
COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter to the Minister of Public Safety expressing concern regarding the increasing number of children being recruited into gangs and other high-risk activities, and encouraging the Province to fund early intervention initiatives targeted to children and youth.

REPORT

The Community Policing Committee, at its meeting held on 2009 March 12, received correspondence from Mr. John van Dongen, Minister of Public Safety regarding the announcement by the Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia on the comprehensive strategy to strengthen the fight against illegal guns and gangs.

The Committee, while acknowledging the significant aspects of this first step, firmly believes that early intervention is a key factor in the war against organized crime. Therefore, in an effort to protect the safety of our children and families, the Committee has requested that the Mayor write a letter encouraging the Province to fund early intervention initiatives to reduce the likelihood of children and youth being drawn into high-risk and illegal activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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