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Public Safety Committee Report from District 2

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Our district 2 CPAC members appreciate the RCMP's unwavering assistance and being able to collaborate with them to resolve issues. In mid-October, an individual was reported carrying a handgun at SFU. Although it was found later that the weapon was an airsoft gun, the severity of the threat was still significant. Through the successful collaboration between SFU security and the RCMP, the person was quickly identified and located.

There is a walking trail just off Rochester which goes between the Village Del Ponte condo complex and the big Korean mall at 4501 North Road. It opens up into a stretch of park land and trails along by a series of town home and apartment building complexes. A member has brought to our attention that there are frequently homeless people in this area and quite a few used needles have been found left lying on the ground. Young families and pet owners no longer feel they can use the trail due to safety reasons, and so, we would like to see if it is possible for a CPTED review and also a clean-up of the needles.

To engage more people in our community, we are looking to invite new members for our CPAC from the Red Robins/Dollarama area near Lougheed Mall. In the past, that small complex was rather isolated, but we are now working to rectify that. It has come to our attention that merchants in this area are experiencing aggressive panhandling and do not feel entitled to call and report to the police. As a group, we want to welcome more opportunities to communicate with businesses and individuals there. Though facilitating communication between our CPAC and these merchants, we intend to help them understand the importance of adopting the practice of calling in to the police even if the matter seems small.