

ITEM 6  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 68  
COUNCIL MEETING 85/10/28

RE: COMMUNITY POLICING AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Administrative & Community Services be adopted.

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1985 October 21

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE &  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY POLICING AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS**  
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT this report be received for information purposes.

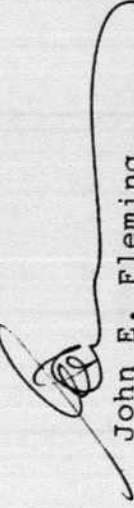
**R E P O R T**

Over the past several months, there has been a relatively high degree of interest in the subject of Community Policing and Crime Prevention, and the extent to which it is a "priority" item for Burnaby's Detachment of the RCMP. With that in mind, I have asked the Officer in Charge to prepare a summary of the Community Policing and Crime Prevention programs which are now a part of the regular activity within our Detachment. The Superintendent's response to that request is attached.

While it is difficult to be precise about the resources actually dedicated to Crime Prevention and Community Policing, the Detachment commits approximately 8 to 10 full-time equivalents of police and municipal employee time, including Youth Services, which together with incidental operating expenses means an investment of \$400,000 to \$500,000 per annum.

The recent donation by the Burnaby Kingsway Rotary Club of a Community Policing Crime Prevention Van will add to the capabilities of the Detachment in this important area, while at the same time increasing the profile of that part of the Detachment's activities in the community, and heightening public awareness in the community.

This report is submitted for the information of Council.

  
John E. Fleming  
Director Administrative  
& Community Services

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Attach.

CC: O.i/c-RCMP

TO: DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE, BURNABY DETACHMENT RCMP

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY POLICING/CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS, BURNABY, B.C. 1985/86

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this special police report be received by Council for information purposes.

REPORT:

This report is intended to inform Municipal Council of our programs in the area of Community Policing and Crime prevention.

The following programs are in effect:

Block Parent Program

Completed application forms are received at this Detachment from persons interested in joining the program. Canadian Police Information Centre, Criminal Name Index, and local indices are checked. The results are given to a prospective applicant, who gives these to the district zone coordinators, who supplies them with a window decal and explains fully the role of the Block Parent. Members attend zone meetings and annual luncheon meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch

This is the successor to the Operation Identification program previously encouraged. In the Operation Identification program we lend engravers to the public for marking of personal property, and upon return of same supply the participant with a decal indicating that all items of value have been marked for identification purposes. In the Neighbourhood Watch program, we attend meetings and outline the various methods one can employ to make home environment more secure, e.g. better locking devices etc. We still supply engravers along with pamphlets on home/apartment security and decals for doors and furniture.

The Auxiliary Police have become heavily involved with this program. They have been given the Effective Presentation course and now hold several meetings during the evenings. They also do residence patrols and issue residence check up slips for situations they may find, e.g. open doors, mail piled up at doors, lights off when no one home, etc.

Operation Provident

Similar to Neighbourhood Watch program; the only difference being that this program is for businesses only, and we supply an Operation Provident number. A record of all numbers given out is maintained in this office.

Ride-Along/Work Experience

This is a service we provide to persons involved in some manner in the Judicial Law Enforcement field, e.g. criminology students, applicants for the Force. The purpose of this program is to familiarize persons interested in careers in the Justice System with community policing problems.

Mall Displays

We have displays in the various malls within the Municipality, as well as public areas such as libraries, swimming pools, etc.

Once a year we join the Coquitlam RCMP, New Westminster Police Department, Port Moody Police Department, Ports Canada Police and CP Police in a large display at the Loughheed Mall for Police Week. This occurs in May of each year. We also support community policing programs annually at the Pacific National Exhibition.

Meetings and Committee Attendance

This is an arduous task that unit members attend to, and a very necessary one. Numerous community groups regularly request police attendance to explain our position on a variety of community concerns regarding police protection. Our attendance usually consumes approximately 30% of our CP/CP Unit's calendar year.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.)

In this respect we are having more contact with architects and planners and making recommendations in relation to parking areas, lighting, and other security measures. We have also attended professional groups such as landscape architects, municipal planners, and others where through a slide presentation and lecture we have conveyed the basic theme behind this theory. The response has been most encouraging and no doubt we will be called upon to become more involved in this aspect of crime prevention.

Youth Services

Early intervention and liaison with various other agencies, e.g. provincial court workers, office of the Crown Counsel, Probation Services, Ministry of Human Resources, in matters pertaining to juveniles in conflict with the law.

Realtor Watch

This is a program whereby all realtors are educated in residential crime and what to look for and what action to take. Repeated yearly, this program alerts new realtors in the area to the activities of the program and how they can assist police to identify burglars active in the community.

Community School Projects

In 1984 we attended on 62 occasions at schools to talk to students. All Watches, CP/CP, Traffic, General Investigation Section and Identification Section contribute to this project.

The school talk has a dual purpose -- teaching, and improving understanding between as many police persons and students as possible. These appearances are well refined and are meant to stimulate considerable interest.

Our Community Service NCOs assist in detailing members to the school evening talks. This year we will be involving our drug members, and the Police Dog Section to keep up the students interest in our visits to their schools.

Anti-Bicycle Theft Program

This program will be the largest of any, and over a period of three years we will be marking bicycles with B.C. Drivers licence numbers on all removable parts. This is a gigantic undertaking as there are approximately 50,000 - 60,000 bicycles in this area. This will be done working together with the Auxiliary Members, members of the Rotary Club of Burnaby Kingsway, and summer works projects funded by the Federal Government.

Crime Analysis

We are in the process of developing a simple, workable system, whereby raw data coming into this office can be sorted, stored, retrieved, and displayed in a fast, reliable and meaningful graphic and mapping mode. The CP/CP Unit working together with the Planning and Building Inspection Department, Engineering Department, and Management Information Systems of the Municipality pioneered the research. Collectively, we were able to demonstrate a tremendous potential in this area, resulting in the R.C.M. Police funding a feasibility study in the initial amount of \$117,000 at no cost to this Municipality other than our initial effort.

The Detachment and Municipality have been in the forefront of development in this area in Canada.

Future Projects

- 1) Continue with our Crime Analysis project.
- 2) Maintain our present level of service in administering our present programs.
- 3) Continue our efforts in having architects, planners, etc., voluntarily seek our assistance in evaluating future projects to determine the best possible methods to implement changes to combat crime.
- 4) Introduce Crime Stoppers in Burnaby in conjunction with the Vancouver City Police Crime Stoppers program and become involved in obtaining funding for program and publicizing same if required.

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CONCLUSION

We are most grateful for the continued financial and everyday support of the Rotary Club of Burnaby Kingsway. Their support to the police in this community is augmented by a well trained and motivated Auxiliary Police group made up of equally interested citizens. All regular members of this detachment assist our Community Police and Crime Prevention programs.

*N.L. Fuchs*

N.L. Fuchs, Superintendent  
Officer in Charge  
Burnaby Detachment

