

ITEM 8

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 70

COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 30/72

8. Re: Rising Crime Rate

When Council on March 13, 1972, considered a staff recommendation to add ten new employees to the Burnaby Police Force, the following question was asked: "What are we doing socially to combat the rapid rise in crime?" Following are replies to this inquiry from the R.C.M.P., Social Service and Parks and Recreation Departments:

A. Superintendent, Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P.

"Attached are copies of typical monthly reports from the Detachment member responsible for the coordination of the R.C.M.P. Community Relations Program (see Attachments "A" and "B"). I would also refer to page 4 of the 1971 Annual Report which summarizes our activities in this field (see Attachment "C"). These are indicative of our efforts to combat rising crime by associating with groups of all ages in different walks of life.

As far as the prevention of crime is concerned, we have worked closely with Mr. W.L. Wescott, Youth Officer for the Burnaby School Board, on his school program, and have a number of volunteers ready to further this phase when clearance has been received from school authorities. Actually the greatest part of our time is spent on crime prevention with 94-man patrol force working around the clock, supplemented by the 29-man Traffic Section. Only 24 members of the Municipal Contract are on straight investigative duties in plain clothes."

B. Social Services Administrator

"I receive complaints from people in the community, authorities, Probation staff, R.C.M.P, doctors, nurses, etc. about families who have problems. My staff visits the families referred to us and we work with these families to try to resolve their problems. The problems facing these families are usually of the following nature: severe marital conflicts, problems with children, children running away, children taking drugs, drinking, children breaking and entering buildings, stealing cars, children with severe emotional problems, etc. There are at present 180 Family Service cases that my workers are working with in the community. I might state that we have been very successful through counselling and use of community services in helping these families overcome their problems. There are a few families who do not respond to our help or have such severe problems that their children have to be placed into foster care to protect them from neglect. Some of the older children are known to the R.C.M.P. or the school youth office as they have been getting into trouble. We continue our efforts to help these children and their families by working with them in the resolution of their problems. My staff works very closely with the Probation Branch here in discussing families who have teenagers who are in conflict with the law. Many of these families are helped by our joint efforts. Families with teenagers who, on the recommendation of the Probation Branch, need more controls put on them due to having broken the law or because they have other problems, are contacted. Some of these are made wards of the Superintendent of Child Welfare so they can receive further help.

I have at the present time 42 teenagers in our Group Homes and the majority of them have either been breaking or entering buildings, stealing cars or taking drugs. My staff works

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with these children to help them overcome their problems. Many are rehabilitated back home when the problems are resolved or further work is done when the teenager is returned to help the family. Teenagers who have severe conflict with the law are sometimes sent to Willingdon School for Girls or Brannan Lake School for Boys.

I also deal with children from other provinces who have run away from their parents and some of these teenagers are in conflict with the law. I work closely with the R.C.M.P. to make a suitable plan for these children. The younger teenagers are as a rule sent back to their parents through an agency in their area that can offer help to the families concerned.

I also have a number of families who have young children with severe emotional problems. I have been able to make use of treatment facilities in helping some of these children. Some of these children have been running away from home and getting into trouble in the community generally.

I also have had a number of older teenagers, over the years, who have been highly disturbed. I must state that there is no proper treatment facilities for these youngsters in British Columbia. Some of these youngsters have committed serious crimes in our communities. These teenagers with severe emotional problems need to be placed into an appropriate treatment facility and provided with the help they need and thus prevent problems from arising. This is, in my opinion, a responsibility of the provincial government."

C. Parks and Recreation Administrator

"The Burnaby Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreation programmes (aquatics, skating, organized sports, social recreation activities and fine arts, etc.) for children, teens and adults and senior citizens.

Although no one programme is specifically designed to prevent crime, hopefully the activity areas made available present a positive alternative to destructive activities.

The following major points provide some detail on the recreational facets of departmental operations and their related impact on the subject in question.

1. During the fall and winter months, the Bonsor, Charles Rummel, Wesburn and Willingdon Heights Recreation Centres and fourteen schools offer activity programmes for teens 13 and over. The programmes include gym, organized team sports, crafts and special events (2 to 3 times a week in the centre and once a week in the schools). A variety of fine arts programmes, skating, aquatic activities and organized sports are also available for children and teens. From June to August there are camping and playground programmes (in 28 locations throughout Burnaby), swimming, tennis, organized sports, etc. for children and young teens.
2. In the teen activity programme during the fall and winter, the instructors often hear about the teens' problems and they work with many young people who are borderline delinquents. It is difficult for our staff to become involved in any depth as there are often 50 to 100 teens at a programme and the leaders and teens are only at a programme once to three times per week.

