

COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: GRAFFITI PREVENTION MEASURE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council review the feasibility and advisability of regulating the placement of acid etching products in paint and arts and craft stores in Burnaby.

REPORT

The Community Policing Committee, at its meeting held on 2014 January 09, received a presentation from Ms. Kathy Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator and Constable Shelby Murphy, Burnaby RCMP's Anti-Graffiti Investigator providing an update on the City's Anti-Graffiti Strategy. The City's Anti-Graffiti strategy was developed in 2007 as a result of the Mayor's Task Force on Graffiti, which was established in 2006 as a means of combating the proliferation of graffiti in Burnaby.

Arising from the 2014 January 09 presentation, the Community Policing Committee is concerned that acid/glass-etching is on the rise amongst 'taggers' in Burnaby. Acid etching is graffiti that is marked on glass or plexiglas with an acid containing craft etching products. When applied, the results will not show immediately, but will burn into the glass over a short period of time. This results in a permanent marking and can only be eliminated if the glass or plexiglas is replaced.

At the 2014 March 13 Community Policing Committee meeting, Committee members advised that, based on their observations, there has been a notable increase in acid etching "tags" in Burnaby. Therefore, as a graffiti prevention measure, the Committee is recommending that Council review the feasibility and advisability of regulating the placement of acid etching products in paint and arts and craft stores.

Respectfully submitted,

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