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TO: ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1992 APRIL 02

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CRIME PATROL LTD.

PURPOSE: To provide information requested by Council on 1992 March 23.

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RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

Appearing under correspondence on Council's 1992 March 23 agenda was a letter from Mr. Ernest Frost which made reference to the activities of Community Crime Patrol Ltd. Arising from the discussion, Council asked for more information about this company and the service they are providing. This report provides the information requested by Council.

Community Crime Patrol Ltd. is a private company that registered with the Provincial Registrar of Companies in January 1992. The company is licenced as a security business by the Provincial Attorney General's Office under the authority of the Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act. On 1992 February 06, they applied for and were granted a Burnaby business licence to operate a private patrol and guard service. There are ten other companies licenced to provide similar services in Burnaby. These companies generally offer their services on a contract, site specific basis.

Community Crime Patrol Ltd. has begun offering a service that would patrol each street in Burnaby with marked vehicles approximately once an hour, 24 hours a day. The operation is to be funded by donation or contribution (currently a minimum of \$5.00 per month) through a door to door solicitation program.

When Community Crime Patrol Ltd. began soliciting door to door, we informed them that their private patrol and guard service business licence from Burnaby did not permit this type of activity. We requested they apply for a peddlers licence. This provided us with an opportunity to review what they proposed to do. The application has been received in the Licence Office and is currently under review.

Several public inquiries and concerns regarding the business and its operation have been received and as a result the Licence Office has asked Community Crime Patrol Ltd. to stop the door to door solicitation until the review of their application is complete.

We have two concerns about the operation of Community Crime Patrol Ltd. The first deals with the method or approach being used to solicit funds and the second is the overall viability of this undertaking on such a grand scale.


The door to door solicitation to raise funds for Community Crime Patrol Ltd. has been conducted as a request for donations, or contributions. This type of fund raising could give the impression of a community or non profit organization and may be misleading to some residents. Although we have been advised by Community Crime Patrol Ltd. that refunds will be given upon request (to those persons with receipts), we are concerned that this may become a difficult and costly procedure should the business prove unsuccessful or non viable.

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The company has three vehicles operating in the G.V.R.D. area with one assigned to Burnaby. To succeed in their plans, a substantial investment would be required to supply and maintain the necessary vehicles and staff to provide the service as advertised. In an effort to ensure that public interests are not compromised, we have asked Community Crime Patrol Ltd. for additional information, including a business plan, which would provide answers to some of the logistical questions associated with the viability of the operation.

In response to our request for this information, Community Crime Patrol Ltd. decided they would appear before Council to explain their business and answer questions. They are confirmed as a delegation to Council on 1992 April 06.

We are holding Community Crime Patrol Ltd.'s application for a peddler's licence pending their appearance as a delegation to Council. The granting of a peddler's licence will depend on Community Crime Patrol Ltd. providing sufficient information to ensure public interests are protected.

  
RICK EARLE  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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