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3. Contact is maintained with the Probation Department of the R.C.M.P. and with United Community Services, but there appears to be a gap as there are no workers who are specifically designated to work on a detached basis with young people throughout the community. Some attempts have been made to reach young people by L.I.P. grants and so on, but they are only a "stop-gap" measure.

It has been suggested that serious thought be given to providing several workers who could be attached to the Probation Office, Social Service or to the School Board. Serious thought might also be given to some type of liaison committee of professionals working with young people from the Parks and Recreation Department, Social Service, Probation, Mental Health, U.C.S., Y.M.C.A., and School Board be established.

It should be noted that the Parks and Recreation Department, within the terms of reference in which it operates, is primarily oriented toward the development of programmes for the public at large, and not for isolated groups of children who have serious problems of a social nature. When such children come to the attention of recreational staff, the children are referred whenever possible to agencies and organizations which may be able to provide care, treatment or assistance in the resolution of problems.

It should also be noted that significant positive contributions to provision of "outlets" or alternatives to potential law-breaking activity is effected via effective park design and development throughout the community supplemented by an excellent system of continuing operations and maintenance of all parks and recreation facilities, including security and patrol services."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Clerk be requested to write to the Provincial Government concerning the lack of facilities for the treatment of highly disturbed teenagers; and

THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Royce Warren who expressed his apprehensions concerning the rate of civic growth in a letter to Council dated October 11, 1972 (as noted in last week's report, the Director of Planning will soon have for consideration of Council a more complete reply to Mr. Warren's letter).

ATTACHMENT "A"

"E" DIVISION

Burnaby Detachment
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4 OCTOBER 1972

OIC BURNABY DETACHMENT, RCMP

Re: Police/Community Relations
11th Monthly Report: SEP 72

1. Categorized areas of involvement in the Police/
Community Relations field for the month of September, 1972,
are noted hereunder:

Community/Youth Organizations

VENTURE SCOUTING

Referring to previous discussions and corres-
pondence and following approval from O.I.C. Burnaby Detachment,
a meeting was held in the Detachment Conference Room on 27
SEP 72 to discuss the formation of a Venture Scout Company
under the supervision of this Detachment. The following
personnel were in attendance and the meeting was opened by
Supt. W.G. Lambert who wished the group success in this
worthwhile undertaking.

- Barney CAVANAUGH - Dist. Commissioner of Scouting
- Bernie LUTES - " " of Venture Scouting
- Donald COPAN - President, Heritage Village
Museum Assoc.
- Cst. A.E. NICHOLSON
- Cst. G.P. BISCHOFF
- Cst. R.J. LAWSON
- Cst. J.A. BELL
- Cst. D.A. DOORNBOS (A.O.D.)

The following decisions and arrangements were
made and/or reported during the meeting.

- (a) The Detachment Venture Company would be officially
known as "THE 9TH BURNABY CENTRE VENTURE COMPANY".
- (b) There would be a maximum of twenty boys in the
company.

- (c) The first meeting would be held in Detachment Parade Room at 7:30 PM on 18 OCT 72.
- (d) Heritage Village has approved two rooms to be used in conjunction with the Venture Company and to help commemorate the RCMP Centenary in 1973.
- (e) Each of the five members in attendance would attend an active Venture Company meeting prior to 18 OCT 72.
- (f) Mr. Copan would "chair" the Group Committee for the 9th Centre Company, which would be largely responsible for the financial responsibilities of the Company.

BURNABY SAFETY COUNCIL

On the 20th of September, the writer attended the September meeting of this Community Safety Group as Detachment Representative, in the absence of S/Sgt. Skuce. The meeting was generally for the purposes of mapping strategy for the new season, with specific matters to be discussed at future meetings. S/Sgt. Skuce has been advised of same.

