



ANTI-GRAFFITI PROGRAM

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair and Members
Public Safety Committee

DATE: February 26, 2016

FROM: Constable Shelby Murphy
Burnaby RCMP
Anti-Graffiti Coordinator

SUBJECT: Graffiti Report for March 10, 2016

The City of Burnaby and Burnaby RCMP Anti-Graffiti Coordinator continue to work together on the four elements of the Anti-Graffiti Strategy (Eradication, Education, Prevention and Identification and Deterrence).

Highlights for January and February 2016 include:

Graffiti Busters – Burnaby Mountain Secondary:

Carolyn Oraziotti has been in contact with Burnaby Mountain Secondary students involved in Graffiti Busters. The update as of February 26, 2016 on their efforts is that they have made a comic and a video about the consequences of graffiti and the difference between graffiti and art. The presentation is about generic youth safety with a focus on graffiti.

The project is still in progress, but the end result will be presenting to feeder schools.

Auxiliary Graffiti Training (February 23, 2016)

8 Burnaby RCMP Auxiliaries attended a Graffiti Training Session on February 23, 2016. The Auxiliaries who have been trained will be:

- Taking over the Graffiti Busters Program at Burnaby Mountain Secondary and working with Constable Murphy and Kathy Wipf to start new Graffiti Busters pilot programs in other high schools;



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- Canvassing Businesses with packages providing education on Burnaby's Graffiti Program, eradication, prevention and the reporting graffiti vandalism. The packages will include:
 - o Affidavits confirming no one has been giving permission to place graffiti on the business. These will be utilized by police for investigations;
 - o Consent Forms for painting over graffiti. The business can give consent for volunteers to paint over graffiti as soon as it appears; and
- Participating in Graffiti Paint Outs.

Graffiti Bylaw Enforcement and Tickets:

1. In partnership with Transit Police, CN Police and the City of Vancouver, Burnaby RCMP issued a \$400 Graffiti Bylaw Ticket to a graffiti offender who placed PHERAL/FERAL graffiti off of Government Street, in Burnaby.
2. Graffiti offender, MEHOW, disputed two Graffiti Bylaw Tickets from 2015. Adjudication Hearing will be March 23, 2016. This will be the first Adjudication Hearing for Graffiti Bylaw Tickets. The investigation was done in partnership with Transit Police and the City of Vancouver.
3. Bylaw Enforcement in February generated 10 new files regarding graffiti on private property where property owners have been contacted to remove the graffiti in a given time. City staff has been actively removing graffiti off of the hot spots areas and continue to do so either proactively or by customer service request.
4. In January and February volunteers in the community have been actively removing graffiti on private property, to assist owners, especially in the high traffic areas.

Graffiti Task Force Meeting:

On February 18, 2016 Burnaby RCMP hosted a Graffiti Task Force Meeting at the District 2 Community Police Office. This Task Force consists of Police and City employees across the Lower Mainland who investigate or deal with graffiti vandalism.



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On this date, Burnaby RCMP, CN Police, Transit Police, Coquitlam RCMP, North Vancouver RCMP, The City of Vancouver, The City of Coquitlam and the City of Port Coquitlam were all present. The purpose was to share common tags across the Lower Mainland in effort to identify the offender(s) and determine where they are actively offending.

Police Graffiti Education:

Constable MURPHY has been attending General Duty Watch briefings at the Burnaby RCMP to do Graffiti training presentations during the month of February. This will continue until March 11, 2016.

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