



2019

COMMUNITY REPORT

PORT MOODY
POLICE DEPARTMENT



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S E R V I N G A S T R O N G A N D S A F E C O M M U N I T Y

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE BOARD CHAIR



Each year Port Moody continues to grow and evolve and with that comes new opportunities and challenges. When I reflect back on 2019 and the accomplishments that have been made through our Port Moody Police Department, I think wow, we have done it again. We have overcome the challenges and continued to provide top level service to our residents while keeping them safe.

The Port Moody Police Board members and the Port Moody Police Department did an exceptional job in 2019. The Port Moody Police Department continues to exceed all expectations in the work they do, going above and beyond the call of service. Their community outreach and engagement is apparent in many aspects of Port Moody, through their participation in public events, campaigns, and day-to-day engagement with our residents – including visiting lemonade stands and escorting Santa around town.

The Police Board had a busy year, accomplishing what they needed to do and more. The Port Moody Police Board co-hosted, with the Abbotsford Police Board, the annual BC Association of Police Boards Conference and Annual General Meeting in Harrison Hot Springs Resort. More than 120 people attended this conference and it was great to see such collaboration between the boards in hosting this event. The Police Board also started their strategic planning process.

Looking forward to 2020, I know we will see some unprecedented times. I know it will be a busy year for our Police Board as we continue to work on our strategic plan, with the goal to have it completed before year end. I know our residents will be well looked after from our Port Moody Police Department in the work that they do, through addressing ongoing concerns such as property crime, domestic violence, mental health and addiction issues, and motor vehicle enforcement for speeding, distracted/impaired driving and driving safety. As we all work together to keep our community safe and to adapt to the opportunities and challenges ahead, we can be proud of the work of the Port Moody Police Department, which helped our city achieve the lowest crime rate (number per 1,000 population) in the region.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Vagramov', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Rob Vagramov
Port Moody Police Board Chair

The Port Moody Police Board is responsible for providing oversight and direction to the Police Department in accordance in and consistent with the *Police Act*. The Board works with the Chief Constable and the Senior Management team to develop and approve the departments strategic plan, annual plan, budget and objectives and policies.

2019 POLICE BOARD MEMBERS

- > Mayor Rob Vagramov
- > Tasha-Faye Evans
- > David Fox
- > Terry Hawes
- > Mary Vellani
- > Leah Zille

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE



Welcome to our 2019 Community Report! Our members, staff, and volunteers are all incredibly proud of the Port Moody Police Department! 2019 was another exceptional year for public safety in our city.

We are most proud of our community outreach and engagement. Along with high visibility patrols and significant participation in Port Moody's public events, we held a number of successful community campaigns. In the spring, the #pmpdROCKS campaign was created, a sort of scavenger hunt activity for children. Twenty beautifully painted rocks were discreetly hidden throughout city

trails. Once found, the rocks were returned for a prize and the chance to meet and take a photo with an officer. Over the summer, our members participated in the second year of our #CopsLoveLemonade program, visiting children's lemonade stands throughout the city. December saw the introduction of our #HereComesSanta initiative, a parade through various areas over six nights. Eighteen volunteers worked on this campaign, walking over 25,000 steps each night and collecting over 2,500 pounds of food and toys for SHARE Society! On a provincial level, the Port Moody Police Board co-hosted a successful BC Association of Police Boards conference and annual general meeting in partnership with the Abbotsford Police Board.

Another 2019 highlight was local implementation of the 529 Garage bike registry. The goal of this online registry is to make bike theft less attractive to thieves. While Police are able to recover many of the bikes stolen each year, only about 10 per cent are returned to owners due to lack of ownership records. In 2019 we were able to register over 200 bikes, which means there is a much greater chance bike thieves will be caught and bikes will be returned to their rightful owners.

Port Moody Police Department is pleased with the crime statistics for 2019. In comparison to other jurisdictions, Port Moody had the lowest crime rate (per 1000 population) in all categories. We are very proud of the fact that Port Moody crime rates are less than half the average rate experienced across the Lower Mainland. Specifically, thefts from automobiles were down 27 per cent and theft of automobiles decreased by 7 per cent. Compared to 2018, we experienced an increase (2.76 per cent) in our overall calls for service, and crimes against persons increased by 24 incidents over last year.

Road safety continues to be a top local priority. The number of formal written traffic warning notices increased by 29 per cent over 2018 data. Over 1,800 violation traffic fine tickets were issued and we conducted 230 impaired driving investigations, an increase of 3 per cent over 2018.

I could not be more proud of our members, staff, volunteers, and citizens for their dedication to public safety. This community is committed to crime prevention through a number of strategies and I believe no other police department has better support from the community!

Chief Constable David Fleugel
Port Moody Police Department

ROAD SAFETY



- Issued **1854** traffic tickets and **3593** warnings
- Handled **230** impaired files
- Stopped **27** excessive speeders (>40 km over limit)
- Investigated **240** police reported collisions



MENTAL HEALTH

- **612** total files with a mental health component
- **149** total mental health files (▲ **7%** from 2018)



Established 529 Garage in Port Moody – the largest community-powered bike recovery service in North America.

