
COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: BURNABY BUSINESS PROPERTY CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVE
CPTED PILOT PROJECT**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council authorize the CPTED Pilot Project in the Royal Oak, Kingsway and Palm area be concluded and further THAT the RCMP work with victimized businesses to reduce crime.

REPORT

Council at the Open Council meeting held 2008 September 29, received and adopted the Burnaby Business Property Crime Reduction Initiative. This Initiative was developed by a Working Group of the Community Policing Committee in autumn 2007, with a mandate to develop a strategy to combat business property crime in Burnaby. The strategy included launching a physical infrastructure improvement project in a high crime commercial area of Burnaby.

The Community Policing Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2010 November 18, conducted a review of the CPTED Pilot Project previously approved for the Royal Oak area. The Committee noted the project began as a good initiative to aid in crime prevention, however, current analysis indicates that this initiative is redundant in the current environment.

The RCMP Crime Reduction Strategy focuses on prolific offender management, crime causation and crime hotspots through intelligence-led policing activities. The proposed CPTED Pilot Project area is no longer a “crime hotspot” in and of itself, and enforcement in the area has achieved the goal of reducing business property crime. Therefore, to focus on this particular area would require redeploying assets from actual hotspots, which is contrary to the core principles of a Crime Reduction Strategy.

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The Committee recommends business owners in the area be encouraged to continue with their interest in crime reduction by participating in the Community Policing Advisory Committee for their area, and by reporting all suspicious incidents to the Burnaby RCMP Detachment. Individual businesses may, upon request, be offered a CPTED audit if individual circumstances warrants.

The Committee concluded by stating the effectiveness of the Burnaby RCMP Crime Reduction Strategy has achieved the goals of the Business Property Crime Reduction Initiative CPTED Pilot Project. As such, the Committee recommends the CPTED pilot project be concluded, so that police and staff resources may focus their energies on the RCMP Crime Reduction Strategy.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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