

TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITY OF PORT MOODY, WITH EXCELLENCE.

### POLICE BOARD CHAIR



On behalf of the Police Board, I am pleased to present the 2024 Port Moody Police Community Report. It was another busy and productive year, with the Port Moody Police Department (PMPD) receiving 6,000 calls for service, including calls related to vehicle traffic, property, well-being checks, and emergencies in progress. These numbers represent people – our residents and visitors, friends and neighbours – in need of assistance, and reflect the diverse and critical nature of police work in our community. In this report, you'll find statistics related

to road safety, crime rates, and social connection, as well as community engagement highlights and a financial summary. It's an excellent snapshot of the PMPD's daily efforts to make our community a safer place for everyone.

As we take a look at what was achieved in 2024, I'd like to share a couple of updates from the Board. One member moved on to other projects: Darren Radford resigned in June 2024. And we welcomed a new member: Alison J. Carstairs was appointed to the Board by the B.C. government, also in June. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Darren and Alison for their service to the community.

We introduced a new strategic plan to guide us through to 2026. The Port Moody Police Department's mission is to serve and protect the community of Port Moody, with excellence. We are focused on three strategic goals: community safety, supporting our employees, and organizational modernization and readiness. The PMPD measures its progress in a variety of ways, and this report is an important way for us to share information with the community and demonstrate our commitment to our values: respect, courage, trust, integrity, and accountability.

I invite you to read the full report to learn about the important work being done in Port Moody, which continues to be one of the safest cities in B.C. I'm proud of what the PMPD accomplished in 2024. And I'm excited about the future, with new opportunities to serve, and connect with, the community, and to find innovative ways to meet changing needs as Port Moody evolves.

Mayor Meghan Lahti Port Moody Police Board Chair

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

#### 2024 POLICE BOARD MEMBERS

- > Mayor Meghan Lahti, Chair
- > Olga Kuznyetsova, Vice Chair
- > Manjit Aujla
- > Alison J Carstairs (June 2024 on)
- > Chloe Goodison
- > Shahid Hussain
- > Darren Radford (to June 2024)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE

## CHIEF CONSTABLE



I am excited and proud to share a few highlights for our 2024 Community Report. It was a year marked by both change and growth, as our employees continue to serve the citizens of Port Moody with distinction.

2024 was a significant year for our organization, particularly in the area of officer vacancies and recruitment. Inspector Manj Kaila retired after serving for 33 years, with 28 of them in Port Moody. Sgt. Jennifer McCarron also retired after serving for 28 years, all with the PMPD. With members retiring after years

of exceptional service, we have welcomed a new generation of officers into our ranks and have many new members on our team.

We also took important steps to reconnect with the community in new and meaningful ways. One of the highlights of the year was the re-establishment of our Reserve Constable Program. This initiative allows trained volunteers to support our officers and engage directly with the public, enhancing our capacity and reinforcing our community partnerships.

You will see that our community continues to battle many aspects of criminal activity. In 2024, we experienced increases in the number of calls related to mental health. We also have seen increases in crimes against person and property crime. The increases are not dramatic but with small numbers percentages can appear concerning. We continue to make every effort to push the frequency of these crimes down.

In addition to our operational focus, 2024 saw the continuation of our commitment to giving back. Through various fundraising initiatives, our staff raised funds in support of local causes and families in need. These efforts reflect the strong sense of compassion that defines our department and our connection to the people we serve.

Our 2024–2026 Strategic Plan was also launched and we are already making trides in modernization with the launch of our new online reporting program. This tool improves accessibility and convenience for residents, allowing them to report non-emergency incidents quickly and securely from the comfort of their homes. It represents our ongoing effort to leverage technology in order to better serve and respond to the needs of our growing community.

