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**COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE****A**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN FOR 2007**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council endorse the 2007 Community Policing Committee Workplan.

**REPORT**

The Community Policing Committee, at its meeting held on 2007 May 17, received and adopted the *attached* report proposing a Community Policing Committee Workplan for 2007.

The Terms of Reference for the Community Policing Committee oblige the Committee to establish an annual workplan to be forwarded to Council for endorsement. Four actions, supported by thirteen tasks, comprise the proposed 2007 Community Policing Committee Workplan presented in Appendix 2 of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2007 May 10

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

**FILE:** 1750 20

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN FOR 2007

**PURPOSE:** To propose a Community Policing Committee Workplan for 2007.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Committee adopt the proposed 2007 Workplan, *attached* as Appendix 2, and forward it to Council for endorsement.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Terms of Reference for the Community Policing Committee (CPC) require the development by the Committee of an annual workplan. At its meeting of 2007 January 11, the Committee considered a staff report which provided information on past Committee workplans, and Committee activities in the past three years. The report was considered a first step in developing a Committee workplan for 2007. In the ensuing discussion, CPC members identified a wide range of issues upon which a 2007 workplan could focus. It was agreed that feedback on the list of issues would be solicited from each of the Community Policing Advisory Committees (CPACs) before a 2007 workplan would be finalized.

Having solicited the CPAC feedback, this report proposes a Community Policing Committee Workplan for 2007.

**2.0 THE PROPOSED 2007 WORKPLAN**

Members of the CPC and CPACs identified thirty actions for possible attention in 2007. Those actions can be categorized under 11 themes or issues as follows:

- property crime
- traffic safety
- drugs
- homelessness
- frauds and scams
- personal security
- fear of crime
- citizen involvement with /awareness of crime prevention initiatives
- effectiveness of Community Policing
- recognition of crime prevention efforts
- sex trade and related problems

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A detailed list of issues and proposed actions identified is **attached** as Appendix 1.

Staff assessed each of the proposed actions against the Community Policing Committee's Terms of Reference. That document, revised and approved in 2003, outlines the purpose of the Committee, and five objectives to guide its work. In summarized form, the CPC's objectives are as follows:

- to provide public input into the development of police service priorities;
- to initiate and participate in strategies to address crime and disorder;
- to adopt a public-focused communications plan for Community Policing;
- to assist Burnaby residents to get involved with Community Policing; and
- to serve as an advocate for Community Policing in the community.

Based on the assessment, the proposed actions which focus on enhancing citizen involvement with crime prevention, on educating the public on various crime prevention measures, and on evaluating Burnaby's Community Policing model fall within the mandate of the Committee, and could form the basis of a 2007 workplan. The resultant proposed workplan includes the following four actions:

1. analyze the effectiveness of the community policing model to see if policing and crime prevention are more effective and if Burnaby is a safer community than six years ago;
2. develop a strategy with business associations to prevent property crime;
3. strike a Communications/Public Working Group to develop an external Communications Plan for Community Policing which focuses on public education regarding Community Policing itself, priority crime issues, and crime prevention programs and initiatives; and
4. develop a Community Policing or Crime Prevention award for one-time acts of bravery on the part of citizens.

More detail, including tasks and timelines, is provided in the proposed workplan **attached** as Appendix 2. It should be noted that some of the actions entail a considerable amount of work on the part of both citizen volunteers and City staff. Therefore, it is not anticipated that all actions would be completed – or even commenced – in 2007. However, the proposed workplan is illustrative of the range of activities the Committee could undertake in 2007.

A number of proposed actions which are consistent with the mandate of the Committee have not been included in the proposed workplan, as it is staff's view that they would be better dealt with as procedural matters rather than through the annual workplan. Twelve of the proposed actions, for example, are advisory to the RCMP and focus on police service priorities. As noted above, one of the Committee's objectives is to provide public input into police service priorities, and it is the view of staff that such feedback to the RCMP should be provided on a regular basis through vehicles such as the monthly Committee meeting and Monthly District Reports. The twelve proposed actions, which address the issues of property crime, traffic safety, drugs and

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personal security, are outlined in Appendix 3, **attached**. It is proposed that the suggestions be forwarded to the RCMP for consideration. Should any of the traffic safety issues require the review of the Traffic Safety Committee, they will be referred to the Committee through Council at the appropriate time.


