

**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Sent:** June-02-17 9:00 AM

**To:** Clerks

**Subject:** Ongoing Safety Issues at the Corral

Dear Mayor and Council:

Thank you for all the great work you do for the city of Burnaby. My family and I have lived in Burnaby for over 15 years and are enjoying the community of Garden Village. In the past, we have seen many improvements from installing sidewalks along Moscrop St, crosswalks near the Moscrop Secondary School, and etc. to make our neighbourhood safe. With all that you have done, this area with the beautifully maintained Wesburn Park is one of the most desired neighbourhoods for families to reside and raise their children.

However, we have been encountering some undesirable activity in our neighbourhood. Since last year and worst we have seen for several months, our neighbourhood near the corner of Parkwood Crescent and Parkwood Ave., beside Wesburn Park have been plagued with increased crime and noise as a result of drug dealings, racing vehicles and the gathering of young people between 9 pm to past midnight. For example, a neighbour who was walking his dog on the May long weekend witnessed a vehicle pull up to another vehicle and started a gun fight and my neighbour was also shot at. We have witnessed suspicious vehicles park in front of our residence where we have seen persons walking over to Wesburn Community Centre to perform drug deals. We also have encountered frequent vehicle break-ins and thefts. For example, a new mega house under construction across the community centre was broken into where kids were urinating in the house. They also urinated on my neighbour's doorstep. The Burnaby non-emergency line has been contacted numerous times but assistance is only forthcoming whenever the RCMP is available and not responding to important calls.

Our neighbourhood consists of young working families and retirees. However, because of the recent change of environment, we don't feel safe in this neighbourhood anymore. We are worried for the safety of our family and about property damage & theft. Neighbours are afraid to allow their kids to walk their pets in the evenings in the event that they may encounter drug interactions and violent situations. During the day, children are exposed to drug paraphernalia at or near the playground. Every morning, garbage (including fast food packaging, condoms and etc.) are thrown all over the street in which we have been diligently cleaning up.

With that said, we are asking for your immediate help to resolve this public safety issue. If you could assist with a strategy to deter these nightly gatherings and drug dealings, we would feel safer in our community and enjoy where we live. This may include increase RCMP presence and park patrol, installing mosquito tone near the park, ensuring the gate at Wesburn Park is closed nightly, increase lighting at the Wesburn Community Centre and parkade, posting "resident only" signs, posting signs that does not permit noise and parking after 10 pm in the neighbourhood, installing speed bumps, putting up barriers to prevent traffic flowing into Parkwood Crescent, and etc.

Thank you for addressing our concerns.

We look forward to your immediate action to make our neighbourho

Sincerely,

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