

REQUEST FOR DECISION

RFD 25-1431



Meeting: Regular Council
Meeting Date: May 26, 2025
Presented By: Kevin Bamber, General Manager - Community & Protective Services
Title: RCMP Q4 2024/25 Quarterly Update
Report Type: Information Update

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:



Economy



Safety



Community



Environmental

RFD PURPOSE:

Q4 2024/25 quarterly update (Community Policing Report) provided by the RCMP (Inspector Spaans or acting delegate). Opportunity for Council to ask questions and seek further clarification on report.

REPORT:

See attachment. The balance of the report presentation content will be provided at the Council Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):

(I move) that Council receive the Q4 2024/25 Quarterly Update as information.

IMPLICATIONS:

a) Financial:

None at this time.

b) Legal / Risk:

None at this time.

c) Program or Service:

None at this time.

d) Organizational:

None at this time.

LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND:

a) Policies and Bylaws:

N/A.

b) Municipal Plans:

N/A.

c) Other Legislation or Agreements:

MPSA

APPROVAL(S):

Communications Department, Communications
Sue Howard, City Manager

Approved - 01 May 2025

Approved - 02 May 2025

ATTACHMENTS:

[Wetaskiwin City Q4 Presentaiton - APRIL 2025](#)

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Q4 Report to Council



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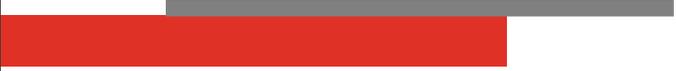
INTRODUCTION

- 2024-2025 Annual Performance Plan
- Social Disorder
- Navigation Centre



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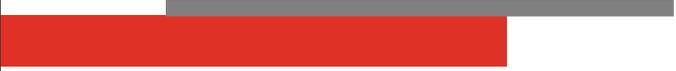
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Engagement continues to be a priority.
- Focus on Town Halls and Community Safety Presentations
- Leveraging the Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy:
- Reintroduction of the business round table
- Development of a Community Policing Committee
- Tracking all events (rural and municipal)



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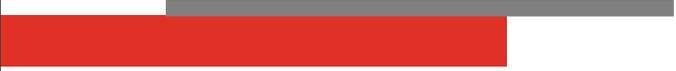
CRIME REDUCTION

- Managed by the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU)
- Focus on emerging issues:
 - Fentanyl
 - Violent crime
 - South Side issues
- Continued use of analytics to guide efforts
 - Resources will be sent where the calls are being received.
- Measurable Targets:
 - Drug investigations
 - Anti-shoplifting initiatives
 - Troublesome residence focus



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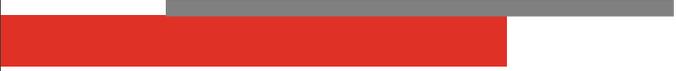
COMMUNITY SAFETY

- Focus on perceptions of safety and preventing victimization
- CSWB Strategy incorporated into this priority
 - Youth Council
 - Navigation Centre
 - Homelessness
- Measurable Targets will Include:
 - Traffic Safety Initiatives
 - Special Patrols (e.g., summer village enhanced policing)
 - CPTED Presentations



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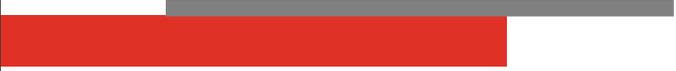
EMPLOYEE WELLNESS

- Focus on employee development
- Strategy to broaden staff skillset (examples):
 - Financial Literacy
 - Gang Enforcement Exposure
 - Undercover Operations Overview
 - Conflict Management and Dealing with Difficult People
- We have also developed an internal developmental position where officers can get exposure to specialized units.



