

2013/2014 Strategic Community Investment Funds

Plan and Progress Reporting

Traffic Fine Revenue Grant

In 2012, the Province of BC (the Province) and the City of Surrey (the City) entered into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement, whereby the Province agreed to distribute Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing (TFRS) grants over the next three years and the City agreed to set out a plan for the intended use of the funds and report publicly on the progress of that plan.

The City has received the following amounts to date:

Strategic Community Investment Funds	Use	Date	Amount
TFRS Grants	Defray the cost of local police services	March 2012	\$ 3,177,703
		July 2012	5,145,116
		Total 2012	\$ 8,322,819
	Defray the cost of local police services	March 2013	\$ 1,059,234
		July 2013	3,005,771
		Total 2013	\$ 4,065,005

The TFRS grant has historically been used 100% to support policing services within the City. When this agreement was entered into, Council determined that the City would continue to commit the TFRS grant to defraying the cost of policing services over the years of the agreement. In the 2013 Financial Statements, \$5,151,400 (2012 - \$5,150,424) was committed to policing services, with the remaining \$2,086,000 deferred to the 2014 Financial Plan.

The authorized strength of the Surrey RCMP continues to increase annually. The addition of police officer and municipal employee positions helps ensure that policing resources keep pace with population growth. For the 2013/2014 fiscal year, the City added 12 new RCMP contract members and completed retrofitting the holding cells in the main detachment. For the 2014/2015 fiscal year, the City plans to further add another 30 new RCMP contract members. Also included in the plan is for new civilian support positions to be added to maintain the ratio of members to civilian staff (2.75 to 1). These additions ensure that the City maintains its current officers per citizen ratio and support the City's Crime Reduction Strategy.

The City of Surrey's Crime Reduction Strategy departs from conventional thinking by addressing the root causes of crime. The four primary objectives of the Crime Reduction Strategy (CRS) are:

1. Reduce crime and increase community safety;
2. Increase public involvement in reducing crime;
3. Increase integration between all stakeholders involved in crime reduction; and
4. Improve public awareness around the reality and perception of crime.

These objectives are to be achieved through strategies that fall within the four strands of the CRS as listed below:

1. **Prevent and Deter Crime** – focuses on the actions that can be taken to prevent and deter priority crime and anti-social behaviour in Surrey.

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2. **Apprehend and Prosecute Offenders** – aims to remove offenders from the circumstances where they were committing crimes and directing them to appropriate rehabilitative services.
3. **Rehabilitate and Reintegrate Offenders** - addresses issues such as drug and/or alcohol abuse, mental health challenges, disability issues, homelessness and job skills; and
4. **Reality and Perceptions of Crime** – focuses on addressing the fear of crime and promoting feelings of safety.

Through the focus on fundamental policing philosophies and increases in policing resources, the City has experienced reductions in assaults, property crimes, criminal code violations and drug possessions. In addition, several community based initiatives were delivered, these include:

- Surrey RCMP continues to partner with the Surrey School District and other community agencies to provide Surrey youth with positive recreational and social developmental opportunities through such programs as the RCMP Youth Academy, Surrey RCMP Classic high school basketball tournament, Surrey RCMP Elementary School Sports Program, and Surrey RCMP Code Blue program;
- The Surrey RCMP, the Surrey School District and the City of Surrey continued to partner in the Wrap Program, an intervention and prevention program for at-risk and gang-associated youth in Surrey. In 2013 the Wrap team worked with hundreds of youth, providing support and interactive, developmental programming.
- The Surrey RCMP Youth Intervention Program (YIP) continued to prevent youth from entering the criminal justice system, consistent with the goal of minimizing criminal charges brought against youth while still addressing the root causes of criminal or problem behaviour. In 2013, YIP provided short-term counselling, family support and advocacy for 239 youth between the ages of nine and 17;
- The Surrey RCMP continued a partnership with the City's Bylaws Division on the Business License Outreach Project. It serves to engage new business license holders with support services such as security site assessments based on CPTED principles, communication on hot spot or crime trends and educational materials and workshops for employees. A total of 1031 businesses received support through this partnership in 2013;
- Conducted a series of Traffic Safety enforcement campaigns coinciding with hotspots and high collision areas and targeting dangerous practices and behaviours on our roadways;
- Delivered 109 community presentations to a combined audience of almost 3,300 people on topics such as personal safety, home security, frauds and scams, seniors safety, pedestrian safety and property crime prevention;
- Hosted an Open House to kick off Police Week 2013, where hundreds of citizens came out to meet local police and see interactive displays on the work being done by Surrey RCMP;
- Established a Detachment presence on social media with the launch of Surrey RCMP Twitter and Facebook accounts, ending the year with a following of over 3,000 people;
- Led the Stop Bullying Film Contest that received over 30 submissions from talented local youth, one of which was used by Crime Stoppers as a Domestic Violence Public Service Announcement;
- Partnered with ICBC and Surrey Crime Prevention Society on the "Protect it, Lock it, Keep it" auto crime prevention campaign which checked more than 60,000 vehicles over a 10-week period; and
- Developed and successfully implemented operational plans to preserve the peace and ensure safety at a number of large, high-profile community events such as the Fusion Festival, Vaisakhi, the Cloverdale Rodeo, and Canada Day.