

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN
SUBJECT: MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON GRAFFITI

DATE: 2006 March 20

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Mayor's Task Force on Graffiti.

R E P O R T

Over the past years, graffiti has become a serious problem for our community. I have received numerous complaints from businesses and residents throughout Burnaby and I know Council is very concerned about this form of vandalism. Staff are presently preparing a bylaw for the consideration of Council, but I believe that there may be more that we can do in order to curb this damage and unnecessary expense.

As a result, I would like authority to establish a task force, including city staff, R.C.M.P., citizens and businesses, with the specific mandate of examining best practices and innovative ideas on the prevention and eradication of graffiti in our community.

Finally, as Mayor of Burnaby, I want to express my deep disappointment that members of our community continue to commit these acts of vandalism against both public and private property. I would urge anyone who has information that would identify these individuals to come forward to the city or the R.C.M.P. While a city bylaw may enforce the clean-up of graffiti, we will only be able to stop graffiti by arresting and prosecuting individuals who commit these acts.

Respectfully submitted,



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