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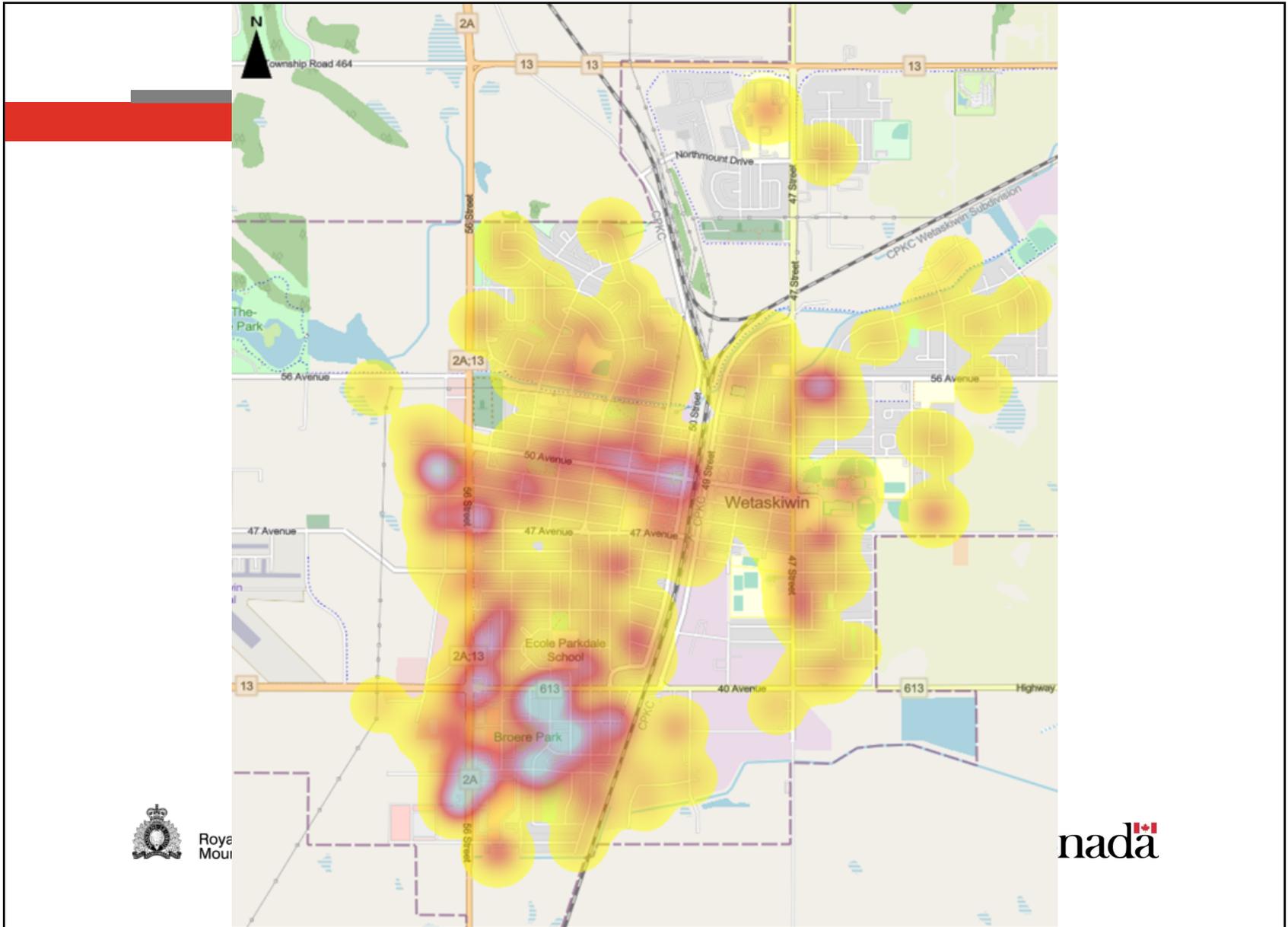
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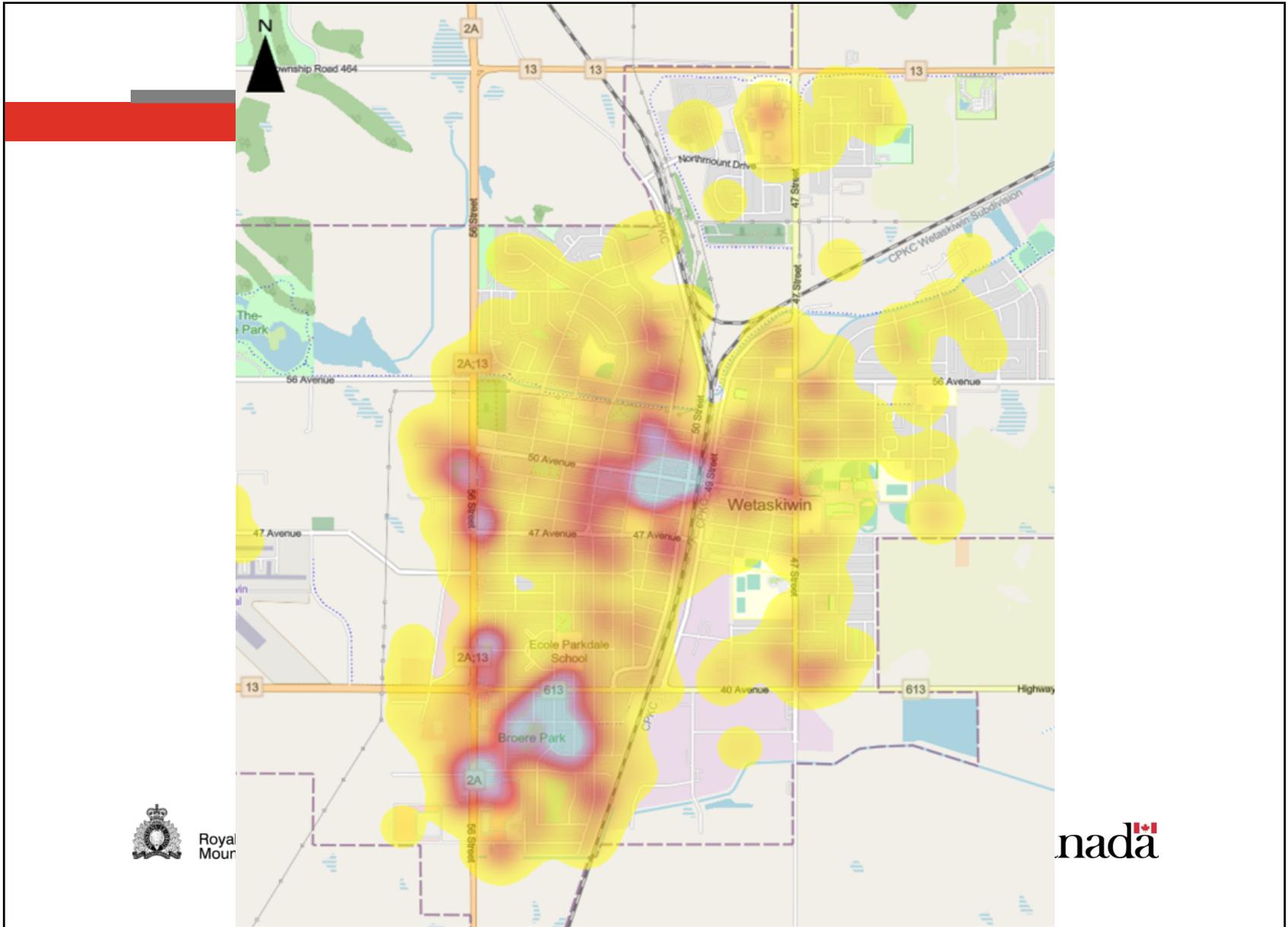
- Visible homelessness and social disorder remain key concerns.
- Ongoing concern for community and officers.
- The issue of social disorder is clearly consolidated on the south side of the city.
 - The following heat map demonstrates the change in social disorder over the past five years then into present day.