As we look to the future, I remain incredibly proud of the work done by every member of our department—sworn and civilian alike. Their professionalism, courage, and unwavering commitment to public safety continues to make Port Moody one of the safest in the region.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

David Fleugel, Chief of Police Port Moody Police Department



2024 was a year of significant long-term officer retirements. Recognition and thank you for their dedicated service to the citizens of Port Moody goes to:

- Inspector Manj Kaila28 years
- Sgt. Jennifer McCarron28 years

## 2024 PMPD OVERVIEW

#### ROAD SAFETY

- Issued 3,048 traffic tickets and 1,306 warnings
- Handled **249** impaired files
- Stopped **55** excessive speeders (>40 km over limit)
- Investigated 201 police reported collisions





**▼ 17.6%** from 2023

### Top 5 call types:

- > Traffic-related Incidents (Collisions,
  Dangerous/Reckless Driving, Speed): 1,584
- > Assists General and Public: **664**
- > Reports of Suspicious Persons/Vehicles/ Occurrences: **431**
- > Property Calls (Lost/Found), Excluding Vehicles, Weapons, and Drugs: **441**
- > Check Well-Being: **370**

**479** of these calls were emergencies in progress



#### MENTAL HEALTH

- 746 total files with a mental health component
- 139 total mental health files (▲ 39% from 2023)



# RECORD CHECKS AND FOI

Processed **2,464** Police Record Checks and **322** Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests

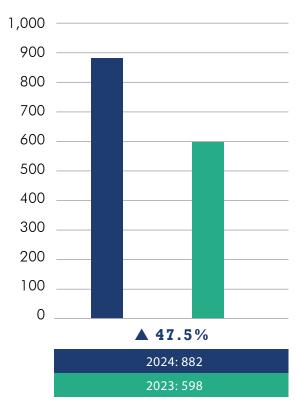


#### 529 GARAGE

Registered **24** bikes for the largest community-powered bike recovery service in North America



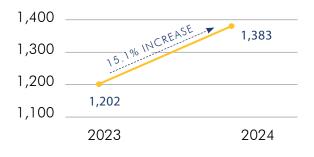
# CRIMES AGAINST PERSON



Rate of crimes against person incidents was 26.3/1,000 population.



## PROPERTY CRIME



Rate of property crime incidents was 41.24/1,000 population.



# AUTO THEFT ▲ 46.4%

2024: 41

2023: 28

This is when a vehicle is stolen.



THEFT
FROM AUTO
21.2%

2024: 86

2023: 109

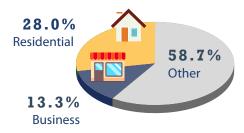
This is when thieves steal items from inside of or attached to a vehicle.

#### BREAK & ENTERS

**87.5**%

2024: 75

2023: 40



<sup>\*</sup> 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



### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Summary	2024	2023	% Change
Budget	\$14,879,616	\$13,769,612	8.1%
Cost	\$14,430,148	\$13,769,934	4.8%
Over/Under Budget	\$449,468	\$(322)	

Authorized Strength	2024	2023	% Change
PMPD Sworn members	53	52	1.9%
PMPD Civilian members	18*	18*	0%
Total Positions	71	70	1.4%

<sup>\*</sup>FTE=Full Time Equivalent

2024 Police Operations		
Salaries	\$10,838,301	
Non-salary expenses/vehicle expenses	\$3,591,847	

## PMPD IN THE COMMUNITY



Welcomed seven new Reserve Constables - these highlytrained volunteers assist in crime prevention initiatives and support frontline officers in our community



Promoted pedestrian safety by distributing ICBC reflectors at SD43 schools while simultaneously conducting school zone enforcement



Raised funds and awareness for Special Olympics British Columbia at the Law Enforcement Torch Run



Plunged into the frigid Burrard Inlet in support of Special Olympics athletes



Participated in the annual BC Law Enforcement Memorial in Victoria



Played in the 3v3 Youth Basketball Tournament organized by Port Moody's Youth Focus Committee



Participated in the annual Michael Cuccione Foundation Kick for the Cure



Met with 10-year-old Port Moody resident London, who was selected to be Mayor for a Day



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