A small number of actions proposed by CPC and CPAC members either fall outside of the mandate of the CPC, or are, in the view of staff, premature. Homelessness, for example, is not a Community Policing Committee responsibility, and is currently being addressed through the Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness and Council's Community Development Committee. With regards the implementation of a grow operation bylaw and other suggested measures to combat marijuana grow operations, interdepartmental work on a grow operation strategy is currently underway. Thus, any Committee activities focusing on grow operations would be best determined after Council's consideration of the proposed strategy. Similarly, an assessment of the advisability of extending the hours of operation of the Community Police Offices would likely be more valuable after an evaluation of Burnaby's Community Policing model, if such an evaluation is conducted.

### 3.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Terms of Reference for the Community Policing Committee oblige the Committee to establish an annual workplan to be forwarded to Council for endorsement. In early 2007, twenty-nine potential workplan actions were proposed by the Committee and Community Policing Advisory Committee members from the four districts. While some of those proposed actions are not deemed appropriate or timely for a Community Policing Committee workplan, several of the proposed actions are consistent with the Committee's Terms of Reference. Four actions, supported by thirteen tasks, comprise the proposed 2007 Community Policing Committee Workplan presented in Appendix 2 of this report.

It is recommended that:

1. the Committee adopt the proposed 2007 Workplan and forward it to Council for endorsement.

  
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*Attachments*

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**City of Burnaby  
Community Policing Committee**

**Possible Actions For a Committee Workplan for 2007**

**Issue #1: Property Crime**

- Decrease incidence of property crime (e.g., residential & business B&Es)
- Improve police response and follow-up to property crime
- Develop a strategy with business associations to prevent property crime
- Continue to promote & expand the Block Watch program (use “The Beat” to promote the benefits)
- Continue the Bait Car Program
- Enhance and improve bike and foot patrols

**Issue #2: Traffic Safety** (e.g., speeding, jay-walking and pedestrian safety, problematic intersection design, trucks in residential areas)

- Place more enforcement emphasis on cyclists who disobey traffic laws
- Expand the Counterattack program with or without ICBC
- Develop a pedestrian safety campaign
- Continue “Special Ed” campaigns with SFU Security, as appropriate, regarding traffic and liquor issues at SFU and in UniverCity.
- Place more enforcement emphasis on drivers who ignore traffic regulations e.g., those engaging in rolling right turns at red lights and stop signs; ignoring stop signs; driving on paved shoulders; speeding.

**Issue #3: Citizen Involvement With Crime Prevention**

- Improve Community Policing communication with citizens to enhance citizen involvement (use “The Beat”, InfoBurnaby, community forums)
- Forward RCMP monthly reports to Council in hopes local print media will publicize
- Provide information to Burnaby citizens regarding the location and role of the Community Police Offices in each district

**Issue #4: Drugs**

- Increase emphasis on combating grow ops by:
  - exploring options for a grow op bylaw
  - sponsoring a public education campaign on how to spot a grow op and what one should do when one does
  - developing a strategy similar to Surrey in which B.C. Hydro, City inspectors and RCMP work closely together
  - having RCMP provide information on Burnaby resources available to combat grow ops, and a scattergram map of the grow op situation around the Lower Mainland
  - requesting Council to lobby the Solicitor General for harsher penalties for grow op perpetrators in order to create a deterrent
- Target “dial-a-dopers” (e.g., introduce “bait” phone booths?)

