

TO: MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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FROM: MAYOR W.J. COPELAND

SUBJECT: THE FORMATION OF TWO NEW STANDING COMMITTEES OF
COUNCIL

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council establish an "Economic Development and Tourism Strategy Committee" as a Standing Committee of Council with the following members being appointed to the Committee for a one year term:

Councillor Derek Corrigan
Councillor Doug Drummond
Councillor Lee Rankin

2. THAT Council establish a "Community Policing Committee" as a Standing Committee of Council with the following persons being appointed for a one year term:

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REPORT

A. Economic Development and Tourism Strategy Committee

The increasing competitiveness that is occurring within the world economies has led Council to conclude that greater importance must be placed on developing Burnaby's attractiveness to both established and new enterprises. Therefore this Committee is being established to provide a direct link between the economic community and Council. The Committee will perform another important role by overseeing the City's implementation of a suitable Tourism Strategy. These two important functions will leave the Committee to deal with a broad range of issues related to present and future economic development within the City as well as monitor or refine an optimum Tourism Strategy.

The first role of the Committee will be to select a Chairman and develop a Terms of Reference within which it can work. Dates and times of Committee meetings will be determined by its members at a later date.

B. Community Policing Committee

The City of Burnaby has been chosen by R.C.M.P. Headquarters in Ottawa to be a pilot project for a total Community Policing Program.

Burnaby was chosen for the project in part because of geographical stability. The City is growing in population and business entities, however, the boundaries of established communities are not. In addition, local government and management of the R.C.M.P. Detachment support the need to institute change. This Committee of Council is seen as one vehicle to facilitate public input to policing priorities, while at the same time, promoting citizen education in terms of community based policing.

The principles and philosophies of community based policing have always been part of R.C.M.P. ideology, however, over time, some aspects have fallen into disuse. The realities of our economic times and a realization by the police and the public that the current model of delivery service is not reducing crime or solving other policing problems, emphasizes the need to recommit to traditional values.

For the above reasons the City should be very supportive of the Program and wishes to become directly involved through the formation of a Community Policing Committee which will work closely with the Burnaby Detachment on Community Policing matters. Dates and times of Committee meetings will be determined at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,


W. J. Copeland
MAYOR