

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DATE: 2015 March 2

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING FILE: 2410-20

SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR THE 2015 WORKPLAN

The Terms of Reference for the Public Safety Committee (PSC) require that a committee workplan be submitted to Council on an annual basis. Time will be set aside at the 2015 March 12 Public Safety Committee meeting to develop the 2015 workplan.

To assist the Committee in developing the plan, the following table provides a brief summary of current programs and initiatives that address actions in the 2014 workplan. It should be noted that due to their complexity, implementation of some actions may take place over a two to three year time span.

In preparation for the March 12 meeting, please review the information below and consider any potential safety and crime prevention issues that you may wish to consider for inclusion in the 2015 workplan.

2014 Community Policing Committee Workplan Actions	Current Programs or Initiatives that address identified Actions
<p>Action #1</p> <p>Work with the RCMP to examine the viability and feasibility of expanding the "Business Watch" program.</p>	<p>The Business Watch program has been reviewed and a report has been completed with recommendations for next steps. The review concluded that it was not feasible to utilize volunteers to reach over 6,000 businesses. As such, the Business Watch program cannot be expanded in its current form at this time. The program is being revised to bring it in line with other current successful Crime Prevention Programs and other City policies. Specifically, plans are being developed to roll out the program on a web-based platform focusing on education and crime prevention information. The RCMP will continue to work on this initiative.</p>

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<p>Action #2</p> <p>Work with the RCMP to determine the viability and feasibility of implementing the Crime Free Hotel/Motel program in Burnaby.</p>	<p>Review if there is a need for this in the city by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Determining how many hotel/motels there are in the city; 2) Determining if there are sufficient calls for service to the hotels that would merit investing resources in this initiative. 3) Gathering information from operators on their crime reduction approaches.
<p>Action #3</p> <p>Extend the Committee's external communications/public education plan</p>	<p>Community safety and crime prevention information is distributed through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Crime Prevention Unit's Crime Reduction Bulletins to Block Watch participants; • Crime Prevention Digital Tips e-newsletter • Safe Communities Series – crime prevention presentations at venues across the city and targeted to different communities (e.g. seniors, Korean community, English Language Learners) <p>Community safety and crime prevention articles, prepared by the Public Safety Committee's Communications sub-committee, are published quarterly in InfoBurnaby. These articles are forwarded to different ethnic media and to the Burnaby Board of Trade.</p> <p>The RCMP's Twitter feed and the City's Facebook page are used to distribute information on upcoming community safety events.</p>
<p>Action #4</p> <p>Monitor the implementation of the RCMP's Mental Health Intervention Program and, as appropriate, request Council to advocate to senior governments for enhanced mental health services.</p>	<p>This matter is being reviewed at the Lower Mainland District level and discussed by Lower Mainland Mayors, and is to be coordinated at that level. The current Burnaby Detachment Mental Health Intervention program is still very active with continued successes. At this time, it may not be appropriate to advocate to senior government officials for enhanced mental health services pending completion of the ongoing review.</p>

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Action #5 Work with the RCMP and Speed Watch program to promote increased traffic enforcement and pedestrian safety in school zones.	In addition to the Speed Watch program, ICBC has launched the Cell Watch program which targets distracted drivers. In this program, CPO volunteers who observe drivers using cell phones will record license numbers and send the drivers an information letter warning them of the dangers of distracted driving. CPO volunteers have received training on the program and are active in the community implementing it.
Action #6 Work with the RCMP to determine the viability and feasibility of implementing a "Taxi Watch" program similar to CUPE's City Watch program.	This has been reviewed with the conclusion being that the Taxi watch program has been unsuccessful in neighbouring municipalities. As a result, the CPU is not recommending the advancement of this initiative. Resources would be better suited focusing on successful programs and the expansion of the Business Watch program.

Ideas generated for the March 12 meeting will be discussed and considered for inclusion into a 2015 workplan report for the consideration by the Committee and Council.


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