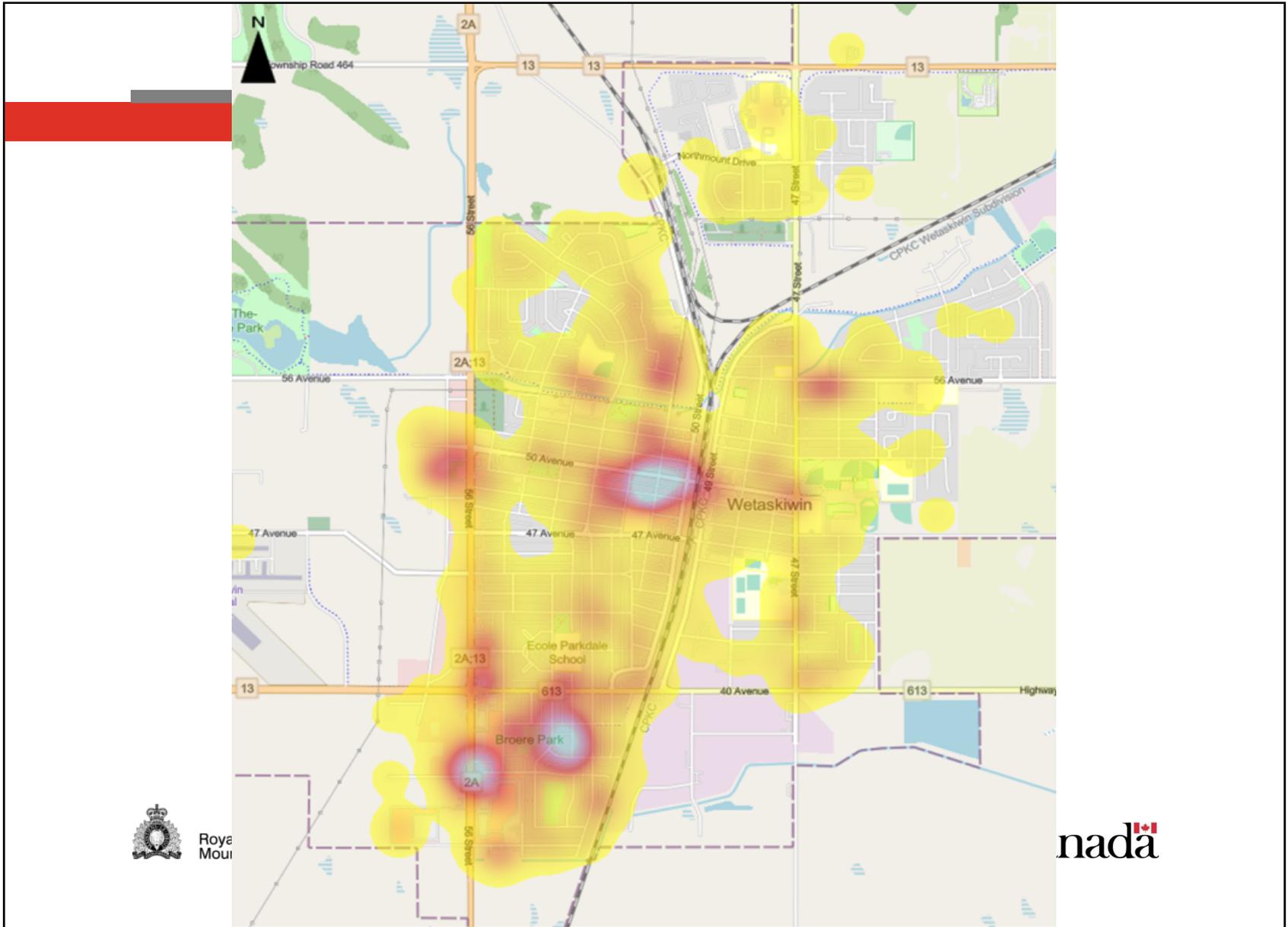


