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NORTH COWICHAN DUNCAN
DETACHMENT

YEAR END REPORT

January 2023 through March 2024

Open Report

North Cowichan Duncan RCMP service to the community:

1. NCD Plainclothes & IPS Unit members arrested parents in relation to the sudden death of a 6 yo child from 2021. Charges of Manslaughter and Fail to Provide Necessaries for Life were approved by the Crown. The investigation was completed early on, but required a complete review by the Crown's office, given circumstances involved in the file.
2. In January, NCD plainclothes and Island ERT executed a successful drug search warrant on a residence located east of the corridor. Warrant was successful in seizing 20-30 grams of fentanyl and a loaded shotgun. The home was fortified but access was gained by members before risk to police could take place, or the disposal of drugs (by the occupants of the home.) City of Duncan bylaw seized the home and boarded it up preventing squatters from getting access.
3. In February North Cowichan Duncan RCMP hosted their annual Community Consultative Group meeting to seek out information from community members in order to gather suggestions from the community for our Annual Performance Plan. Many suggestions were received and are being incorporated into proactive policing priorities to address community and social based issues facing NCD community members. A draft of the plan will be available for our community leadership to review, in April.
4. "Building Bridges" meetings between our members and those in the community with Lived Experiences continue to be held in order to help reduce anxiety experienced by those from the unhoused community, when in contact with the RCMP. This is an ongoing initiative and has been in place through last year. Will continue going forward. Peer group reports relations have improved significantly as a result of this effort.
5. Date for the move into the new detachment has been confirmed for the weekend of May 21, 2024. Delegated duties and responsibilities have been assigned to NCOs to ensure exhibits, weapons, files...etc will be transitioned to the new building in an orderly fashion. Grand opening plans are set for June 14th.
6. Our IPS Ceremonial canoe arrived in March. The acquisition of the 30' canoe was requested by our Indigenous Policing Unit to support and participate in Youth and Cultural paddling programs. Submission for the purchase of the canoe was made last Fall and will assist with improving police community relations in steps towards reconciliation. Additionally, having the vessel provides an excellent way to help build strong working relationships between the RCMP and Cowichan Tribes leadership and community due to the common interests and cross cultural training opportunities (traditional canoe races, cultural protocol ceremonies...etc). Dedication, Insignia and emblems celebrating our IPS unit and Cowichan Tribes will be added to the vessel.
7. Members were called to search for a 9 yo male this past quarter in Crofton. Unfortunately there was a 3 hour time delay before the report was received by the police. Given the high risk associated, most of the watch was deployed for the search. Lake Cowichan RCMP sent over one of their members to assist two Duncan members responding to calls while the rest of the members were involved in the search. Cowichan Ground Search and Rescue was also deployed. A reach out through social media was coordinated and numerous community members attended in the rain to help with the search. The child was eventually located at another residence in Crofton without incident.

8. Our Community Safety Officers (Csts Richens, Jordan and Sanders) are partnering with Municipality of North Cowichan and Municipality of Duncan Bylaw members for foot patrols (and soon to be bike patrols). Regular patrols extended from the TCH near the Casino, through the Village Green mall area, along Duncan Street and across to Lewis and the Corridor area. The group is planning on including a worker from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction on future patrols. Numerous contacts made and community members appreciated seeing the collaboration between all organizations.
9. The detachment is working hard at managing resources at your detachment. While movement is part of the job description for the RCMP, we are also focusing at maintaining and building our roster. We have had 4 new members join us in the last 4 weeks, with three more adding to the watches in May. Ongoing work. Most of the new members are out of Depot so senior detachment trainers have been identified and are guiding and mentoring skill development of the junior members.
10. The detachment has been fortunate to hire a local carver who will carve a 12' high totem pole for the new detachment on Ford Rd. It should be ready for mid-summer. It will be a beautiful addition to the new detachment and represents the strong relationship we have with Cowichan Tribes.
11. A local Cowichan Tribes artist is designing the artwork for the lobby of the new detachment, and a local elder has provided the language conversion and recording notifications, including our RCMP CORE Values into written and spoken Hul'q'umi'num.
12. The North Cowichan Duncan RCMP GIS members are working on a number of sensitive files including two child exploitation files, DNA investigations in which forensic evidence may provide confirmation of suspect identity, and, existing files currently being reviewed by the BCIIO. We are hoping the BCIIO will have outcomes available soon on two high priority investigations from 2023.
13. The detachment is working on an official North Cowichan Duncan RCMP social media account through Facebook in order to share information with community members. This effort will build on our community relations through posted information on recruiting drives, IPS functions, missing person notifications. The account should be up and running by the end of April.

