RCMP Presentation Relating to Homelessness



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- 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 20th 2016 January 24th 2017
 - November 20th 2017 January 24th 2018
 - November 20th 2018 January 24th 2019





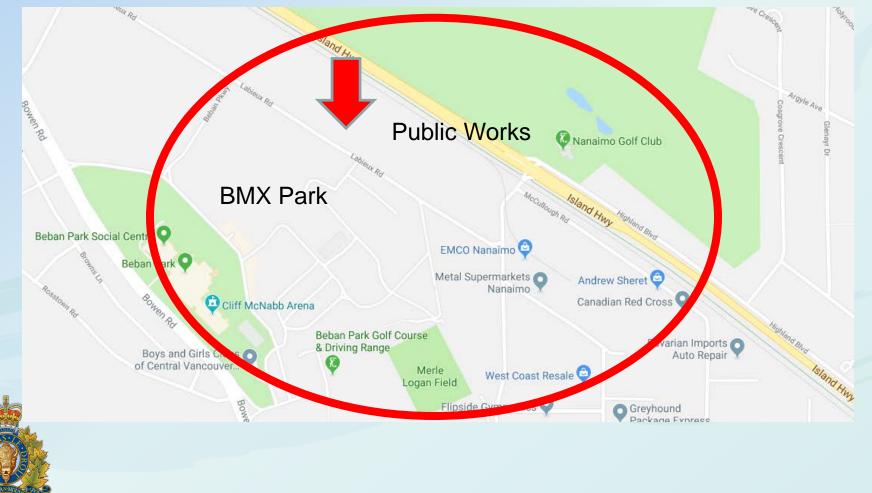
Calls For Service in Nanaimo Nov 20th – Jan 24th



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



Area comprising of Labieux Place





Calls For Service in proximity to Labieux Place Nov 20th – Jan 24th

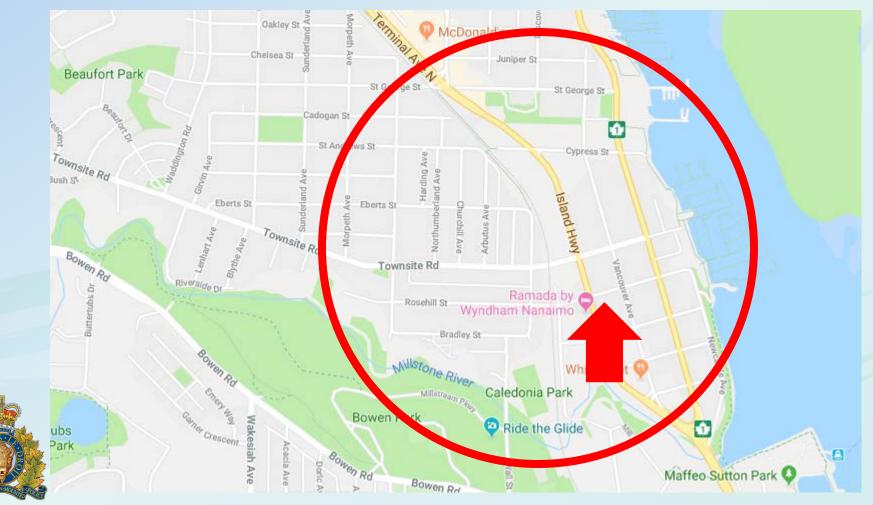




Nov 20th 2017 – Jan 24th 2018 increase of 10% from previous year Nov 20th 2018 – Jan 24th 2019 increase of 60% from previous year



Area comprising of Newcastle Place





Calls For Service in proximity to Terminal Ave Nov 20th – Jan 24th





Nov 20th 2017 – Jan 24th 2018 increase of 11% from previous year Nov 20th 2018 – Jan 24th 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?

