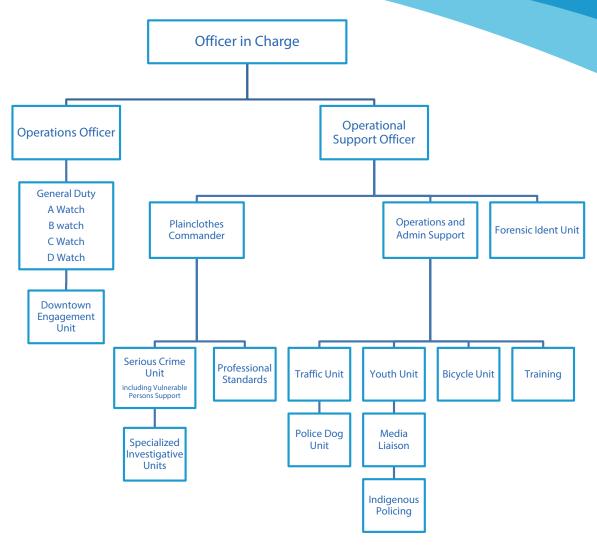
As such, planning efforts are underway for a new Nanaimo Police Detachment.

The team of RCMP officers and support staff provide 24/7 patrol emergency response and services.

### DEPARTMENT'S SHARE OF THE BUDGET







### LEVEL OF SERVICE

#### Front Line Policing:

Our front line policing is currently 100 members strong and respond to all levels of requests for service; rotating 24 hours a day.

#### **Operations Support Team:**

Our detachment is supported by our 79 municipal and public service employees, who provide services to RCMP members through video and audio analyzing, typing statements, preparing court documents, file creation, review and retention schedules. As well as non-emergency client calls requesting service, safe-keeping of and care of persons in our cellblock, civil fingerprinting and digital technical service, to name a few.

#### **Expert Investigation Services:**

Our specialized investigation teams handle the multi-level investigations such as homicides, assaults, drug trafficking, missing persons, motor vehicle collisions and infractions to digital crimes. We also provide tracking support through our police dog services unit. Many of the crimes committed are well supported by our Forensic Identification Section.

#### Community:

At the Nanaimo RCMP, we are committed to the community and community engagement. During the high volume summer months we increase the police patrols, both on foot and bicycles, in the Downtown core to address the increase in foot traffic and calls for service. The increase in police presence has seen significant reduction in issues for the businesses and patrons who enjoy our City Centre.

Through our Car 54/mental health team, we are able to provide direct hands on approach to our citizens that suffer a myriad of health issues that overwhelm our medical society.

Our members are part of numerous and varied groups in Nanaimo and support those groups' objectives and advocacies. Being part of these community groups provides the Nanaimo RCMP insight and guidance to assist in providing services to Nanaimo PRIDE 2SLGBTQ+, Snuneymuxw, Shaw-Naw-As, and Stz'uminus First Nations. We engage one on one, through organized meetings, and by attending and supporting community festivals and events.

### 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

	2023	2022	2021
Number of Files (Calls for Service)	25,748*	45,776	48,070
* Jan-June, 2023			

To date, the Nanaimo RCMP has been involved in many community engagement events.

- This year Nanaimo was the proud host of the Junior All Native Tournament (JANT). This is the largest youth basketball event in BC and was attended and supported by two of our members to recognize the importance and significance of this tournament.
- Nanaimo RCMP re-introduced the Youth Academy/ Youth Camp which hosted 37 youth from various Island Communities to come and experience "... training including drill class where they learn to march, learning about criminal offences and the law. They also get to do fun stuff like going out with the Marine section, have shows by our PDS unit, the police dog. We have our emergency response team come and do a presentation as well." The RCMP Air 8 helicopter made an appearance, as well as a forensic ident members to showcase some of the over 150 specialized careers held in the RCMP.
- Our indigenous police liaison officer hosted an outdoor survival education event for Qwam Qwum students. Showcasing outdoor skills for Indigenous Youth "to build resilience and provide life skills" "and the importance of survival is survival attitude."

- The Nanaimo RCMP Youth section is busy every school year, engaging with the youth, teachers and advisors in School District 68 and is highly supported by the School Board and District.
- Nanaimo was also proud to host the Detachment Alumni Reunion, seeing past and current employees of the Nanaimo RCMP Detachment come together to reminisce, share stories and reconnect as part of the RCMP 150 year anniversary.
- This year saw 8 RCMP recruits move from across Canada to join the Nanaimo Detachment and make Nanaimo their home.

#### Crime reduction and convictions

- Nanaimo RCMP has seen a lot of police work come to fruition as there have been many high level crimes that have led to those charged now facing jail sentences. Some convicted offences in 2023 include homicide, attempted abduction/forcible confinement, child pornography, drug possession for the purpose of trafficking, weapons possession and possession of unauthorized firearms.
- The Nanaimo Hells Angels Clubhouse has been seized due to determined police units throughout British Columbia taking on this initiative. It is now under the ownership of the Civil Forfeiture Office of B.C.

### 2024 CONSIDERATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- There is an ongoing need to provide more resources to address the mental health and addiction epidemic. Currently, the Nanaimo RCMP have 1 dedicated mental health nurse and 1 mental health liaison officer. The Province of BC is invested and has tentatively agreed to fund 1 additional nurse if the City provides the funds for 1 additional mental health liaison officer for the Crisis Car 54 program. This would enable 7 days a week coverage.
- Continue with the foot and bike patrols of the Downtown core to address increased issues during the summer high traffic months and to focus on Special Investigation Targeted Enforcement (SITE) to address repeat violent offenders through the Repeat Violent Offending Intervention Initiative (REVOII) program through the B.C. Government.
- The Nanaimo Detachment City Managers and RCMP Senior Management team implemented, starting in 2023, wellness and engagement initiatives and will carry

through 2024.

- · Property Crime increased and member generated files have dropped. This indicates officer patrols are fully taxed with dispatched files. Requesting positions to increase staff levels causes a time delay as the process to acquire additional personnel is approximately 18 months and a cadet is 2.5 years before there is an impact. Pre-approved positions and additional staffing levels to match growth and pressures are key to the future success of Nanaimo Policing.
- There is a backlog of investigative tasks with our current homicides of approximately 3 to 5 years. The Nanaimo RCMP saw 13 homicides from 2020 to present where there were only 12 homicides from 2010 to 2020. Thus indicating the need to recognize the change to current policing standards.



## PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
	Approved	Draft	Draft	Draft	Draft	Draft
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Revenues						
RCMP Contract	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Annual Operating Revenues</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures						
RCMP Contract	\$ 31,165,748	\$ 35,017,628	\$ 36,589,020	\$ 38,019,997	\$ 39,219,750	\$ 40,452,696
<b>Annual Operating Expenditures</b>	\$ 31,165,748	\$ 35,017,628	\$ 36,589,020	\$ 38,019,997	\$ 39,219,750	\$ 40,452,696
Net Annual Operating Expenditures	\$ 31,165,748	\$ 35,017,628	\$ 36,589,020	\$ 38,019,997	\$ 39,219,750	\$ 40,452,696
Staffing (FTEs) - Budgeted	161.0	164.0	167.0	164.0	164.0	164.0

### **Proposed Changes**

A business case for a Mental Health Liaison Officer has been prepared for Council's consideration for inclusion in the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan.