

COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE
2011 WORKPLAN**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the proposed Community Policing Committee 2011 Workplan, *attached* as Appendix 1.

REPORT

The Community Policing Committee, at its meeting held on 2011 March 10, received and adopted the *attached* report requesting approval for the Community Policing Committee 2011 Workplan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

DATE: 2011 March 2

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 2410 20
Reference: Community Policing Cmtee.

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE 2011 WORKPLAN

PURPOSE: To propose a Community Policing Committee Workplan for 2011.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Committee adopt the proposed 2011 Workplan, *attached* as Appendix 1, 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 for Council endorsement. At its meeting on 2010 March 11, the Committee reviewed progress to date on implementing its previous workplan, and discussed items for inclusion in its next workplan. Based upon this discussion, the Community Policing Committee considered a Workplan during its meeting on 2011 January 13. This report presents the Community Policing Committee Workplan for 2011 arising from the Committee's considerations.

2.0 PROPOSED 2011 WORKPLAN

In 2010 March, members of the CPC identified eight focus areas, with some potential tasks in each, for possible attention in 2010 or 2011. Those focus areas included:

- traffic safety
- drugs
- fear of crime
- sex trade
- mall shoplifting
- property crime
- "business watch" initiatives
- communications/public awareness

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Staff assessed each of the proposed focus areas and possible associated tasks against the Community Policing Committee's Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference, revised and approved in 2003, outline the purpose of the Committee, and the five objectives that guide its work. In summarized form, the CPC's objectives are:

- 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-focussed communications plan for Community Policing;
- to assist Burnaby residents to get involved in Community Policing; and
- to serve as an advocate for Community Policing in the community.

Based on this assessment, on input from the OIC – Burnaby RCMP, and on feedback provided by the Committee at its 2011 January 13 meeting, the resultant proposed Workplan includes the six actions outlined below. Further detail on tasks associated with the actions are provided in the proposed Workplan, *attached*, as Appendix 1.

- 1) monitor the 'Business Watch' program.
 - assess the six-month pilot program, and develop a strategy to expand if deemed feasible and of benefit.
- 2) investigate the feasibility of introducing a Community Safety Officer (CSO)¹ model to Burnaby.
 - consider forming a working group to investigate, including liaising with pilot project RCMP detachments, the feasibility of bringing the CSO model to Burnaby.
- 3) continue addressing the issues of the sex trade in Burnaby.
 - maintain support for the work of the Burnaby-New Westminster Task Force on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth, compile a community-based assessment and experience summary on the local effects of the sex trade, and, based upon the outcomes of the summary, determine suitable approaches to address highlighted issues.
- 4) support the reduction of property crime.
 - continue, support and improve the current RCMP property crime reduction strategies; assess the effectiveness of the City's current second-hand bylaw, and consider the advisability and feasibility of a scrap metal by-law.

¹ The Community Safety Officer (CSOs) model pilot program was created to test the viability of an unarmed member of the RCMP, hired for and dedicated to a community's needs. The nation-wide initiative is the result of consultation between the RCMP and its community clients, which identified the need for an expanded continuum of police resources to better address local concerns, and further develop police/community contact. In authority, CSOs fall between regular Officers and Auxiliary Officers.

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- 5) support the implementation of the Crime Free Hotel/Motel and the Crime Free Self-Storage² programs by the Burnaby RCMP detachment.
 - explore promotion avenues to highlight the programs with hotel/motel/self-storage owners and operators; and further support the implementation of the programs as identified.
- 6) extend the Committee's external communications/public education plan.
 - develop updated information for dissemination through the City website and publications, create educational presentations and materials for dissemination on topics of interest for public delivery, and continue to work with community partners and community news providers, while exploring new opportunities to communicate community policing information to the public.

In addition, the Committee will continue to act upon its objective to provide input into the development of police service strategies through the procedural means of regular Committee meetings and the discussion of circulated monthly District Reports. This input and feedback will support the continuing work of the RCMP Burnaby detachment.

It should be noted that a number of the proposed actions and associated tasks attempt to address complex issues which will require a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of both staff and citizen volunteers. As such, implementation of the Workplan over a two to three year timespan rather than over a one year period, with annual progress reports and fine-tuning and/or revisions, is proposed.

It is expected that execution of the proposed Workplan can be undertaken with existing staff resources and within existing budgets. Council approval for any strategies developed as a result of the proposed Workplan, and any expenditures associated with those strategies, would be sought, as appropriate, through subsequent reports.