January 2024 to March 2024 - 3 Month Comparison (compared to same period in 2023)

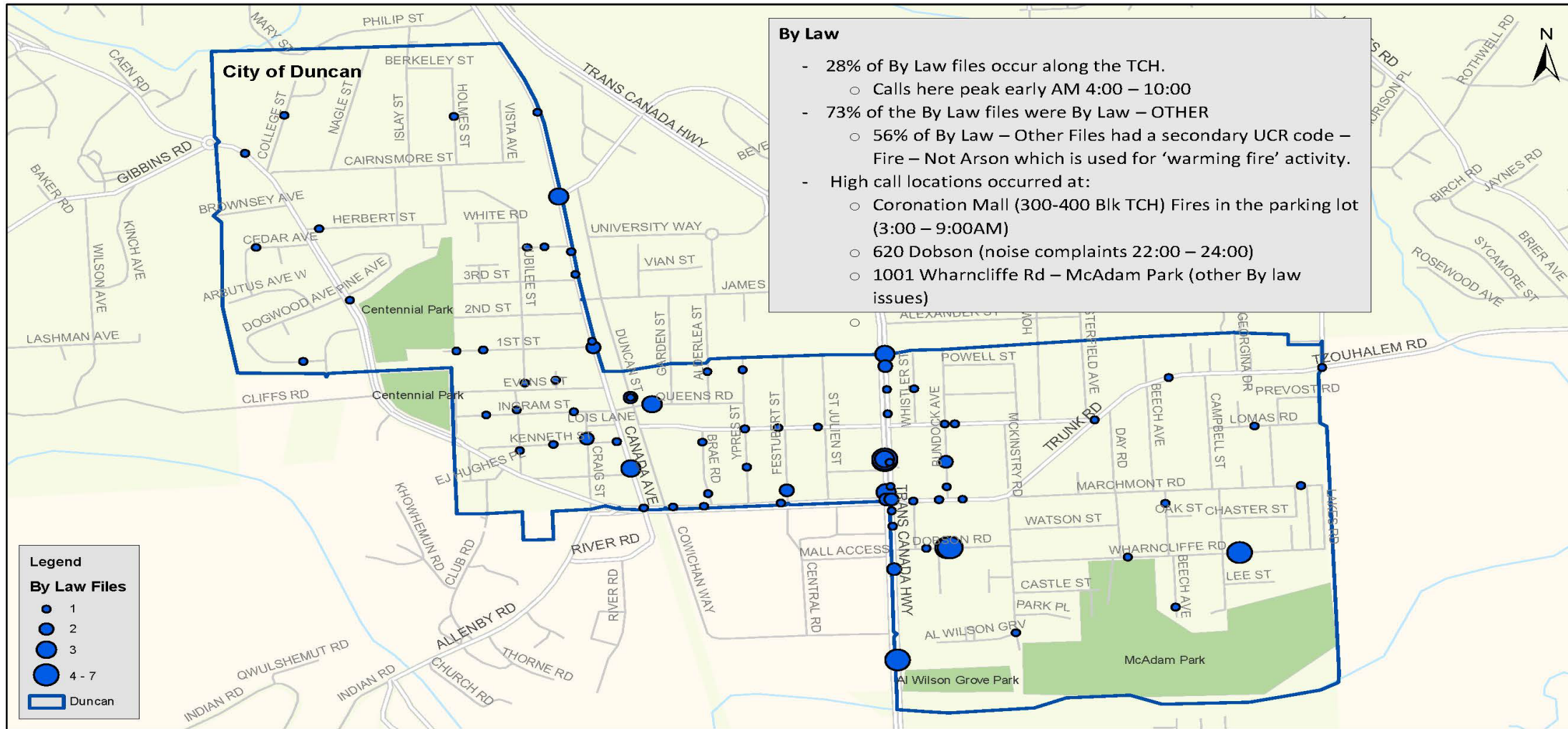
Type of Offence & Occurrence	NCD Jurisdiction Totals			Municipality of North Cowichan			City of Duncan			Cowichan Tribes			Cowichan Valley Regional District		
	Jan to Mar, 2024	Jan to Mar, 2023	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2024	Jan to Mar, 2023	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2024	Jan to Mar, 2023	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2024	Jan to Mar, 2023	% Change over prev year	Jan to Mar, 2024	Jan to Mar, 2023	% Change over prev year
Crimes Against the Person	322	311	4%	177	151	17%	58	58	0%	59	63	-6%	17	25	-32%
Assaults	199	175	14%	106	90	18%	36	33	9%	42	38	11%	10	9	11%
Extortion	7	12	-42%	3	7	-57%	1	1	0%	1	1	0%	1	2	-50%
Harassment	29	21	38%	17	10	70%	4	4	0%	3	4	-25%	4	3	33%
Homicide	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Human Trafficking	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Kidnapping	0	5	-100%	0	2	-100%	0	0	0%	0	2	-100%	0	0	0%
Robbery	6	6	0%	4	3	33%	1	1	0%	1	2	-50%	0	0	0%
Sex Offences	28	36	-22%	15	13	15%	6	3	100%	4	10	-60%	1	5	-80%
Utter Threats	52	49	6%	31	23	35%	10	13	-23%	8	6	33%	1	5	-80%
Weapons Offences	1	3	-67%	1	1	0%	0	2	-100%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Crimes Against Property	737	819	-10%	350	404	-13%	160	161	-1%	160	187	-14%	62	60	3%
Arson	14	16	-13%	5	7	-29%	4	4	0%	4	3	33%	1	2	-50%
Auto theft	15	22	-32%	7	12	-42%	4	2	100%	3	0	#DIV/0!	1	8	-88%
B&E - Business	34	32	6%	12	19	-37%	15	6	150%	3	1	200%	4	6	-33%
B&E - Residential	20	15	33%	13	8	63%	4	3	33%	2	3	-33%	1	1	0%
B&E - Other	21	21	0%	8	16	-50%	12	4	200%	0	1	-100%	1	0	N.C.
Frauds	75	78	-4%	37	43	-14%	8	16	-50%	11	9	22%	16	7	129%
Mischief to Property	325	330	-2%	173	178	-3%	76	81	-6%	57	53	8%	18	18	0%
Possession of Stolen Property	13	22	-41%	7	13	-46%	1	4	-75%	0	1	-100%	5	3	67%
Shoplifting	116	147	-21%	34	34	0%	12	14	-14%	70	98	-29%	0	1	-100%
Theft from Vehicle	33	40	-18%	12	24	-50%	7	6	17%	1	3	-67%	12	6	100%
All other thefts (combined)* *(Bike, Mail, Utilities, Other)	71	96	-26%	42	50	-16%	17	21	-19%	9	15	-40%	3	8	-63%
Other Offences & File Types															
Fail to Appear	64	91	-30%	0	0	0%	64	91	-30%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
False Alarms	167	222	-25%	57	97	-41%	40	69	-42%	48	29	66%	22	26	-15%
Municipal By Law	152	178	-15%	74	125	-41%	42	43	-2%	26	10	160%	10	8	25%
Mental Health															
Sec 28 Apprehensions	102	128	-20%	70	65	8%	10	28	-64%	8	17	-53%	10	13	-23%

