

District 1-Hastings Brentwood Monthly Report  
For the May 15, 2018 meeting  
Public Safety Committee, City of Burnaby

**District 1 Report**

- A District 1 CPAC member and of the Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch volunteer reported that Citizens Crime Watch has grown to 16 members.
- Residents are pleased to see pedestrian operated traffic lights along Willingdon Avenue in conjunction with the new Willingdon Linear Park. This will make crossing Willingdon safer for pedestrians including the many École Alpha Secondary School who cross every day. There have been numerous serious auto collisions involving pedestrians including the 2010 fatal hit-and-run of 73 year old Virginia Itubay who was in the cross-walk on Willingdon at Kitchener when hit by a driver who then drove off.
- Prior to full implementation of the new traffic signals on Willingdon Avenue in the vicinity of the Willingdon Linear Park the lights were operated on flashing yellow lights for several days. Apparently drivers have forgotten how to proceed on flashing amber and drivers variously came to a full stop and did not move while others accelerated to speed through the flashing amber lights. For drivers turning onto Willingdon Avenue from a side street, it was too dangerous to enter onto Willingdon with the unpredictable manner of how drivers on Willingdon Avenue reacted to the flashing yellow lights.

Suggest in future simply going to full operation to avoid introducing unneeded confusion. Drivers frequenting a street with newly install signals will see the dark signals covered in burlap. When the signal lights eventually become operational it will not be a surprise to drivers.

- Drivers are similarly unaware of how to proceed through traffic round-about and who has the right-of-way. Perhaps the issue warrants periodic information campaigns and reminders or use a set of temporary informational signs that can be erected at key locations, installed for some days then moved to another key location.
- Merchants along Hastings Street observed that during rush hour that drivers have taken to speeding down the alleys adjacent and parallel to Hastings Street to beat the traffic on Hastings Street. CPAC has suggested to the merchants to consider requesting speed bumps.
- The District 1 Community Police Offices will achieve its 20 anniversary in 2019. There are opportunities for public engagement. Suggest that during events such as Hats Off Day and Hallowe'en that in conjunction with handing out stickers or candy that the CPO take the opportunity to engage the public in promoting community policing and describing volunteer opportunities.
- Brentwood Park Alliance Church is seeking donation of prizes for its neighbourhood Canada Day party, the community is invited. <http://brentwoodchurch.ca/bpac/july-1-2017-canada-day-canadas-150th-birthday/>
- Hats Off Day is seeking volunteers and four volunteer coordinators. Contact the Heights Merchant Association <https://www.burnabyheights.com/>

Respectfully submitted  
Tony Wong, Chair, D1 CPAC  
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