

District 1-Hastings Brentwood Monthly Report
For the April 11, 2017 meeting
Public Safety Committee, City of Burnaby

District 1 Report for the April 2017 PSC meeting

- Welcome to Cpl Al Lawson and Cst. Billy Quan to District 1.
- The higher than normal snowfall this winter may be responsible for lower reported crime in the District.
- Snow however caused cancellation of the Chinese New Year celebrations and lion dance in the Heights.
- A parent at Brentwood Park Elementary School reported that incidents of finding syringes is lower however custodians are now finding condoms around the school. CPAC suggested the parent request the school to adjust the existing lighting to light up near the building instead of casting light out onto the field.
- A parent at Confederation Elementary School reported that vandals broke nine windows at the school. Then the next night after the windows had been boarded up, vandals pulled down the boarding, went into the school and vandalized classrooms. The suggestion was to improved lighting around the school.
- A CPAC member reported that thieves have damaged locks on cars, specifically Honda vehicles, along streets south of Hastings. It seems door locks on some models of Hondas are vulnerable to being broken with a blow to a screwdriver. Owners are left with the expense of repairing door locks.
- Heights Merchant's Association report finding discarded needles at the rate of about one per week. Merchants are observing more homeless people sleeping in doorways and on premises. There were about 30 incidents of graffiti in November 2016 and has subsided to about one to two new acts of vandalism per month.
- Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch volunteers continue to solicit new volunteers. Volunteer numbers are much lower than historically.
- North Burnaby Neighbourhood House has opened in its new premises at 4908 Hastings. Visitors are invited to drop in any time, coffee is on. Staff did report an aggressive panhandler, an elderly woman who aggressively asks for money. Three homeless people have come in for food. The Neighbourhood House has offered them food, clothing, help finding resources and also suggested they attend the food bank at the Parish of St. Timothy's at 4550 Kitchener Street.

Respectfully submitted
Tony Wong, Chair, D1 CPAC
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