

District 4 Community Police Advisory Committee June 26, 2018 Report

Our CPAC committee was pleased to welcome Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh and Inspector Kathy Hartwig to our Meeting.

RCMP Report: Major crimes are down 48% from last year, theft of autos and from autos down, call volume from citizens is up requiring more officers to respond to the calls, Burnaby RCMP officers are not able to meet the standard of a 7 minute response time, reminded that reporting the criminal activity remains important .

District 4 Community Police Office Manager Report: Speedwatch deployed 4 times, Foot Patrol is our weekly, found a stolen vehicle, Cell Watch Program is looking for volunteers, District 4 is trying to recruit more volunteers for the various programs. Tineesha asked about the number of thefts being reported by patrons of the library. It is an ongoing problem. Patrons are reminded with signage to not leave valuables unattended and to report incidents to the police so they know patterns of property theft.

Round Table Discussion:

Station Square Security member: security sent video of man breaking into cars to police

Head of Metropolis Security: concerns about the number of thefts at the Metropolis businesses were raised. Chief Superintendent encouraged shop managers to set up a meeting with RCMP in attendance.

Committee member who represents her apartment block on our committee reported theft of mail from her apartment, occurred also at other nearby apartment blocks, gates to apartment block parking lot were sawed through. Police did attend and took a statement regarding the incidents.

Trish Mau is the new Branch Manager at the Bob Prittie Library and is replacing Deb Thomas on our committee. Deb has completed four years as our committee secretary and is leaving the CPAC. Trish has declined to take over taking the minutes right away as she would like to get a better sense of the working of the CPAC first. We are currently without a secretary.

Deb Thomas reported that the Civic Square encampments have diminished considerably that's to the combined efforts of the RCMP and City staff. The RCMP did a CPTED review last fall and City staff have followed up on the recommendations by:

- turning off all outdoor outlets except the one at the stage area, it is on a timer for daytime use
- Upgraded and replaced lighting around the perimeter of the building
- turned off Wifi at night
- Installed a "mosquito" noise maker in one particular problem area to deter sleepers
- Pressure washed windows and other areas to enhance the overall cleanliness /upkeep of area
- Looking at fencing in other problem areas to deter sleepers and ensure safety of staff

-Trimming foliage to enhance visibility

Concerns raised:

- light at Willingdon and Moscrop changing too quickly from green, amber, red. Hard to stop at the bottom of the hill
- Kingsway and Boundary, in front of BC Tel Building, noticing lots of distracted drivers on cell phones
- Question about bylaw enforcement bike patrol-instead of police bike patrol. Police Management in negotiations about this. They are supportive and appreciate police bike patrols on many sites-parks, school grounds etc but note that response time to callouts is the highest priority. Inspector Hartwig reported that Youth Investigation team will be operational over the summer. It was noted that there were RCMP members who were previously on bike unit – so some bike patrols will be a piece of their overall approach in District 4.
- Committee member asked about having an all district meeting with the intention of having an action plan for what needs to be addressed to hold City politicians accountable.
- Inspector Hartwig reported that a 4-corners meeting of district office supervisors will be arranged-then perhaps a meeting of all CPACs can be considered.
- Member very interested in seeing the RCMP get the resources they deserve, including a new building. Current headquarters built in 1968.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Gates
District 4 CPAC Chairperson