COMMUNITY SPORTS PROGRAMME

Following an invitation from Mr. Peter Humphries of the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission, sufficient interest was shown by Detachment members to warrant the formation of a Detachment Floor Hockey and Basketball team. The basketball team is presently being organized by Csts. Leibell and Franklin, while the Floor hockey team is under the supervision of Cpl. Cullen and Cst. Gillette.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Following correspondence between Mrs. Bette ZARRAZUN of Lechdale School P.T.A. and the OIC Burnaby Detachment, Mrs. Zarrazun contacted the writer by phone on the advice of Cpl. STEWARDSON, Youth Detail. Following her phone call, I contacted Cpl. Brown of Zone 2 for the purposes of arranging attendance by a Zone member at a meeting to be held on 12 SEP 72, to discuss the area problems in assisting in the formation of a Community School. Cst. D.G. Franklin attended this meeting and reported the outcome of same on File #19S90/72.

PROJECT BACK DOOR

Ken Holmes, a worker with the caption-noted drop-in centre, contacted the writer with regards to arranging a meeting between a Zone 1 representative and the drop-in centre staff. Purpose of this meeting was to discuss what the drop-in centre staff felt was a serious crime problem

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in the Hastings/Willingdon area in North Burnaby. Cpl. Pearson, i/c Zone 1, attended this meeting where these areas were discussed. Results of this meeting were reported by Cpl. Pearson on File #20606/72.

WELCOME WAGON

In response to hand-delivered letter by Mrs. Ann Brown on September 25, 1972, her request for 1,000 "Traffic Safety Hints" brochures was honoured. Mrs. Brown advises that these pamphlets are the most popular pieces of literature distributed by the Welcome Wagon hostesses.

UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR GIRLS

Further to a letter from Robert E. Dunn of the caption-noted organization, Cst. R.A. KIELAN attended as arranged on September 27, 1972 and participated in a "rap-session" with seventeen "unwed mothers" between the ages of 16 and 21. The rap-session was very well conducted and the response and reception was excellent. Cst. Kielan was invited to stay beyond the regular meeting hours for a continued discussion, as it was well participated in. This invitation to our Force is part of a continuing programme sponsored by the Church, to extend the community awareness of the girls at the home.

PROBATION SPONSORS PROGRAMME

The latest series of lectures on this program have commenced this month, with the three undernoted members attending same. This brings Detachment participation in the caption-noted program to a total of ten individuals.

Cpl. A. PRUETT
Cst. D. SLINN
Cst. W. SCHAUER

B.C.I.T. STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Students Association from B.C.I.T. recently held a "shoe shine blitz" fund raising operation which resulted in raising \$10,000.00 to be turned over to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. One of the crews attended this Detachment for a short visit during which photos were taken of two uniform traffic members having their high boots done. Due to the time of attendance, shift change on Friday evening, there were few members able to avail themselves; however, the attending crew was quite satisfied with small contribution made. Possibilities of including photo and short story in Quarterly has been discussed and B.C.I.T. in supplying the negatives so that our Ident. Section can process proper quantity, size and hopefully, improve on quality of the picture.

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DRUG ABUSE (LEGAL ASPECT)

On 20 SEP 72, Cst. J.P.W. SIMPSON spoke with approximately 30 Radiologist Technicians on the legal aspect of drug abuse and what steps this Detachment is taking in this regard. This was in response to OIC's memo of August 25, 1972 to Mr. Clare Cavors. The meeting was considered very responsive and receptive and further requests from this group should be accepted.

ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The new School Safety Patrol system was put into effect during the first two weeks of school. Many of the members made personal visits into schools to speak with the children on the patrols and all members have been making checks of the patrols when same are operative.

During some of these visits, concern was expressed over a number of intersections and crosswalk areas. These concerns were reported to the Municipal Engineering Dept. in OIC's memorandum of September 14. The action taken by the Engineering Dept., as outlined in their correspondence of September 18, was duly reported to the concerned school principals.

There is a total of 39 Public Elementary Schools which sponsor Patrols, with a total of 705 youngsters participating. The Burnaby Traffic Safety Committee has seen fit to donate \$2,000.00 towards incentive ideas for these youngsters.

Cst. Howie, McLeod and Hunter from the Traffic Section are in the process of completing their visits to all Elementary Schools and Pre-School groups with the Bicycle Safety Program, which will be more fully covered in following Monthly Report.

In recent conversations with Counselling Staff from several Secondary Schools, it appears that our services are to be called upon again this year as last year's visitation program was considered most successful.

