

# **The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board**

Public Board Meeting  
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Report of the Chief of Police

## **2021 Annual Statistics and 2020-2022 Business Plan Year Two Highlights**

### **1. Recommendation**

That the Board receive this annual report for information.

### **2. Summary**

In accordance with Regulation 3/99 of the *Police Services Act*, the requirements of Police Services Board Policy No. 03/10 (Framework for Business Planning), Policy No. 02/00-5 (Crime, Call and Public Disorder Analysis), and York Regional Police Procedure AI-001 (Framework for Business Planning), this report provides highlights for 2021.

Police undertake a broad array of both criminal and non-criminal work. There is no single measure that reflects the overall effectiveness of police performance. Traditional measures of performance include crime, clearance rates and calls for service. However, it is also important to assess how the goals and objectives of the organization's business plan have been met to gain a more comprehensive perspective of police effectiveness.

This report combines both the status of the second-year objectives, actions, and activities of the 2020-2022 Business Plan, and the details of reported crime and other related year-end statistics in the Annual Statistics Report, January – December 2021.

#### Key Points:

- The organization successfully adapted to on-going challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and effectively minimized interruptions to service delivery.
- We are well on track to completing all 105 business plan activities identified for the three-year planning cycle.
- All 11 single-year activities for year two were successfully accomplished. Eleven out of 15 activities projected across the first and second year were completed.
- All 26 activities for 2021 were completed with the exception of four activities, one under Our Community pillar and three under Our People pillar. All outstanding activities are near completion and expected to be accomplished during 2022.
- The Total Crime rate (excluding Traffic) increased 5.3%; the Crimes Against Persons rate increased 9.4%; the Crimes Against Property rate increased 4.2%; and the Other Criminal Code Violations rate increased 1.5%.
- The Weapons Violations rate decreased 9.5%; the Drug Violations rate increased 9.4%; and Traffic Violations increased 4.5%.
- The overall Clearance rate decreased 3.9 %.
- Citizen Generated Calls Dispatched for Service decreased 1.2%; and the Response Time for Emergency Calls increased 1.5%.

### 3. Background

The multi-dimensional nature of police work requires a multi-dimensional approach to assessing and reporting performance. In previous years, York Regional Police has presented the Business Plan year-end report and Annual Statistics report in two separate board reports. Annual Crime Statistics are an important measure of community safety, but are limited indicators of overall police performance and effectiveness. Reported crime does not provide an overall picture of police performance, quality service, or how strategic goals are being met. In order to provide a more complete view of how organizational and community priorities have been addressed, these two reports are now being reported together as the 2021 Annual Statistics and 2020-2022 Business Plan Year Two Highlights.

York Regional Police uses the incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) survey methodology of Statistics Canada, but whereas Statistics Canada only reports the most serious violation in an occurrence, the crime statistics in this report are based on all four of the most serious reported violations. In addition to the traditional quantitative crime-related measures contained in our Annual Statistics report, the business plan contains other quantitative and qualitative performance metrics. The 2020-2022 Business Plan is the result of an extensive research and consultation process with the community and our members. Their input was used to develop the 105 Business Plan activities that we have committed to completing.

## Strategic Adaptations in the Face of COVID-19 Pandemic

The on-going COVID-19 pandemic continued to have impacts on York Region communities and police interactions. Most notably, two periods of provincially mandated restrictions impacting capacity limits affected administrative and operational processes. Despite the ongoing pandemic challenges, York Regional Police continued to build upon lessons learned in 2020 to ensure the safety of our members and maintain a high-level of service delivery.

## 2020-2022 Business Plan Activities

Upon approval of the 2020-2022 Business Plan, 105 activities were developed to implement the plan's objectives. The following table shows the annual total number of activities developed under each strategic pillar of the Plan.

### Total Activities by Projected Completion Year

Year	Number of Activities under Our Community	Number of Activities under Our People
2020	8	6
2021	13	13
2022	29	36

## Business Plan Year Two Progress

2020-2022 Business Plan highlights can be found in Appendix A, including details of the 2022 accomplishments and priorities for 2023. Twenty-six activities commenced in the second year of the 2020-2022 Business Plan cycle. Almost all of the 26 activities were completed, including all 11 single-year activities and 11 of the 15 activities projected across the first and second year.

Four activities were carried over to 2022; one under Our Community pillar and three under Our People pillar. All outstanding activities are near completion and expected to be accomplished during 2022 as outlined in Table 1 of Appendix A. The status of specific performance measures for year 2 of the Business Plan is contained in Appendix B.

## Projected Year Three Progress

All activities planned to begin in the third year of the Business Plan cycle are in progress. There are 51 activities scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.

## 2020-2021 *Criminal Code* Violations Summary

The following table summarizes *Criminal Code* violation statistics reported from January 1 to December 31, 2021, as compared to the same time period in the preceding year:

### **CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS**

Crime Type	2020 Actual	2020 Rate	2021 Actual	2021 Rate	Variance (%) Actual	Variance (%) Rate
<i>Total Crime</i>	36,714	3,025.21	39,112	3,184.55	6.5	5.3
<i>Crimes Against Persons</i>	8,830	727.59	9,777	796.06	10.7	9.4
<i>Crimes Against Property</i>	21,340	1,758.40	22,504	1,832.30	5.5	4.2
<i>Other Criminal Code</i>	4,985	410.76	5,119	416.80	2.7	1.5
<i>Federal Violations</i>	92	7.58	88	7.17	-4.3	-5.5
<i>Total Clearance Rate</i>	49.6	N/A	45.7	N/A	3.9	N/A
<i>Criminal Code Traffic</i>	4,069	335.28	4,305	350.52	5.8	4.5

Notes: Rates are calculated per 100,000 persons. Other Criminal Code includes Other Criminal Code Violations, Weapons Violations and Public Morals Violations.

The crime rate increased overall, after remaining steady in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on people and businesses. Increases back to pre-pandemic levels were observed in several crime categories. Significant increases were seen in Hate Crime, Cybercrime, Drug Violations, Assault, Theft Over \$5,000, Motor Vehicle Theft, Commercial Break and Enter, Intimate Partner Violence, and Impaired Operations.

The detailed breakdown of crime and other crime-related statistics can be found in the Annual Statistics Report, January-December 2021, attached.

### **Reporting Requirements**

York Regional Police is required to prepare this report pursuant to Board Policies No. 02/00-5 Crime, Call and Public Disorder Analysis, No. 03/10 Framework for Business Planning, and Regulation 3/99 of the *Police Services Act*.

## **4. Financial**

There are no financial implications.

## **5. Conclusion**

York Regional Police continues to monitor our business plan activities and crime statistics to ensure York Region remains a safe community. We are well on track to meeting all our business plan commitments as we move into the final year of the plan. Despite the increases we have seen in some of our crime statistics, York Regional Police has had many successes in 2021. We will remain diligent in monitoring the trends and being proactive in our enforcement, prevention and community safety efforts.

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Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request

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Attachments (3)- Appendix A: 2020-2022 Business Plan Year Two Highlights  
- Appendix B: Performance Measures for 2021 (Year Two)  
- Annual Statistics Report, January-December 2021