3.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Terms of Reference for the Community Policing Committee require the Committee to establish an annual workplan to be forwarded to Council for endorsement. As part of its work in 2010 the Committee identified eight action areas with associated tasks to be considered for Committee priorities in the near to mid-term future. Based upon a staff assessment of the identified action areas, on input from the OIC – Burnaby RCMP, and on feedback provided by the Committee at its 2011 January 13 meeting, six actions, supported by twenty-one tasks,

² *The Crime Free Hotel/Motel (CFHM) and the Crime Free Self-Storage (CFSS) Programs are companion programs to the currently operating Crime Free Multi-Housing Program (CFMH). Similar to the CFMH program, the CFHM and the CFSS programs operate on a three-phased approach which emphasizes a close working relationship between the police and owner/operators that also utilizes an education component and property protection advice.*

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comprise the proposed 2011 Community Policing Committee Workplan (see Appendix 1 **attached**). Work on some of the items in the proposed Workplan may be extended into 2012 and 2013 if necessary.

It is recommended that the Committee adopt the proposed 2011 Workplan and forward it to Council for endorsement.

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**CITY OF BURNABY
COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE (CPC)
PROPOSED 2011 WORKPLAN**

PROPOSED ACTIONS

1. Monitor the 'Business Watch' program.

Possible Tasks:

- a) after the six-month pilot program (launched in 2010 November) is concluded in 2011 April, strike a Working Group comprised of CPC members and participating business owners/managers to assess the pilot's effectiveness and the advisability of expansion to other areas of the city;
- b) establish a strategy for expanding the Business Watch program, if deemed feasible and of benefit; and
- c) present the proposed strategy (if applicable) to CPC and Council for approval.

2. Investigate the feasibility of introducing a Community Safety Officer (CSO) model to Burnaby.

Possible Tasks:

- a) consider striking a working group composed of CPC members and possible partner representatives (e.g. Burnaby Crime Prevention Society) to participate in model investigation;
- b) liaise with pilot program RCMP detachments in British Columbia to determine their experiences with the model; and
- c) analyze research results and present recommendations to CPC and Council as applicable.

3. Continue addressing the issues of the sex trade in Burnaby.

Possible Tasks:

- a) maintain support for the work of the Burnaby-New Westminster Task Force on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth;
- b) compile a community-based assessment and experience summary, with the assistance of the Burnaby RCMP detachment, on the local effects of the sex trade; and
- c) based upon the outcomes of the summary, determine suitable approaches to address highlighted issues including, if appropriate, liaising with applicable local Members of the Legislative Assembly and Members of Parliament.

4. Support the reduction of property crime.

Possible Tasks:

- a) continue, support and improve the current RCMP property crime reduction strategies;

- b) assess the effectiveness of the City's current by-law regulating second-hand dealers as it pertains to preventing the potential fencing of stolen goods;
- c) consider a possible review of the second-hand dealer by-law, based upon the results of the assessment; and
- d) investigate the advisability of developing a scrap-metal by-law, as a means of combating metal theft (e.g. copper telecommunications wires).

5. Support the implementation of the Crime Free Hotel/Motel and the Crime Free Self-Storage programs by the Burnaby RCMP.

Possible Tasks:

- a) explore promotion avenues (e.g. public relations materials) to help bring the programs to the attention of hotel/motel/self-storage owners and operators; and
- b) further support the implementation of the programs as identified by the CPC and/or the RCMP.

6. Extend the Committee's external public safety awareness and education plan.

Possible Tasks:

- a) develop updated information on community policing, including recent initiatives, for the City website;
- b) create presentations on topics of interest, based on existing materials where possible, for delivery at public safety forums and other appropriate public events.
Possible topics include:
 - techniques for reducing property crime;
 - traffic safety advice;
 - the importance of consistent reporting of crime, including 'how to' tips, with dissemination emphasis on seniors and newcomers to Burnaby; and
 - how to identify a grow-op and what to do when one is identified.
- c) continue to work with partners such as the Burnaby Board of Trade and the Burnaby Crime Prevention Society to disseminate information on community policing and crime prevention;
- d) continue to compile and support publication of the monthly 'CommSafe' feature in the *Burnaby NewsLeader*;
- e) continue to include community policing information and alerts in *InfoBurnaby* and other applicable City publications;
- f) continue to examine the use of other possible information dissemination vehicles such as Shaw Cable, BCIT and SFU radio, and BCIT Communications; and
- g) develop user-friendly, educational materials (e.g. pamphlets or handouts) on the dangers of and enforceable regulations pertaining to jaywalking, and develop methods of disseminating these materials to the public (e.g. distribution at community events or to non-profit organizations for display etc.).