



# Council Report

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**To:** Anthony Haddad, City Manager  
**From:** Supt Beth McAndie, Officer in Charge: Penticton  
**Subject:** Q3 2024 – RCMP Update

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## Staff Recommendation

THAT Council receive into the record the report dated November 5, 2024, titled "Q3 2024 – RCMP Update" from the Officer in Charge, Penticton RCMP Detachment.

## Strategic priority objective

**Safe & Resilient:** The City of Penticton will enhance and protect the safety of all residents and visitors to Penticton.

## Background

The Penticton RCMP is committed to providing timely information about current and emergent policing issues and outcomes. This Report offers a general overview and analysis of select crime data in Penticton between July 1, 2024 and September 30, 2024.

## Analysis

Total Calls for Service in Q3 of 2024 was 4,828, we are up 2% from last year which is a difference of 98 files.

### Violent Crime

During the second quarter, the 12% increase in assaults and 14% rise in intimate partner violence (IPV) can be understood by looking at various factors emerging from the available data.

Intimate partner violence accounted for 23% of all reported assaults, indicating that a significant portion of the increase in violence stems from conflicts within relationships. Additionally, 58% of reported assaults involved individuals who were previously known to each other, suggesting that familiarity between the parties is also a major contributor to these rising incidents.

Substance abuse continues to be a critical factor, as 31% of the reported assaults involved alcohol or drugs, possibly escalating tensions and contributing to the surge in violence. Mental health-related issues, while present in 9% of cases, played a smaller role in this trend.

The Penticton RCMP also identified a specific issue with a group of youth engaging in assaults along the Okanagan lakeshore, particularly during the summer. While the Penticton RCMP has been able to have restrictions imposed on the primary aggressor of this group, these youth-related assaults have contributed to the overall rise in violent incidents.

In summary, the increase in assaults and intimate partner violence is driven by a combination of intimate relationship conflicts, substance use, known-party conflicts, and youth group-related violence.

Q3 2024 shows an increase in both assault (12%) and IPV (14%) files in comparison to the same quarter last year. However, year to date, we are still showing a slight decrease over these files compared to last year.

### Property Crime

Business Break & Enter showed a significant decrease (47%) over last year, in contrast to the increase to Break & Enter Residence and Other which saw increases of 20% and 47% respectively. These numbers spiked due to a group of offenders operating in the area during this time. The Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) was able to identify and arrest an individual from this group, who was deemed a repeat offender, resulting in curfew conditions which may impact the number of reported B&E files during this next quarter.

Theft - Other files, also saw an increase over Q3 2024 of 26%, 130 as compared to 103 in 2023. 16% of these files were related to theft of mobility scooters and cell phones. Some of the mobility scooter thefts were related to the same group noted above, and we expect that those numbers may drop with the continued efforts of CRU.

### Crime Reduction

The Repeat Violent Offender Program in collaboration with partner agencies remains an integral strategy in reducing crime within the city. The detachment's Repeat Offender Management program strategy, focusing on data-driven responses and investigations on repeat offenders involved in property crime activities, continues to evolve and we are seeing some successes from it.

### Inadmissible Patrons Program

A pilot initiative for the Inadmissible Patrons Program has been launched in the city during Q2 2024. The project team has engaged with a diverse range of licensed establishments and major hotels within the community. Currently, the program includes participation from five hotels, thirteen liquor/dining establishments, and two additional commercial unit. The CRU continues to make to engage with other licenced establishments and hotels to promote the program and encourage participation. Additional training for new participants has been planned for Q4 2024.

An Inadmissible Patron is defined as an individual whose lifestyle, associations, or activities pose a risk to public safety, either directly or through third-party connections. This definition underscores that the primary concern is the high-risk behavior exhibited by these individuals and groups.

### Community Policing

The Community Policing (CP) promoted Project 529 Booth throughout the summer with a booth at the Jubilee Pavilion, multiple bikes registered, combined with providing education and awareness about the project. The unit continued delivering presentations on “scams and fraud” prevention to groups in the community. Along with CP Volunteers attended the intersections of Duncan/Columbia and Pineview/Dartmouth to collect stats on the number of cars which stop/roll/or drive through the “stop sign” controlled intersection. CP is currently engaged in the roll out of the “You Etch it. We Catch It” campaign. This campaign proposes partnership with local businesses to reduce the incidents of Catalytic Converter theft in the community. More to follow as this crime prevention initiative will be rolled out in partnership with the City of Penticton, Penticton RCMP and Community Policing in Q4 2024.

