



RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2019-02-27

FROM: OIC BURNABY DETACHMENT

FILE: 2410-20

SUBJECT: DISTRICT 2 - CREEKSIDE YOUTH CENTER CONCERNS

At the Public Safety Meeting on September 18, 2018, the District 2 CPAC advised that teenagers are bringing alcohol and drugs to the park by the Creekside Youth Center, raising concerns among parents and families in the area.

Response:

Constable Hirst has partnered with the Youth Centre and is in regular monthly contact in the form of a meeting and regular phone conversations.

During foot patrols in the area while speaking with the general public there were a few people who report seeing youth in the area.

On December 17th Cst. Hirst spoke with the Centre's youth worker, and noted there had been no issues for a few months which also included a reduction in overall attendance. On January 10th Cst. Hirst conducted police database checks and noted:

- that there have been no files reported at the Youth Centre since October 31st, 2018
- no files reported at the adjacent school since July 2018
- no files reported in the neighbourhood since September 7th, 2018

On February 4th and 13th, Cst. Wong conducted traffic enforcement and patrols in the school zone next to the Creekside Youth Centre. Cst. Wong interacted with motorists and pedestrians and encouraged them to contact police if there are any issues in the area. Cst. Wong spoke with Youth Centre Supervisor Mark Frouws and he advised there has been a noticeable decrease of issues in the area since members have conducted more patrols. Cst. Wong also attended nearby Lyndhurst Elementary School and was advised that there have been less youth causing issues behind the school and in the field.

Deanne Buffleigh, C/Supt.

Officer in Charge

Burnaby Detachment