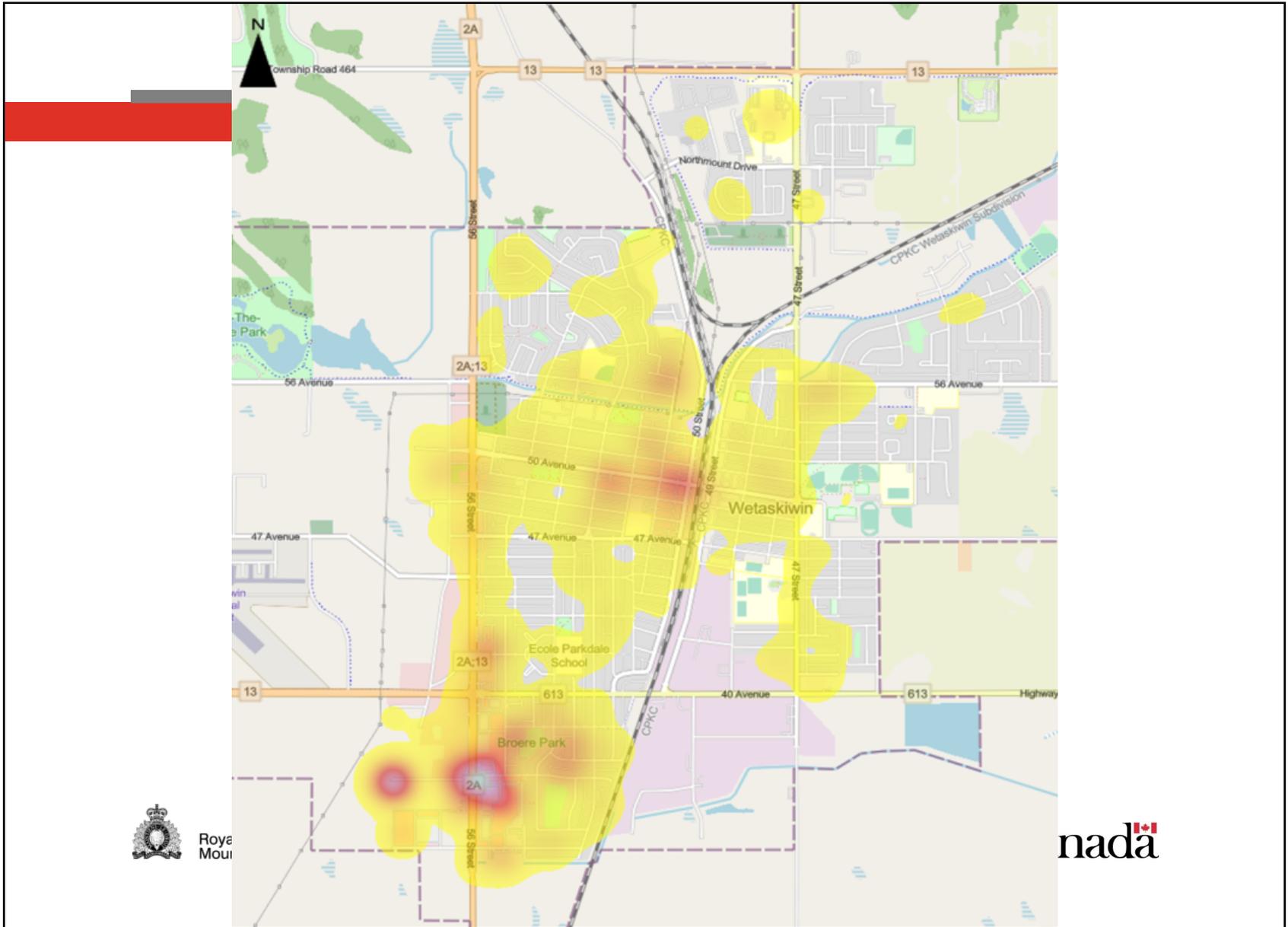
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