**Issue #5: Effectiveness of Community Policing**

- Analyze the effectiveness of the community policing program to see if policing and crime prevention are more effective than they were six years ago and whether Burnaby is safer
- Explore the possible extension of hours of operations of the CPOs, and the possibility of having paid City staff on site for extended hours so that projects can extend into weekends
- Request annual statistics report from RCMP in order to better understand crime trends and the effectiveness of prevention programs such as Block Watch
- Provide more public education on current crime prevention programs and their effectiveness

**Issue #6: Homelessness**

- Monitor and address the situation of homeless people in Burnaby

**Issue #7: Recognition of Crime Prevention Efforts**

- Develop a policing or crime prevention award for one-time acts of bravery on the part of citizens
  - Recommendations to be made by RCMP; CPC would choose winners
  - Awards presented annually to several recipients based on following criteria:
    - ❖ spontaneous, one time crime prevention act
    - ❖ not eligible for other award(s)
    - ❖ act related to crime prevention
  - Could be used to help promote community policing
  - Award could be advertised and promoted in “The Beat”

**Issue #8: Frauds and Scams**

- Sponsor public education on frauds and scams e.g., articles in “The Beat” on “red flags”

**Issue #9: Fear of crime**

- Use public education to reduce fear of crime and to reduce opportunities for robberies/theft from autos and for crime generally

**Issue #10: Personal Security**

- Improve security in Burnaby parks

**Issue #11: Sex Trade**

- Address wide variety of issues related to sex trade including drugs

Ideas generated at 2007 January 11 meeting of Community Policing Committee and by Community Policing Advisory Committees from Southeast District and Hastings-Brentwood District

**CITY OF BURNABY  
COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE  
PROPOSED 2007 WORKPLAN**

**ACTIONS**

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3. strike a Communications / Public Education Working Group to develop an external Communications plan for Community Policing which focuses on public education regarding Community Policing itself, priority crime issues, and crime prevention programs; and
4. develop a Community Policing or Crime Prevention award for one-time acts of bravery on the part of citizens.



**DETAILS ON ACTIONS**

**1. Community Policing Evaluation**

Tasks:

- a. strike a working group of CPC members to work with City staff and RCMP representatives to examine the feasibility of conducting an evaluation of the first ten years of Burnaby's Community Policing program;
- b. request annual statistics report from RCMP in order to better understand crime trends and the effectiveness of prevention programs;
- c. if an evaluation is considered feasible, direct the working group to draft a proposal for the evaluation; and
- d. present proposal for evaluation to CPC by autumn 2007, with actual evaluation to be commenced, if approved, before December 31, 2007.

**2. Property Crime Strategy with Business Community**

Tasks:

- a. invite representatives of Burnaby's three business associations and the three major shopping centres in Burnaby to participate in strategy development;
- b. if positive response to invitation, strike a working group of CPC members to work with City staff, RCMP representatives, and business representatives on a strategy; and
- c. present proposed strategy to CPC and Council for approval before December 31, 2007.

**3. Communications/Public Education Working Group and Plan**

Tasks:

- a. prioritize issues for public education/awareness e.g., frauds and scams, fear of crime, theft from autos, effectiveness of crime prevention programs and develop communication pieces on priority issues by December 31, 2007;
- b. improve communication with citizens of Burnaby to enhance citizen involvement e.g., use the “The Beat”, InfoBurnaby, community forums; and
- c. provide information to Burnaby citizens regarding the location and role of the Community Police Offices in each district.

**4. Community Policing/Crime Prevention Award**

Tasks:

- a. request staff to provide information on the approach used by other jurisdictions with similar awards by September 2007;
- b. determine the feasibility/desirability of establishing an award; and
- c. if determination is positive, strike an ad hoc working group to draft an awards program, including selection criteria and process, and the form of the award, for consideration by the CPC and Council by December 31, 2007. If the proposed award is approved, an implementation plan could be drafted in early 2008.



**City of Burnaby  
Community Policing Committee**

**Proposed Procedural Issues for RCMP Discussion as Part of Regular  
Committee Meetings and Monthly District Reports**

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**Issue: Sex Trade**

- Address wide variety of issues related to sex trade including drugs