- **222** bikes registered through 529 Garage



Processed **1486** Police Record Checks and **406** Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests



Received
7695
calls for service

▲ **2.76%**

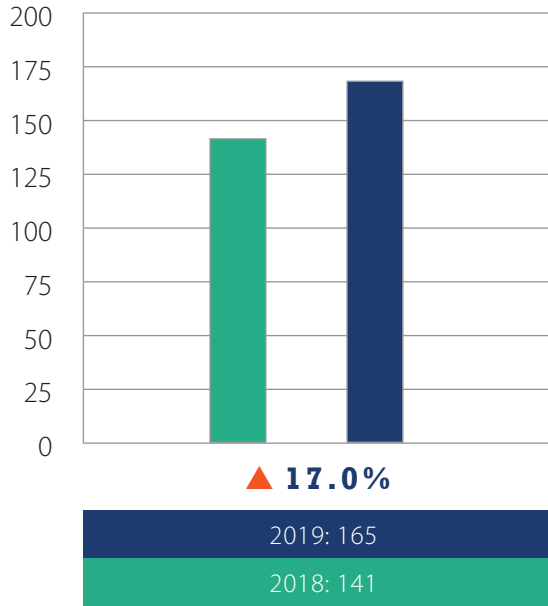
Top 5 call types:

- > Abandoned 911
- > Assist General Public
- > Traffic Incident
- > Suspicious Incident/Person
- > Property (Lost/Found/Abandoned)

509 of these calls were emergencies in progress



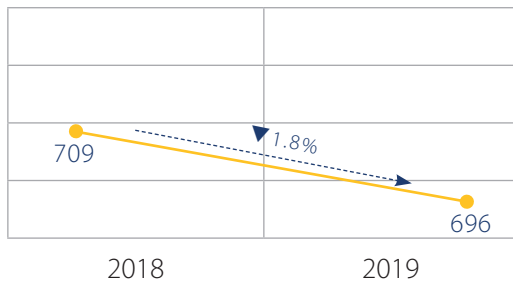
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



- Rate of crimes against persons incidents was 4.9/1,000 population, less than half compared to the region (12.4/1,000 population).



PROPERTY CRIME



- Rate of property crime incidents was 20.7/1,000 population, less than half compared to the region (49.2/1,000 population).



AUTO THEFT**

▼ 2 INCIDENTS



**This is when a vehicle is stolen.



THEFT FROM AUTO***

▼ 62 INCIDENTS



***This is when thieves steal items from inside of or attached to a vehicle.

BREAK & ENTERS


▲ 6 INCIDENTS




*Please note statistics may vary year to year depending on the final outcomes of investigations and the data gathering methodology used throughout the year.

SOCIAL CONNECTION

 **615** Tweets
13,000 Followers

 **70** Community Events,
Talks and Presentations

 **177** Updates
2,400 Followers

 **20** Volunteers
1,119 Volunteer Hours

@PortMoodyPD
@PMPDcat
@CstRob
@ChiefFleugel
@pmpd_vsu

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Summary	2019	2018	% Change
Budget	10,898,073	10,480,969	4.0%
Cost	10,931,756	10,197,548	6.2%
Under Budget	66,317*	283,421*	

*Primarily vacant positions

Authorized Strength	2019	2018	% Change
PMPD Sworn members	52	52	0%
PMPD Civilian members	16*	16*	0%
Total Positions	68	68	0%

*FTE=Full Time Equivalent

2019 Police Operations	
Salaries	\$9,072,848
Non-salary expenses/vehicle expenses	\$1,758,908

PMPD IN THE COMMUNITY



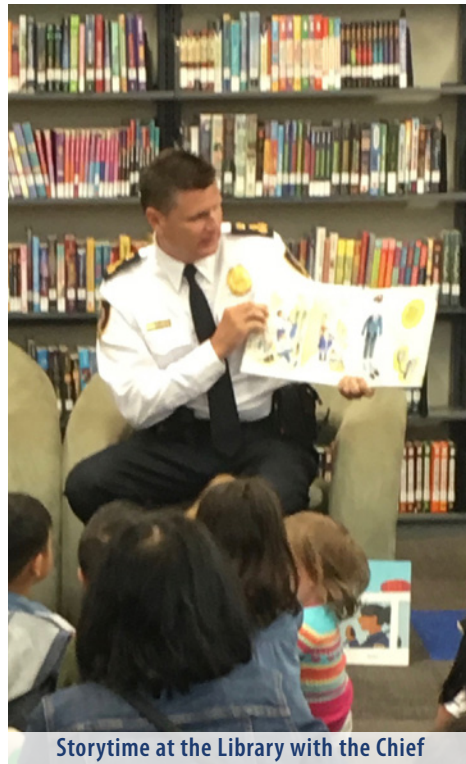
Canada Day



Recruitment Fair



Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics BC



Storytime at the Library with the Chief



Cops Love Lemonade



Honour Guard



Operation Red Nose



Community Volunteers



Cops for Cancer Fundraiser



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