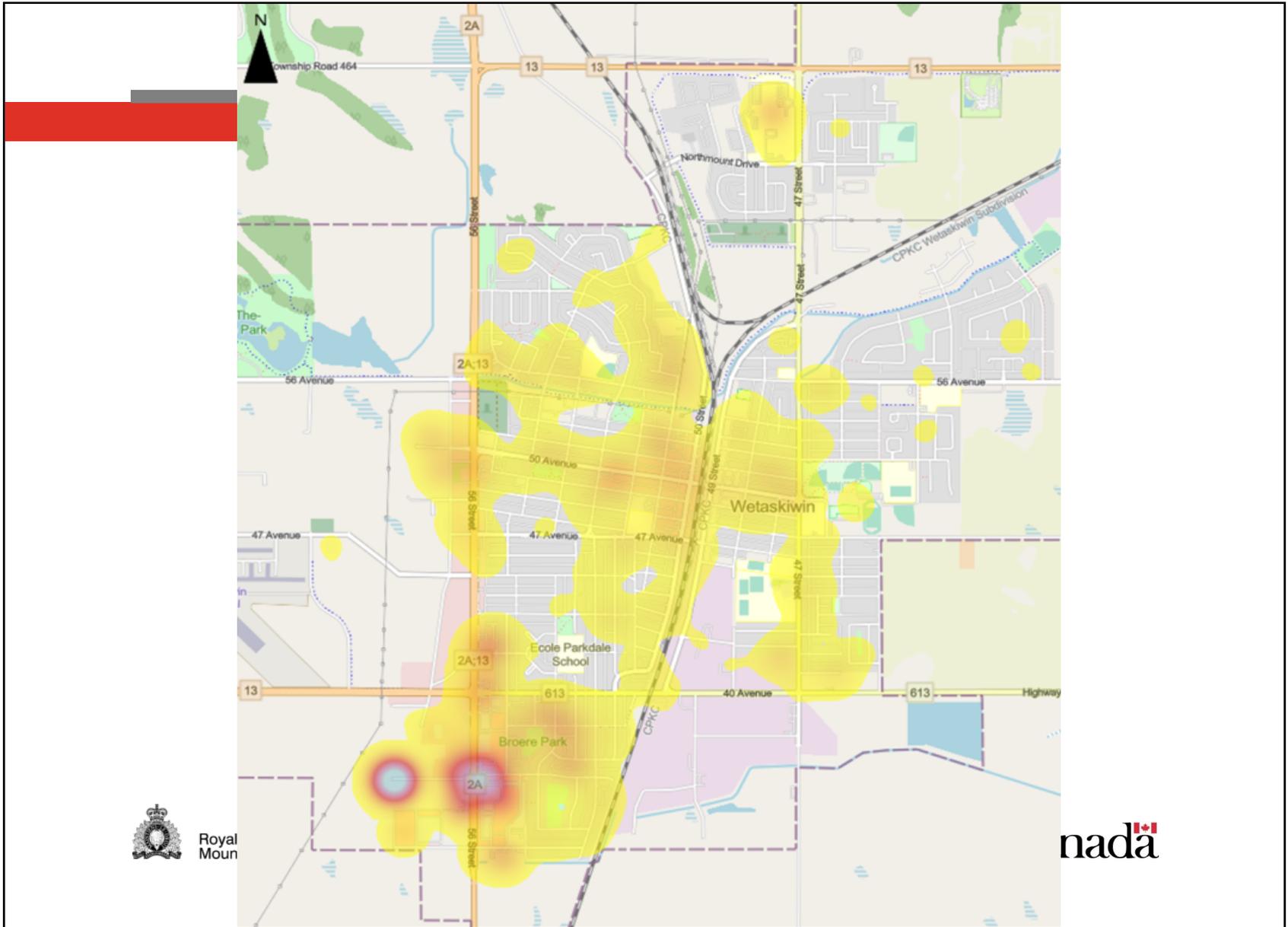


