

REPORT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
1987 JUNE 08

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND ALDERMEN

Madam/Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council authorize expenditure of a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the processing of Crime Prevention Committee questionnaires, and further that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to insert the appropriate amount in the 1987 Recast Budget.
2. THAT information on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.) be provided to all municipal, school board and recreation staff having any responsibility for architectural design and development approval.
3. THAT Council request the Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. to review the concept of 'Neighbourhood Block Watch' with the intention of creating a target area as a pilot project.

R E P O R T

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Crime Prevention Committee, at its meeting held on 1987 May 13 received a report from the Director Planning and Building Inspection regarding processing of the Committee's questionnaires which were recently distributed to certain groups in the community.

The Director Planning and Building Inspection reported as follows:

"At its meeting of 1987 February 16, Council authorized the Crime Prevention Committee to circulate questionnaires to certain groups in the community in order to gather data concerning crime and crime prevention. Approximately 30,000 questionnaires have been distributed through the school system, public meetings, churches, the Chamber of Commerce, and various other means. To date, roughly 1,600 questionnaires have been returned.

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As explained previously to the Crime Prevention Committee, the Municipality does not have the resources to process the questionnaires "in-house". It is therefore recommended that Council be requested to authorize a maximum expenditure of \$1,000 for processing of the questionnaires by an outside firm. It is further recommended that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to insert the appropriate amount for the outside processing in the 1987 Recast Budget.

As indicated at the 1987 April 08 Committee meeting, staff contacted Tetrad Computer Applications Limited to obtain cost estimates for the questionnaire processing. The letter from Mr. Wilson Baker, President of Tetrad, indicates that the firm could process 2,000 surveys for a fee of \$781.00 (\$725.00 plus \$56.00 for coding the property reference information). It is unlikely that 2,000 Crime Prevention questionnaires will be returned. A budget authorization of \$1,000.00 should thus be more than enough to cover the costs of processing the questionnaires.

Pending Council authorization of the requested funds, staff will work with the Purchasing Department to select a firm to process the questionnaires.

Recommendation:

1. THAT the Chairman of the Crime Prevention Committee request that Council authorize expenditure of a maximum of \$1,000.00 for processing of Crime Prevention Committee questionnaires, and further that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to insert the appropriate amount in the 1987 Recast Budget."

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Crime Prevention Committee, at their meeting held on 1987 May 13 heard a presentation on 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design'(C.P.T.E.D.). Included in the presentation was a video which illustrated the C.P.T.E.D. concept as it applies to single and multiple residential properties, commercial properties and school properties. The video also illustrated areas which would leave a residence or business vulnerable to theft, vandalism, etc. followed by some ideas and suggestions as to how to avoid such incidents from taking place.

Your Committee discussed various aspects of the presentation, specifically the 'cooperative' approach to C.P.T.E.D. Your Committee agreed that implementation of a C.P.T.E.D. awareness program at the architectural design and development approval stages of a project would be cost-effective and would create a safer environment right from the start of the project.

Therefore, recommendation No. 2 is submitted for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Crime Prevention Committee, at its meeting held on 1987 May 13 heard a presentation on the 'Neighbourhood Block Watch' program. This program entails breaking an area (such as Burnaby) down into zones.

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A block captain is then appointed to one zone who then recruits a group of volunteers to work with him/her. The block captain would receive a monthly newsletter from the local R.C.M.P. Detachment providing details on the activities in the immediate neighbourhood. The success of a Neighbourhood Block Watch depends on support from the residents working together with the R.C.M.P. having the position of catalyst.

Arising out of this presentation, your Committee would like to see an area within the municipality targeted for a pilot project in Neighbourhood Block Watch. Further, it was realized that the support and expertise of the R.C.M.P. would be necessary in order to conduct the project in a proper manner.

Therefore, your Committee submits recommendation No. 3 for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman Egon Nikolai  
Chairman

Alderman G.H.F. McLean  
Member

Alderman S.G. Veitch  
Member

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