

REPORT
1994 March 07

CITY OF BURNABY

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

Re: "Crime Prevention Through Environmental
Design "(CPTED) Guidelines"

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

R E P O R T

The Community Issues and Social Planning Committee, at its meeting held on 1994 February 23, adopted the attached staff report advising of plans to publish recently developed "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design "(CPTED) guidelines for use by City staff, architects, developers and others involved in the planning and design of communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Young
Acting Chair

Councillor C. Redman
Member

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TO: COMMUNITY ISSUES &
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

1994 FEBRUARY 15

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

OUR FILE: 17.901
X-Ref: 17.315

SUBJECT: "CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN" (CPTED) GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: To inform Council of staff plans to publish recently developed "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED) guidelines for use by City staff, architects, developers and others involved in the planning and design of communities.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Committee and Council receive this report for information.

R E P O R T

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At its meeting of 1993 October 27, the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee approved the circulation of draft "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED) guidelines to a sample of architects, developers and other intended users for comment. The draft guidelines had previously been circulated to City staff in relevant departments for comment. The Committee also forwarded a copy of the draft guidelines and accompanying staff report to Council by way of a memorandum for information.

The guidelines were prepared by staff from the Planning & Building Department and members of the Burnaby RCMP. They represent the latest element in an ongoing staff training program on CPTED principles. The guidelines also respond to a recommendation in the Metrotown Social Planning Program, which was approved by Council in 1992 November, to prepare CPTED guidelines for the use of staff and outside professionals involved in the design of communities.

2.0 THE PROPOSED CPTED GUIDELINES

The proposed guidelines (distributed under separate cover) are intended for use by a variety of persons involved in the design of commercial, industrial, institutional and multiple-family developments. The intent is to offer the user a concise and user-friendly resource which outlines the basic principles of CPTED. It is acknowledged that such guidelines are not a panacea for eliminating crime, but that they do constitute one important element in a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.


As approved by the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee, the draft guidelines were circulated to a sample of thirty-two relevant outside groups for comment. Those receiving the draft included architects, landscape architects, contractors, for-profit and non-profit developers, and relevant professional associations. The feedback was limited (three responses), which staff has equated with support for the guidelines. In fact, two of the responses were simply commendations. Staff considered the feedback, along with earlier feedback received from City staff, and made minor modifications to the draft guidelines.

The guidelines, in their finished form, will be presented in a 5 ½ X 8 ½ booklet format. Pages will be double-sided. The initial printing will produce 500 copies. Funding for printing, estimated at \$700, will be included in the Planning & Building Department's 1994 Annual Operating Budget. The guidelines will be distributed to relevant City staff, and to outside professionals and other interested parties.

Staff view these basic guidelines as a starting point. Before another edition is printed, intended users will be offered opportunities to comment and relevant revisions to the initial basic guidelines will be made.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The City of Burnaby has been a leader in the growing movement which promotes reducing crime through adherence to specific principles during the planning and design stage of developing communities. The publication and distribution of the revised CPTED guidelines will be an important next step in Burnaby's crime prevention efforts. As the development of CPTED guidelines is one element of the Council-approved Metrotown Social Planning Program, staff intend to proceed with publication unless directed otherwise.


for D.G. Stenson, Director
PLANNING & BUILDING

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cc: City Manager
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Director Engineering
Director Finance
Director Recreation & Cultural Services
NCO In-Charge, Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance RCMP
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