

District 2 CPAC Overview for February 2015

The student rep from Burnaby North Secondary School is ready to launch his Crime Prevention Club and has the support of the SLO's.

The Burnaby Mountain rep reported that they are also working on a school Facebook page. Ken Ryan volunteered to give her some supporting literature that would be useful for the site.

Ken reported that there are several scholarships available from his Optimists Club available to students in the areas of Public Speaking, Leadership, etc. and suggested putting this on the page to make students aware that there were opportunities to get money for their studies.

Also in the Burnaby Mountain report, concern about the amount of under-age drinking going on at the school, even as young as grade 9 students, at parties and at local parks.

Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail is used by students before and after school which sometimes is dark and the students feel unsafe. Most of Beaverbrook Cr & onto Beaverbrook Drive towards Eastlake Drive are not very well lit. The area would benefit from improved lighting as soon as possible as better lighting along the streets may deter youth from taking the trails outside of daylight hours. There were some action items around that, with CPAC members agreeing to contact City Planners, Councillors Wong and Dhaliwal to enlist their support.

We understand from District #2 CPO Cpl. Brad Gibson, that there is a trend of Break and Enters in a couple of areas within District 2: Government Road and the Holdom area by the Burnaby Golf Course areas.

The North Road BIA enlisted the support of the Crime Prevention Volunteers, through Julie McNamee at the community policing office, to go to the Korean mall at 4501 North Road once every two weeks to put crime prevention notices on the vehicles. They will also take any crime prevention information directly to the ALS Property Management Office on the 3rd floor. The Korean mall managers are grateful for the support of the RCMP, as theft of and theft from auto as well as business safety are always a concern for them.

The, UniverCity rep, Andrew Fowler expressed awareness of theft of copper and wire from construction sites and also the number of traffic accidents in the area of SFU and UniverCity. There is an ongoing parking issue on Tower Road. He tried reporting a situation in progress with E-Comm and was put on hold, transferred and put on hold again. He was concerned that it this is a regular occurrence, people who are on hold will start forgetting the details of the situation, like the colour of the perpetrator's jacket, etc.

Craig McCulloch has reached out to the CN Rail police to attend the CPAC meetings and they have confirmed that they would like to attend.

Janice Pastuck, Centaurus Circle reported that there are quite a few high school aged kids going down to the brush area at Beaverbrook & Beaverbrook and suspects drug use or drug dealing both before and after school. Cpl. Gibson had an action plan which involved having school liaison officers investigate the issue.

Reza Hedayat, 10-4 K9 Security – shared a potential solution for keeping homeless people from putting up a tent city in the area south of the Hwy 1 overpass along North Road, by putting up high aluminum fencing. This has proven to be an effective deterrent in places like Whalley.

Regarding the tent city in the area, Cpl. Brad Gibson reported that the RCMP are doing everything they can to keep it under control. It was recognized that more support is needed from all levels of government to address this problem in a meaningful way. The inhabitants of the tent city have been living in and around this area for many years. Many partners have been brought into the mix e.g. progressive housing, but an additional component of the problem is that these people are street entrenched and don't want the help.

Cpl. Gibson has addressed the issue of constant panhandling with a number of people at the North Gate Village Mall. He advised mall security to call the police non-emergency line when they see the panhandlers so that the police can help them out. He added that they have put on extra patrols on the North Road corridor and surrounding areas.