

District 1-Hastings Brentwood Monthly Report
For the March 10, 2016 meeting
Public Safety Committee, City of Burnaby

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- Merchants along Hastings Street reported feeling unsafe particularly women working alone late or closing up late. Some merchants have become anxious after suffering a break and enter or who observe a customer seemingly scoping out items in the store without buying anything. A related issue is that merchants are not reporting thefts or suspicious activities. The Heights Merchants Association encourages merchants to report crime otherwise it will not show up as an issue in the District. RCMP members have been visiting and talking to affected merchants to find out more.
- Merchants and residents continue to find discarded syringes in the Hastings Street commercial area. District CRT members have talked to street people about the syringes and safe disposal. Heights Merchants Association has initiated a program promoting safe disposal of found syringes.
- D1 CPAC member observed store clerk chasing a man who had stolen from the store, CPAC member advised clerk to call RCMP rather than chase suspect, for own safety.
- RCMP remind auto owners to remove the valet key usually stored in the glove compartment. Thieves can break in and use the key to start the car. Some cars limit the distance driven with a valet key to 60 km but that is far enough to disappear with the car. A CPAC member reported a customer's Audi was stolen in this way, many car owners are unaware there is a valet key in the glove compartment. Also ICBC waits three days after receiving a complaint about a car being stolen before opening a file.
- D1 CPAC member appreciated seeing a patrol car driving down the alley, presence of the patrol car keeps thieves on their toes and thinking twice that RCMP may appear randomly anytime, anywhere.
- For recruitment District 1 CPAC hand delivered invitation letters to Parent Advisory Committees (PAC) of elementary schools in the District for each PAC to have a representative on CPAC.
- Mark your calendars for Saturday June 4, 2016 for Hats Off Day

Respectfully submitted
Tony Wong, Chair, D1 CPAC
March 3, 2016