January 2023 to December 2023 - Annualized data

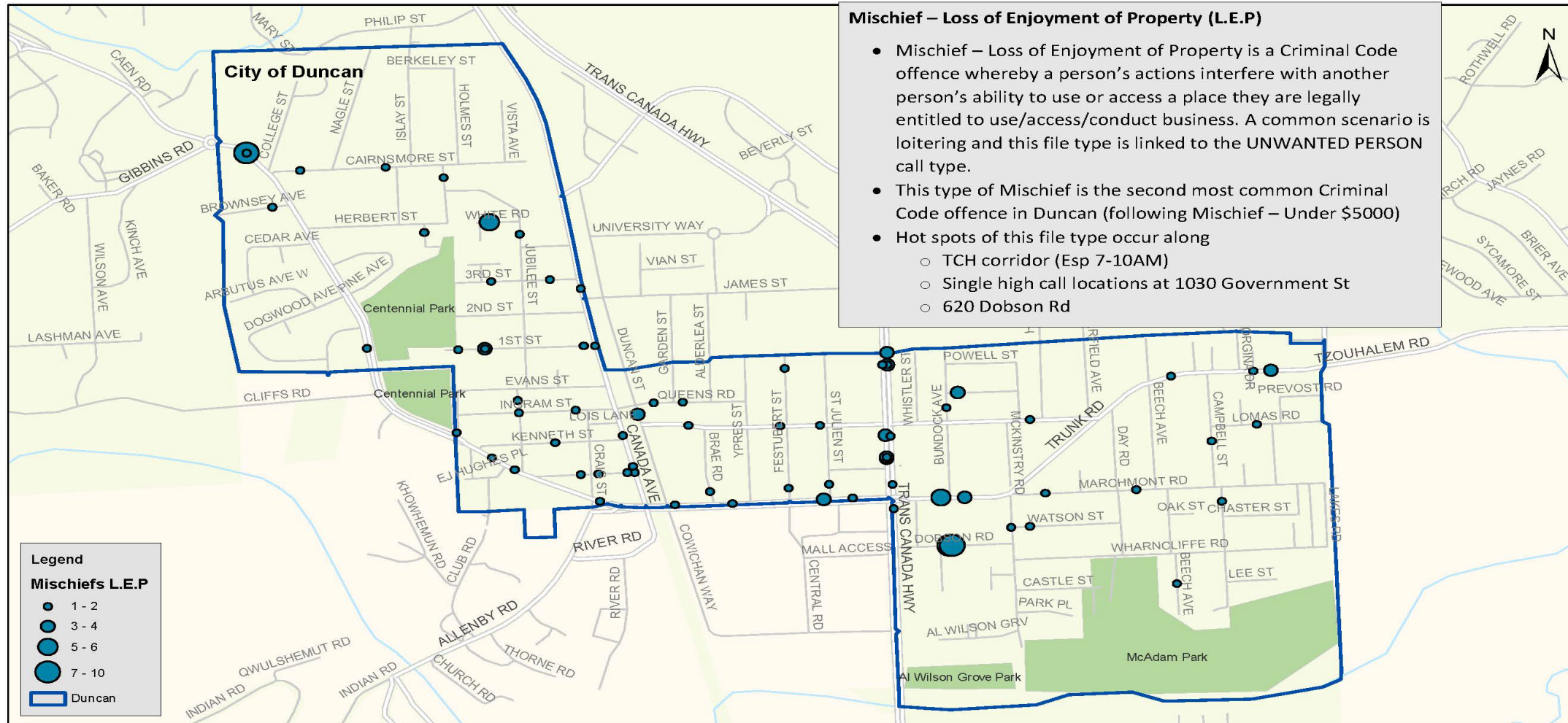
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Crimes Against the Person	1380	1180	17%	710	599	19%	260	225	16%	261	222	18%	103	93	11%
Assaults	866	722	20%	439	357	23%	167	145	15%	195	157	24%	48	49	-2%
Extortion	40	29	38%	28	16	75%	3	4	-25%	2	2	0%	4	4	0%
Harassment	68	64	6%	38	41	-7%	12	10	20%	5	1	400%	13	10	30%
Homicide	1	0	N.C.	1	0	N.C.	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Human Trafficking	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Kidnapping	10	8	25%	4	5	-20%	1	0	N.C.	2	2	0%	1	1	0%
Robbery	21	35	-40%	8	19	-58%	5	6	-17%	7	8	-13%	1	2	-50%
Sex Offences	127	116	9%	54	59	-8%	24	17	41%	26	14	86%	6	8	-25%
Utter Threats	233	202	15%	132	99	33%	44	43	2%	23	38	-39%	27	19	42%
Weapons Offences	9	1	800%	4	1	300%	2	0	N.C.	1	0	N.C.	2	0	N.C.
Crimes Against Property	3071	3020	2%	1553	1516	2%	627	492	27%	648	694	-7%	212	286	-26%
Arson	76	44	73%	30	23	30%	21	11	91%	21	9	133%	4	1	300%
Auto theft	76	91	-16%	45	43	5%	9	12	-25%	7	10	-30%	15	25	-40%
B&E - Business	143	115	24%	74	57	30%	44	27	63%	13	10	30%	12	21	-43%
B&E - Residential	63	55	15%	32	35	-9%	20	12	67%	9	6	50%	2	2	0%
B&E - Other	67	55	22%	44	29	52%	16	17	-6%	4	4	0%	3	5	-40%
Frauds	281	241	17%	160	140	14%	37	37	0%	31	23	35%	41	31	32%