### Restorative Justice Program

During the last quarter, the restorative justice team received 11 new referrals from Crown Counsel, Probation, RCMP, and local businesses dealing with shoplifting. The Restorative Justice Coordinator currently has 34 active files, with another 14 being monitored. Despite the challenge of managing a significant workload, the team successfully collaborated with key stakeholders, including legal and law enforcement professionals. The team's continuous efforts and engagement demonstrate the growing reliance on restorative justice within the community. Looking ahead, the team aims to maintain or improve case handling efficiency and expand outreach to more businesses and organizations by empowering their volunteers to take leadership roles.

### Integrated Crisis Response Team (ICRT)

Throughout the last quarter, the Integrated Crisis Response Team (ICRT) has achieved significant success, engaging in over 420 community interactions primarily related to mental health issues. Of these interactions, 211 were documented cases where the ICRT either led or assisted front-line personnel and community partners. Notably, 57 interactions resulted in apprehensions under the Mental Health Act. The on-going efforts of the team have not only addressed immediate mental health crises but have also fostered a collaborative environment with front-line personnel and community partners, resulting in meaningful and lasting impact. The ICRT continues to extend its outreach to the community, ensuring that mental health needs are met and providing access to essential resources. Planned for Q4, the entire ICR Team will be attending training in Calgary, Policing and Crisis Response October 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### 2024 Metrics

The following includes standardized indicators from the Canadian Police Performance Metrics Framework. All indicators relate to the City of Penticton:

<b><i>Calls for Service</i></b>	<b>Q3 2023</b>	<b>Q3 2024</b>	<b>% Change 2023 to 2024</b>
Total Calls for Service	4,730	4,828	2%

<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>Q3 2023</b>	<b>Q3 2024</b>	<b>% Change 2023 to 2024</b>
Assault (Common & With Weapon/Cause Bodily Harm)	141	158	12%
Sex Offences	67	58	-13%
Uttering Threats	67	75	12%
Intimate Partner Violence (Violent Crime Only)	42	48	14%
<b>Violent Crime - Total</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>6%</b>

<b>Property Crime</b>	<b>Q3 2023</b>	<b>Q3 2024</b>	<b>% Change 2023 to 2024</b>
Auto Theft	30	34	13%
Bicycle Theft	49	39	-20%
Break & Enter - Business	34	18	-47%
Break & Enter - Residence	15	18	20%
Break & Enter - Other	12	17	42%
Mischief to Property	420	315	-25%
Theft - Other	103	130	26%
Shoplifting	116	154	33%
Theft from Vehicle	97	84	-13%
Fraud	90	87	-3%
<b>Property Crime - Total</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>-8%</b>

<b>Criminal Code &amp; CDSA</b>	<b>Q3 2023</b>	<b>Q3 2024</b>	<b>% Change 2023 to 2024</b>
Total Criminal Code & CDSA Files	1,776	1,769	0%

<b>Top 10 Calls for Service - Penticton Detachment (Municipal)</b>	
<b>Initial Call Type</b>	<b># of Calls</b>
Unwanted Person	531
Check Wellbeing	346
Theft	323
Disturbance	275
Suspicious Circumstances	236
Assist Other Agency	198
Traffic Incident	195
Alarm	189
Abandoned 911	174
Suspicious Person	154

**Conclusion:**

The metrics and data presented in this report are continuously monitored and utilized by the Penticton RCMP to guide our evidence-based decisions and responses to crime and public safety. This includes advocating for systemic changes at both the Provincial and National levels. The Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Penticton RCMP is committed to driving transformative change, with a focus on sustainable workloads, appropriate staffing levels, modernizing police services, operational excellence and the well-being of all members of the Penticton Detachment. By prioritizing the welfare of our personnel and leveraging intelligence and data-driven enforcement to allocate limited resources effectively, the Penticton RCMP is committed to "Policing for Greater Impact" in our community.

**Attachments**

Attachment A – Quarterly Report

Respectfully submitted,

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