## RCMP Presentation Relating to Homelessness



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## **This Presentation is Unclassified**





- Homelessness is not a crime
- The Nanaimo RCMP will work with all members of our community in a professional, respectful manner to deliver first rate policing in keeping our community safe





- Timeline
  - March 2018 City Hall Homeless Camp
  - May 2018 Port Place Homeless Camp
  - Aug 2018 Homeless / Anti Homeless protests in Nanaimo



Oct 2018 – Rutherford School Occupation



### • Timeline

- Nov/Dec 2018 Opening of Terminal and Labieux Temporary housing sites
- Dec 2018 end of Port Place Homeless Camp





- Current Situation
  - There still exists a large homeless
    population in Nanaimo
  - Various sites throughout the City



RCMP continue to work with all sectors of community to ensure public safety



- Statistics at both complexes and in Nanaimo as a whole
- Time period consistent
  - November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 January 24<sup>th</sup> 2017
  - November 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 January 24<sup>th</sup> 2018
  - November 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 January 24<sup>th</sup> 2019





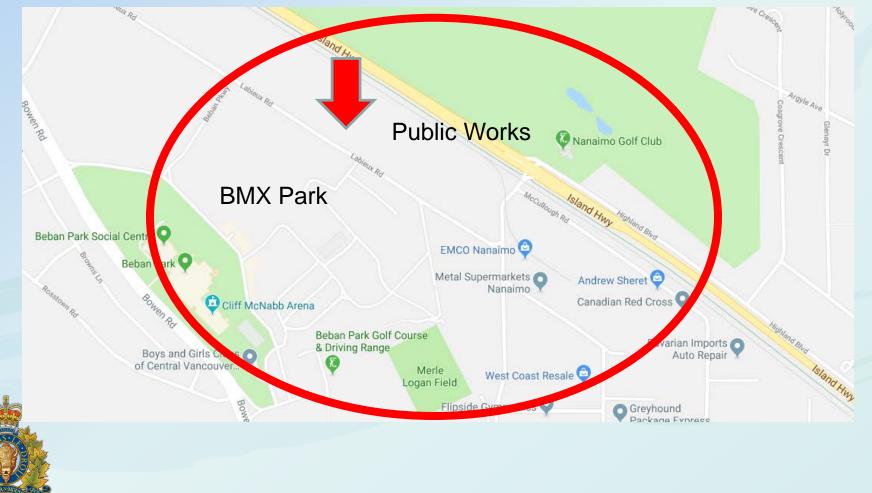
#### Calls For Service in Nanaimo Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Jan 24<sup>th</sup>



2017 – 2018 increase of 9% 2018 – 2019 increase of 10%



#### Area comprising of Labieux Place





#### Calls For Service in proximity to Labieux Place Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

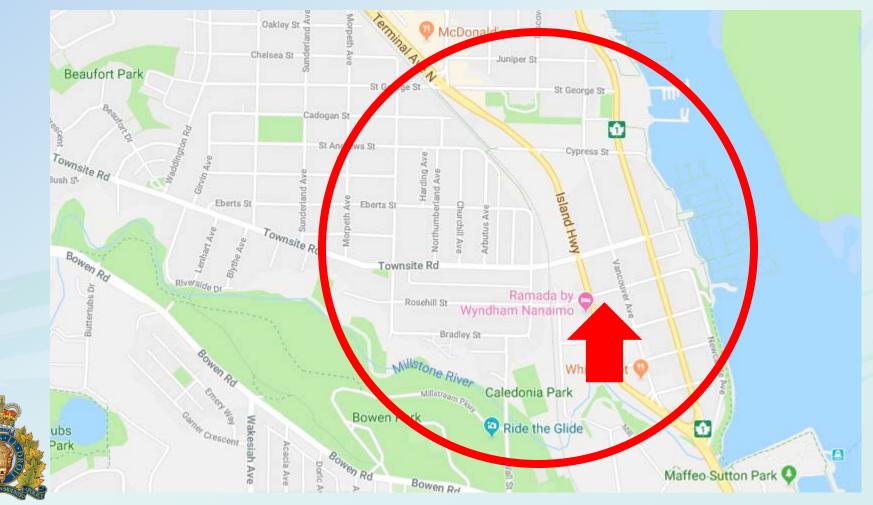




Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 increase of 10% from previous year Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 increase of 60% from previous year



#### Area comprising of Newcastle Place





#### Calls For Service in proximity to Terminal Ave Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Jan 24<sup>th</sup>





Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 increase of 11% from previous year Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 increase of 53% from previous year



- Factors that contribute to increased crime
  - No one cause
  - Two general theories
    - Biological theories
    - Sociological theories





- Biological theories
  - Mental Health issues / Emotionally Disturbed People
  - Genetic inheritance / abnormality
  - Addiction issues
    - Alcohol
    - Drugs





- Sociological theories
  - Broken windows theory the relationship between low level disorder and crime;
  - Marginalization social, political and economic;
  - Crimes of Opportunity.



#### **RCMP** Activities Relating to Homelessness







- Current Police Activities
  - Community Advisory Committees (CAC)
  - Block Watch
  - Increased Patrols
  - Enhanced Bar Watch
  - CPTED analysis with City staff and community



**Community Citizens Patrolling** 



- Current Police Activities
  - Dedicated Police Officer reviewing all files for each location
  - Ongoing relationships with
    - Island Crisis Care Society (Newcastle)
    - Pacifica Housing (Labieux)
    - BC Housing





- Pro Active Community ideas
  - Improved lighting
  - Concealing or removing targets such as cell phones in cars, unlocked sheds, etc.
  - Block Watch





- The RCMP need the community to assist in making Nanaimo as safe as possible.
- Through ongoing communication, initiatives and working together the community will become safer.



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# **Questions?**