Mischief to Property	1274	1166	9%	698	668	4%	306	224	37%	183	182	1%	80	87	-8%
Possession of Stolen Property	76	78	-3%	48	39	23%	12	13	-8%	5	11	-55%	9	11	-18%
Shoplifting	515	557	-8%	147	150	-2%	54	25	116%	310	376	-18%	4	6	N.C.
Theft from Vehicle	145	230	-37%	73	125	-42%	35	30	17%	11	23	-52%	19	45	-58%
All other thefts (combined)* *(Bike, Mail, Utilities, Other)	352	383	-8%	200	203	-1%	73	84	-13%	54	40	35%	19	47	-60%
Traffic Offences															
Non fatal crashes Resulting in injury	117	117	0%	60	58	3%	18	26	-31%	8	12	-33%	30	21	43%
Fatal crashes	2	2	0%	2	0	N.C.	0	0	0%	0	1	-100%	0	1	-100%
Impaired Op MV	275	278	-1%	137	158	-13%	50	36	39%	36	49	-27%	52	34	53%
Other Criminal Code Offences*	1331	1256	6%	512	528	-3%	525	444	18%	222	212	5%	54	52	4%
(*Fail to Appear, Cause a Disturbance, Beach of Conditions, Counterfeit Currency, Possess break in Instruments, Public Mischief, Possess Child Porn, Indecent Act, Trespass, et al.)															
CDSA Offences															
Drug Possession	61	200	-70%	40	123	-67%	10	47	-79%	7	18	-61%	2	7	-71%
Drug Trafficking	33	17	94%	17	8	113%	9	5	80%	4	2	100%	0	0	0%
Drug Production	1	1	0%	0	0	0%	0	1	-100%	0	0	0%	1	0	N.C.
Mental Health															
Sec 28 Apprehensions	463	456	2%	282	283	0%	70	67	4%	52	44	18%	47	45	4%
Sudden Deaths	139	128	9%	77	70	10%	30	17	76%	16	20	-20%	16	21	-24%

