



Engineering Department

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR 2015 MAY 14

The Anti-Graffiti Program was developed by the Mayor's Task Force on Graffiti and adopted by Council in 2007 February.

Graffiti is a complex social problem that has a significant impact to the community. A successful strategy was developed by the Mayor's Task Force on Graffiti in 2007 and consisted of four main elements as follows:

- Eradication
- Education
- Prevention
- Identification and Deterrence

These elements are not mutually exclusive. They inter-relate and intersect at many levels, and all four elements are required to effectively manage graffiti. Over the last year the RCMP and City Anti-Graffiti Coordinator continue working on all four elements of the Strategy listed above.

Highlights include:

- Development of Graffiti Busters Program/Burnaby Mountain Secondary Student and Burnaby North Road Business Improvement Association. Student volunteers are being educated about graffiti at the District 2 Community Police Office. Once they learn about the program they will be painting out graffiti. In the fall these students will go to their feeder elementary schools to educate the Grades 6 and 7 classes.

The goal is to expand this to all the Secondary Schools in Burnaby.

- Development of a Lower Mainland Enforcement Team which consists of Police Officers and municipal staff in the Metro Vancouver area. This enforcement team will be targeting prolific graffiti vandals.

The Anti-Graffiti Program continues with ongoing coordination of community paint outs, bylaw enforcement, responding to complaints and monitoring neighbourhoods with mapping out problem areas. Weekly inspections of hot spots are necessary to determine when the new vandalism occurs.

Over the past few years, the Anti-Graffiti Program has benefited from a more integrated approach between City and RCMP staff resulting in greater outreach to the community, public awareness and support.



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