Cst. D.C. Woods, Zone 6, gave an impromptu lecture to a group of kindergarten children at 12th Avenue School, on the invitation of the principal, Mr. D.A. Capon. This short lecture came about as a result of Cst. Woods attending at the school in response to a mother's complaint that her child went missing on the way home from school. The child was located and all concerned were satisfied. Cst. Woods spoke on (a) Policeman as a friend; (b) What to do if lost; (c) Remembering where they live; and (d) safe route home etc.

2. Other areas of involvement etc. to be reported in following reports.

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 Cst. i/c Police/Community Relations

ATTACHMENT "B"

"E" DIVISION

Burnaby Detachment
July 5, 1972

OIC BURNABY DET RCMP

Re: Police/Community Relations
8th Monthly Report: June 1972

1. Categorized areas of involvement in the Police/Community Relations area for the Month of June 1972 are noted hereunder.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

Three junior secondary schools received visits during the month of June, with Burnaby Heights Junior Secondary receiving the most attention. Alpha Junior Secondary was the sight for 3 visits and Kensington Junior Secondary had one visit, thus completing their programme for the year.

Cpl. L.L. PEARSON assisted the writer at Burnaby Heights, taking one visit himself and joining me on three other visits.

Burnaby Heights was also the scene of two "firsts" in our school programme, with the co-operation of the school principal.

First, a discussion was arranged with a group of Grade 10 boys, where I was joined by two members from V.C.P. Inspector FISH of that police department was most co-operative and had two members attend who work in the East end of the City. This discussion period proved most successful and all parties concerned have agreed that we attempt this again in the future, particularly in those schools which are covering our border area.

Secondly, arrangements were made with Cpl. MASON of the RCMP Boat "Advance" to have a member of the Marine Section join me at the school. This was done, resulting again in a very successful meeting.

An indication of our success in Burnaby Heights School is expressed in a letter to OIC Burnaby Detachment from the Principal, Mr. J.R. PITHAN. It is worthy of note, that the original request was for one visit with three classes, however, this quickly mushroomed into 16 visits, several being second visits to some classes.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>VISITS</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Burnaby Heights Jr. Sec.	14	250	50	300
Alpha Junior Secondary	3	-	80	80
Kensington Jr. Sec.	1	-	30	30
	<u>18</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>410</u>

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

The month of June resulted in being our busiest at the Elementary School level, and all sessions have been reported as being quite successful. Those principals I have spoken with have indicated much interest in our programme and are looking forward to having us continue in their schools in the new school year.

<u>PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>VISITS</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>PARTICIPATING MEMBERS</u>
Nelson Avenue	6/7	2	110	Cpl. PRUETT
Edmonds Elementary	1/7	4	245	Cpl. BROWN, Csts. SERFAS, GILLETTE.
Armstrong Elementary	6/7	1	30	Cst. CLARK
Gilpin Elementary	1/4	1	200	Cst. SUMNERLAND
Chaffey Burke	6/7	4	145	Csts. SUMNERLAND, NICHOLSON, CLARK.
* Aubrey School	K/7	3	620	Csts. BROOK, NICHOLSON
Scaforth Elementary	5	1	30	Cst. NICHOLSON
	<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1370</u>	

* Some classes visited second time.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

The writer, assisted by Cpl. A.H. LUND conducted approximately 35 persons on a Detachment tour following the "Swearing In" ceremonies of the recent Auxiliary Police class. The tour was most successful and all indicated a great deal of interest. During this tour, an interesting episode occurred whereby the whole group became locked in the "Provost Van Bay" as a result of poor communications. All persons on the tour took the incident lightheartedly and needless to say were quite "impressed" with our security measures.

Cpl. A.H. LUND again accompanied the writer who spoke with a group of mothers on the problems of Child Molesting. This meeting was one in the continuing "Block Mothers" programme organized by Mrs. Betty CLARK of the Burnaby School Board. The reason Cpl. LUND attended was because of the concern regarding traffic on Marine Drive, which a number of children must cross enroute to and from school. The meeting was very successful.

REGIMENTAL BALL:

As reported previously, the Ball was quite successful and also provided us the opportunity of making a small presentation to Ron MORRIER and Channel 8 Television for their assistance and co-operation, particularly during Canadian Police Week.

The Columbian Newspaper and the local Community paper, The Mirror, were very co-operative and published a short story complete with pictures on the success of the Regimental Ball.

