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District 2 CPAC Overview for April 2015

There are a few points we would like to highlight about the activities in the past month:

Student reps:

The District 2 CPAC encourages the student reps from North Burnaby Secondary and Burnaby Mountain to identify potential safety risks in and around their school environment. We also encourage them to brainstorm creative solutions and new ways to engage the youth of the community.

The student rep from North Burnaby Secondary was elated to let us know that his club, called the “Crime Prevention Club” has been approved by the school administration and he hoped to have the first meeting within the month. More on that at a later date.

The reps from Burnaby Mountain pin pointed a student safety issue regarding a walking trail called the “Brunette Fraser Greenway” that many students take as a short cut back and forth to school. They feel that the trail is unsafe. Additionally the overpass area is covered in graffiti. We told them right away to tell students not to take the trail but were told that students valued the time saved walking more than their safety. That set off a whole string of events including taking a couple of different walking tours with Larry Hayes; Lambert Chu, Burnaby Mountain school Principal Andy Chin, the head of school board Maintenance, RCMP member Cst. Shelby Murphy and the City Anti-Graffiti Coordinator Kathy Wipf. We identified that the area falls under the jurisdiction of Metro Vancouver, and so reached out to them with our concerns. It was our hope that they would think about installing solar lighting panels.

The response from Metro Vancouver was basically that the trails are not meant for after-hours use and the students should not walk there. They were, however, supportive of our Graffiti Busters club idea and passed along contact information.

Graffiti Busters Club: Cst. Murphy, Kathy Wipf and myself had the idea awhile ago to start a Graffiti Busters Club with the students at Burnaby Mountain. The idea is that the students would look after some of the graffiti removal in the school catchment area and earn valuable community service hours in the process. We had our first meeting with Jennifer Manning in student services and were please to draw up a schedule for the student volunteers that includes a combination of education, training and graffiti removal. We are all very excited about this initiative and have many students signed up for this.

New delegations: As the south side of District 2 area is bordered by the train tracks and we have had issues with groups in this area we reached out to CN and CP Railway Police and Cst Bart MacMilan was able to attend our last meeting. We are hoping to benefit from his continued attendance and increased communication with that group.

The Safety Forum at Lougheed Mall on April 9th was well done and well attended. The North Road BIA was there, also representing the Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness. The response was very positive and it was great to see how many people expressed their appreciation for the event, as it gave them a chance to learn about the different types of services the RCMP offered. Also great photo ops!

Crime Watch: A long time member of Crime Watch expressed his displeasure regarding the changes that have been made recently. He advised that many of the members are very upset because they feel they have not been listened to or consulted in the way their program operates and these changes have made it even more inconvenient to work the program. They must now attend D4 to pick up some of their equipment then make their way to the Main Detachment prior to going out on shift then reverse the process at the end of shift. This is cutting down considerably the amount of time they can spend out on a shift. Additionally they are confused as to whether the program is now a City of Burnaby program or an RCMP one. It appears there are some long serving volunteers who are prepared to step down over the issue as their questions and concerns have gone unanswered for quite some time. The CPAC would like to receive clarification on this issue.