## District 1-Hastings Brentwood Monthly Report For the September 7, 2016 meeting Public Safety Committee, City of Burnaby

## District 1 Report for the September 2016 PSC meeting

- District 1 CPAC recessed for July and August and did not meet.
- Our CPAC is working on rebuilding our numbers and have a new representative from Confederation Elementary School.
- We discussed occurrences of suspicious activity involving people in different cars apparently meeting at random locations and interacting for a very short time then driving off. RCMP advise residents to report such suspicious activity with descriptions of the people and, if safe to do so, observe license plate numbers. This information can help with investigations.
- District 1 CPAC members indicated they are apt to use their cell phones to photograph suspicious activity. This growing trend has yielded good quality photos to submit when reporting suspicious activity. The RCMP suggest maintain personal safety over trying to get a photo though.
- District 1 CPAC has a very active member in Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch, this member reports that the number of Crime Watch volunteers is declining and recruiting has not brought in sufficient new members to stop the decline.
- The Heights Merchants Association is exploring installing a system of video surveillance cameras along Hastings Street as a collaboration between merchants. The cameras would not be focused on any one particular premise but try to record activity on the street front. This initiative is in the discussion stages currently.
- The Heights Merchants Association reported that a merchant was defrauded of merchandise. A suspect posing as an RCMP member asked to "borrow" merchandise for a supposed sting operation. The merchandise was never returned.

Respectfully submitted Tony Wong, Chair, D1 CPAC September 7, 2016