May 2, 2018

Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair **Public Safety Committee** City of Burnaby **Burnaby BC** 

## **Resignation from Public Safety Committee**

Dear Councillor Calendino,

After a long run volunteering in Community Policing and Public Safety in the City of Burnaby I have decided to retire as Chair of the District 1 Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC). This will necessitate my retiring from the Public Safety Committee. The May 15, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting will be my last PSC meeting.

I intend to retire as Chair of D1 CPAC at the end of our June 28, 2018 CPAC meeting. D1 CPAC recesses for July and August. The intention is that D1 CPAC will then resume meeting in September 2018 with a new Chairperson. However I have been unsuccessful in recruiting anyone to stand for election or acclamation as Chair of D1 CPAC. One alternative is for D1 CPAC to exist with committee members taking turns chairing but without a designated Chairperson. Regarding the PSC, there is one D1 CPAC member interested in being the standing D1 CPAC representative on the Public Safety Committee. However this person is not interested in being the CPAC Chairperson. I have enquired to City Clerk's office if the representative to PSC can be someone different than the D1 CPAC Chairperson.

The past 23 years has been extremely interesting having seen the implementation of community based policing in Burnaby in 1995 and its evolution since. I applaud Council for its success in engaging citizens in city affairs. I also appreciate the unique open environment of Burnaby City Hall where staff, Council and senior management of the RCMP are accessible and open to listening to community concerns. I have not had an opportunity to approach Fire Protection Services but I am sure the same openness exists. I am sure our paths will continue to cross. I extend my best to members of the PSC in continuing to keep our neighbourhoods safe.

Sincerely ony h, Tony Wong

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