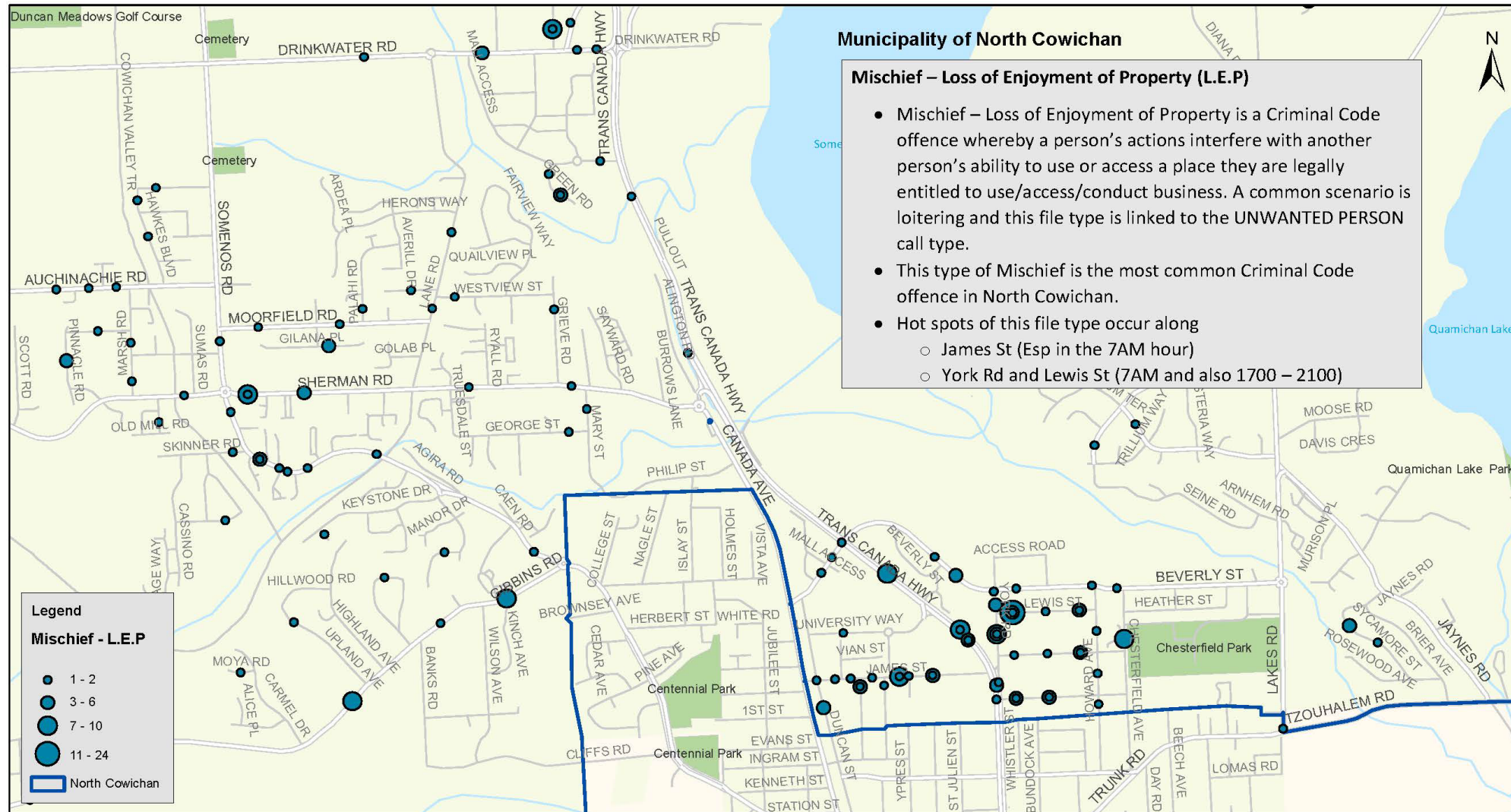


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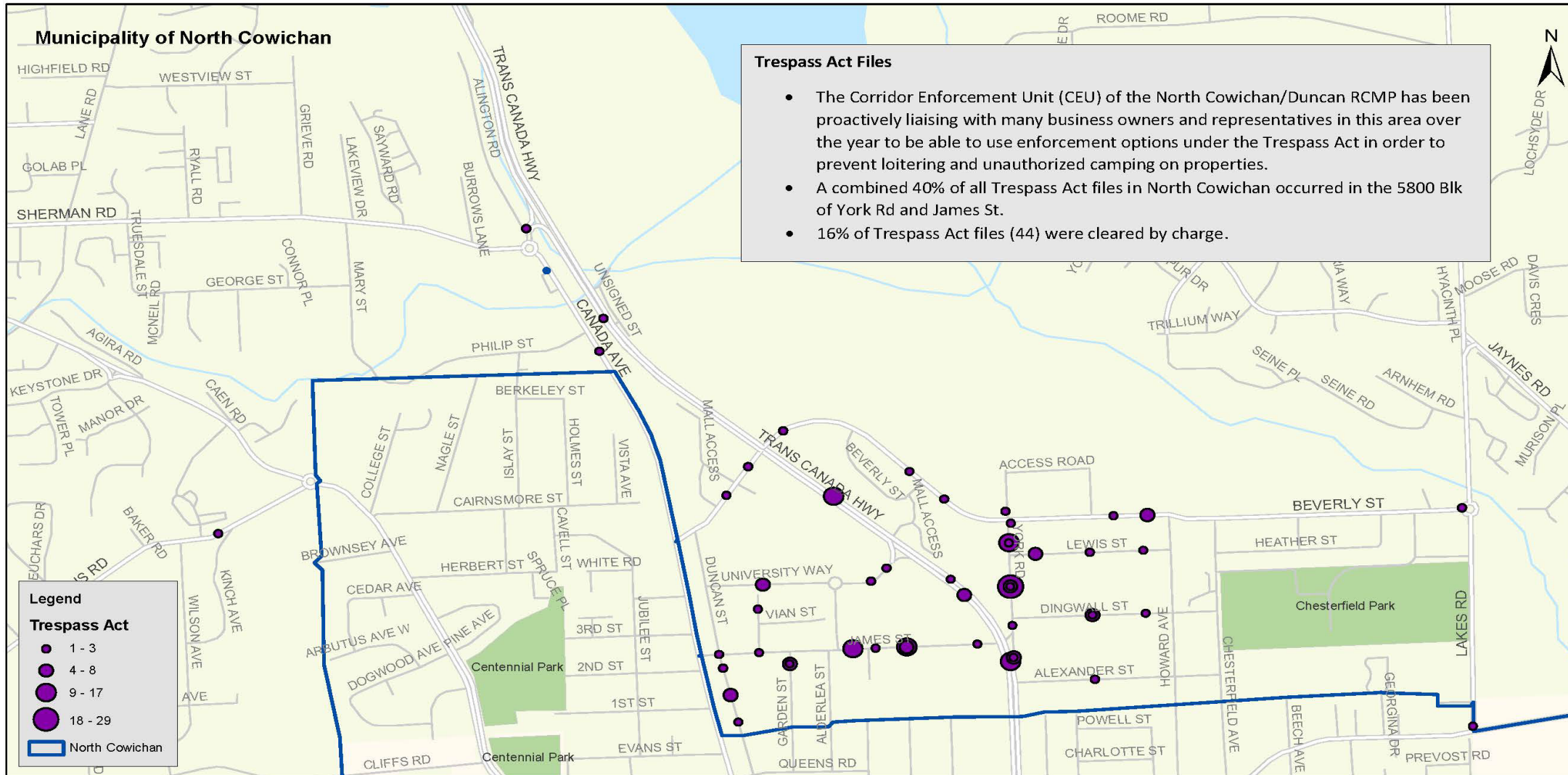
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Municipality of North Cowichan - Apr 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2024