BURNABY SAFETY COUNCIL:

The writer, in the absence of S/Sgt. SKUCE, attended the final meeting of this committee and brought to their attention the change in rank of our representative, S/Sgt. SKUCE. The meeting was quite successful and the committee appears extremely happy to have a representative from this Detachment and expressed their gratitude for the assistance given by our Traffic Detail in the Bicycle Safety Programme.

YOU ASKED FOR IT:

As a result of Commissioner's approval, discussions and plans were initiated with this Los Angeles T.V. company for the purposes of preparing a short film on certain sections of the RCMP and its duties, specifically the Musical Ride and the Police Service Dog Section.

2. Noted hereunder, please find a list of subjects covered during the month of June, the number of sessions attended and number of persons in attendance.

<u>SUBJECTS</u>	<u>SESSIONS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Detachment Tours	1	35
Police Service Dogs	7	930
General Discussion	18	490
Youth & Law	1	60
Child Molesting	1	40
The R.C.M.P.	1	25
R.C.M.P. Training	1	25
Interesting Cases	4	260
TOTALS:	34	1865

In addition to the foregoing, Cst. L.C. JOHNSON of the Traffic Section, covered the 40 Elementary Schools in Burnaby, speaking with over 6,000 students from Grades 1 to 3 on the traffic safety programme.

3. As this report is submitted following the completion of the 71/72 school year, a statistical report of visits within the Burnaby School system, other than the Traffic Safety Programme, for that school year, is noted hereunder. Community and Youth Organizations are not included.

<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>VISITS (Det/School)</u>	<u>Students (Male & Female)</u>
Vocational Schools	6	130
Burnaby Central Sr. Sec.	11 - Total 6	201 - Total 130
Burnaby North Sr. Sec.	13	323
Burnaby South Sr. Sec.	19	535
	<u>Total 39</u>	<u>Total 1019</u>

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<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>VISITS (Det/School)</u>	<u>STUDENTS (Male & Female)</u>
Alpha Jr./Sr. Sec.	10	280
Cariboo Jr./Sr. Sec.	3	75
	<u>Total 13</u>	<u>Total 355</u>
Moscrop Jr. Sec.	3	44
McPherson Jr. Sec.	10	238
Royal Oak Jr. Sec.	3	80
Kensington Jr. Sec.	23	668
Burnaby Hts. Jr. Sec.	14	300
	<u>Total 53</u>	<u>Total 1330</u>
Inman Elementary	2	700
Lyndhurst Elem.	2	490
Armstrong Elem.	2	115
Lakeview Elem.	1	225
Stride Avenue Elem.	1	400
Kitchener Elem.	3	740
Nelson Avenue Elem.	5	220
Riverway West Elem.	2	140
Clinton Elem.	4	180
Sperling Elem.	1	100
Gilmore Elem.	3	109
Edmonds Elem.	4	245
Gilpin Elem.	1	200
Chaffey Burke Elem.	4	145
Aubrey Elem.	3	620
Seaforth Elem.	1	30
	<u>Total 39</u>	<u>Total 4659</u>
Wonderland Co-op Kindergarten	2	40
South Bby, Co-op Kindergarten	1	20
Park Crest/Brentwood Kindergarten	2	50
Central Bby. Pre School	1	25
South Bby. Co-op Kindergarten	1	15
	<u>Total 7</u>	<u>Total 150</u>
Grand Totals	150	7845

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Re: Burnaby Detachment R.C.M.P.
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ATTACHMENT "C"

POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

With a view to a better understanding between your police force and the public, a concentrated program of police and community relations was undertaken during the past few months. One member is working full time to correlate the various activities with emphasis on obtaining an improved relationship with the youth of our community. The program has been well received and every Section of the Detachment is contributing with members participating both on and off duty.

Members have visited Junior and Senior Secondary Schools, holding discussions with 1,200 students so far. Tours of the Justice Building have been extended and many school groups have been our guests as part of their class field trips. The T.V. stations and local news media have been most co-operative. Our Traffic Section has continued safety talks in the Burnaby School District, their Fall program featuring Elmer the Safety Elephant being quite popular. The new Spring program with "Charlie the Talking Police Car" promises to be even more productive.

The total program is being zealously pursued to reach a healthy relationship between the police and the community we serve, for mutual co-operation and a better understanding of law enforcement.