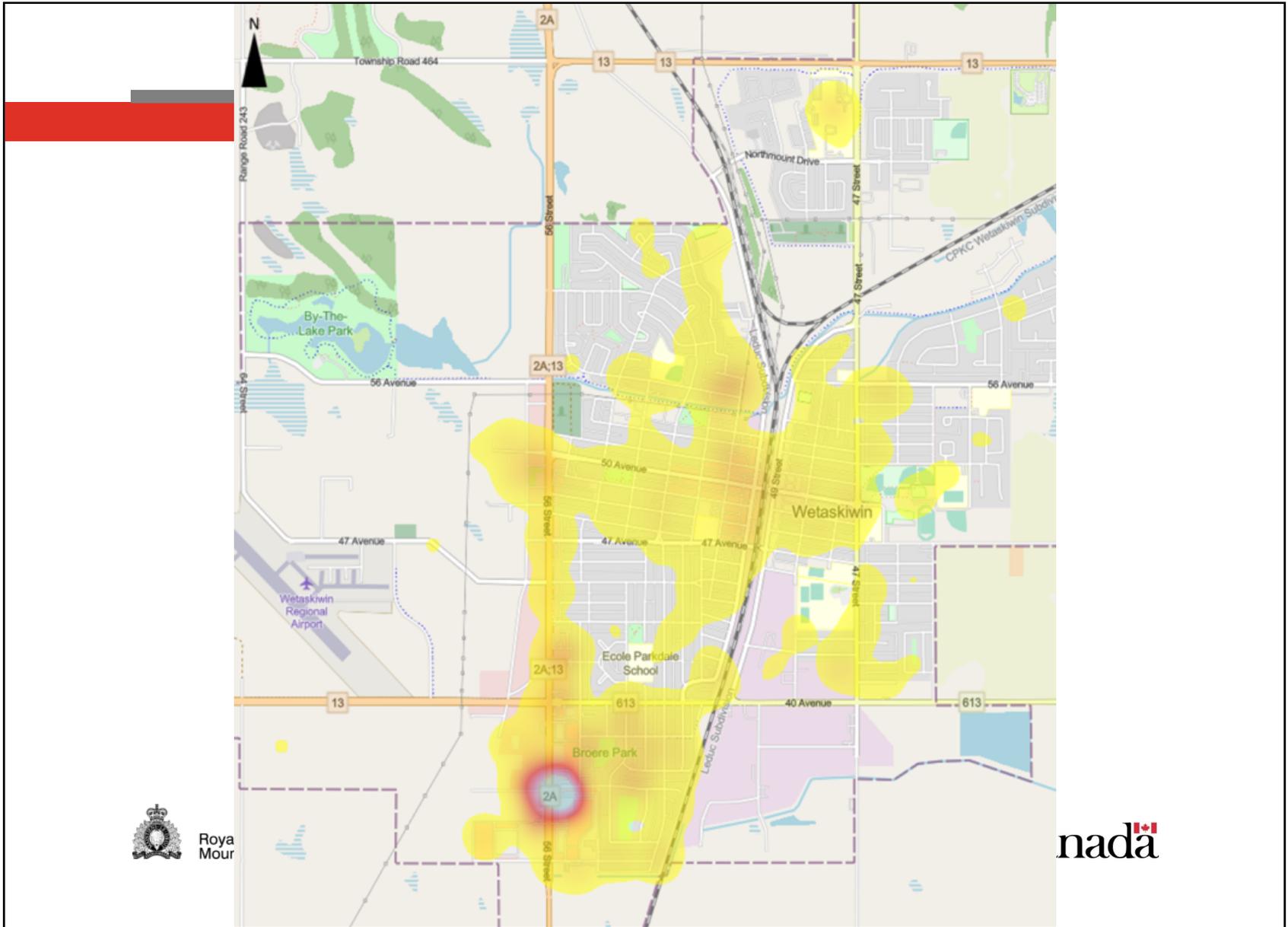


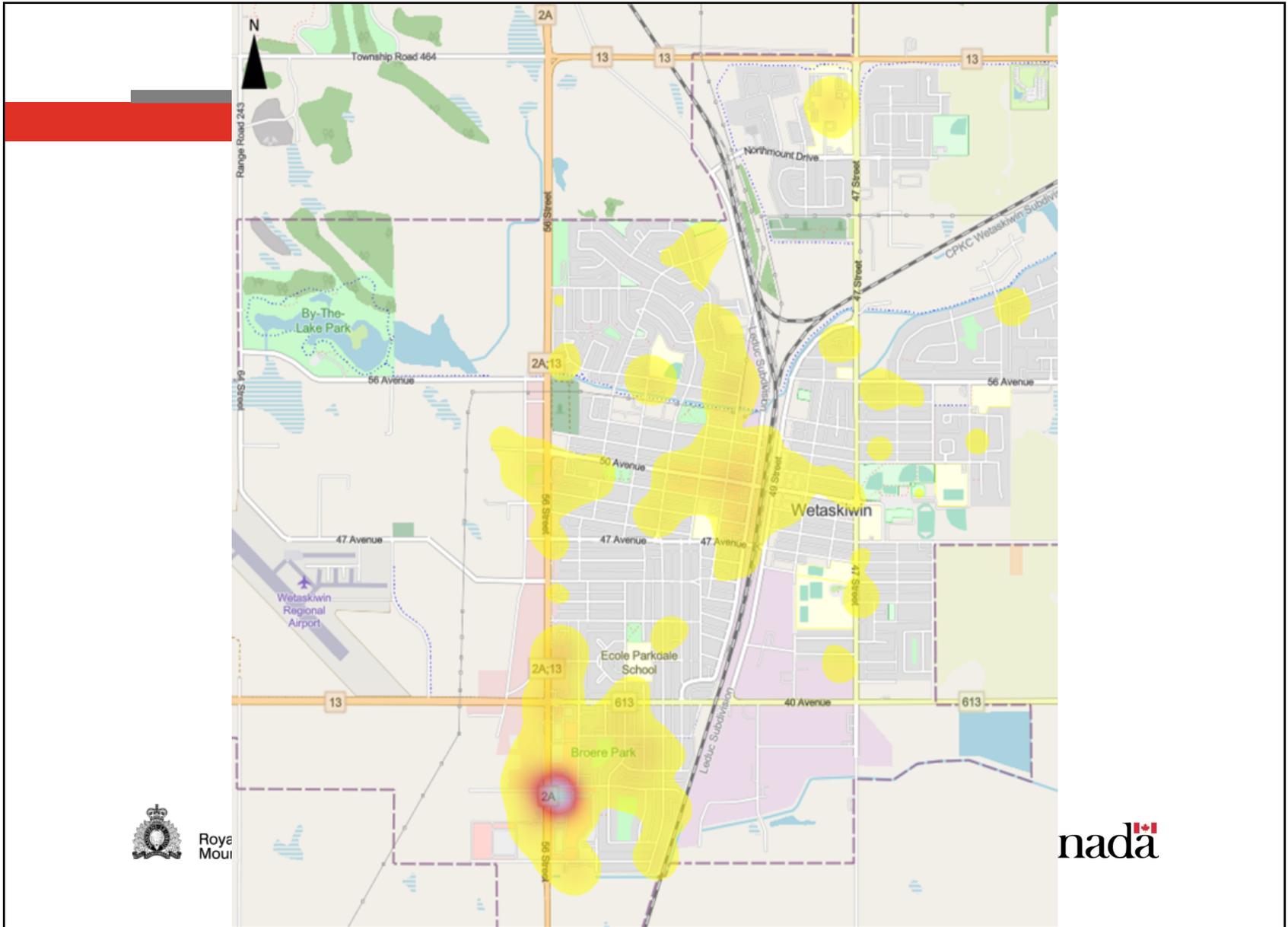


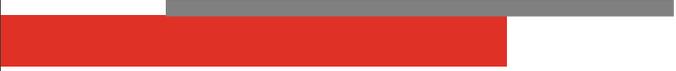


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SOCIAL DISORDER

- Although the social disorder issues have consolidated, the number of occurrences have stayed relatively the same.

2020: 2613 (29.1%)

2021: 2445 (28.3%)

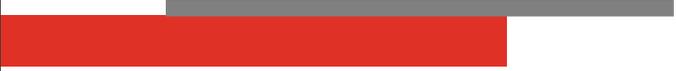
2022: 2524 (28.2%)

2023: 2524 (28.9%)

2024: 2533 (28.3%)



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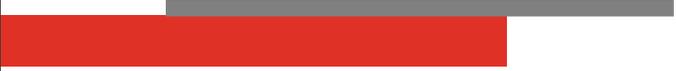
SOCIAL DISORDER

- Hope Mission Collaboration
 - Regular meetings taking place and ongoing information sharing between staff and the RCMP.
 - Banned individuals no longer have access to services.
 - Users of camps no longer have access to Hope Mission services.
- Encampments
 - With improved weather, the City has zero tolerance on camps. These are a breeding ground for violence, weapons and drugs.



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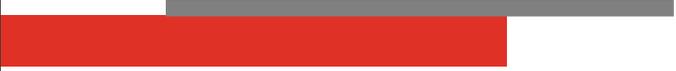
SOCIAL DISORDER

- Prisoner Trends:
 - 2025 – 603 prisoners to date.
 - 2024 – 404 prisoners through the same time period.
 - This is the first upward trend since 2020.
- Causes:
 - No more use of a rescue van.
 - Zero tolerance at the shelter.
 - Increased officer presence in the areas.



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NAVIGATION CENTRE

- Intention is to provide necessary services to underserved individuals.
- Goal is to divert some individuals and to provide support to those who have restricted access.
- Partners:
 - FCSS
 - City of Wetaskiwin
 - AHS
 - RCMP CSWB
- Support may be received through the Province of Alberta.
- Could be used as a best practice.



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Questions and Comments



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