Human Resources Status Report:

Established regular R.C.M.P. Officer Total: **68**

- 32 Municipality of North Cowichan
- 22 Provincial
- 10 Municipality of Duncan
- 4 Cowichan Tribes Community Policing

Incoming Members:

- Cst Jordan Long (Depot)
- Cst Martin Moskovitch (Depot)
- Cst Mike Lenz (Lake Cowichan)

Departing Members:

- Cst Matt Gore to Saanich Police Service

Cowichan Valley Regional Victim Services:

Victim Services at the North Cowichan/Duncan Detachment responds to critical incidents/crisis intervention call outs from police on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis. Victim Services provide initial defusing, stabilization and act as a liaison between victims and emergency personnel, providing an invaluable service to the public and police alike.

Cowichan Valley Regional Victim Services 4th Quarter 2023					
	October	November	December	Quarter Total	Year to Date Total
New Clients	57	47	49	153	746
Females	48	41	40	129	584
Males	9	0	9	18	152
Calls For Scene Attendance	8	6	6	20	80
Referrals By Area					
North Cowichan	32	23	20	75	362
Duncan	10	9	6	25	113
Cowichan Tribes/FNP	5	3	9	17	94
Provincial Areas	4	9	5	18	71
Total	51	44	40	135	640
Brief Service Files	7	12	7	26	63

Media Summaries & Files of Interest

Search warrants executed after drug trafficking investigation

On March 19th 2024, North Cowichan Duncan RCMP partnered with ERT, GVRT, Victoria Police Dept, Sooke RCMP, CFSEU...etc to execute a number of successful search warrants in order to combat drugs and violence in our community. Funding for the project, which culminated in arrests and seizures, was an outcome of securing funding through the BC Government's SITE (Special Investigations & Targeted Enforcement) initiative. The impact of numerous seizures of drugs and guns from drug dealers in the community will have an impact on the safety of community members. Ongoing applications for funding being planned for further projects.



RCMP and Municipal Bylaw members conducting foot patrols North Cowichan Duncan.

Community members appreciate the presence of each organization as they conduct foot patrols through the downtown core, along TCH, Village Green area and York/Beverly areas. Soon bike patrols will be implemented as well when bike training needs are complete.



Mental Health apprehension wait times dropping at CDH.

Medical staff at the CDH are actively working to limit the time RCMP members must wait with those apprehended under the Mental Health Act before being released back to patrols. In January wait times dropped to an average of 55 minutes per member. In appreciation the detachment dropped off donuts to thank the medical staff for their efforts.



Respectfully submitted,

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