

District 1-Hastings Brentwood Monthly Report
For the January 23, 2018 meeting
Public Safety Committee, City of Burnaby

District 1 Report

- Dawn Dickinson and Patrick Tracey of the Crime Prevention Unit provided an update on CPU programs and invited CPAC to collaborate on programs. One idea was to collaborate on information to alert foreign students about the virtual kidnapping scam. This is the scam where a foreign student is coerced online to send a photo of themselves, or a compromising photo of themselves. Then the scammers convince the student they are at risk, to trust no one not even the police, and to not answer the door, email, or phone calls. The scammers then contact the student's parents overseas and using the photo as proof, convince the parents that their child is being held ransom. Of course the student has been told to not answer any texts, emails, or phone calls from the parents. The scam is completed when the parents pay the ransom.
- RCMP are investigating vandalism at École Alpha Secondary School.
- Some Heights Merchants have had attempted break-ins to their stores with front windows smashed or attempts to pry open front doors. Unknown whether suspects gained entry.
- There was an incident at 10PM on Hastings Street where an individual was robbed of their wallet.
- Heights Merchants hired crossing guards during the Hallowe'en event to make crossing Hastings Street at crosswalks safer for trick or treaters.
- Fewer syringes being found along Hastings Street, possible a result of wetter weather, now being found by the sidewalk cleaning contractor once every two weeks.
- Suspects painted four cars in the Brentwood subdivision with blue spray paint, motive unknown.
- Brentwood Town Centre security staff are busy reminding drivers that parking at the mall is for patrons only and not a parking lot for taking Skytrain or visiting offices or shops off the property.
- Residents noticing suspected dial-a-dope transactions happening in neighbourhoods. The transactions happen quickly. Some activity reported in the back parking lot of the Brentwood Park Alliance Church on Delta Avenue opposite Brentwood Park Elementary School.
- A safety issue, the Fortis representative on D1 CPAC mentioned that demolition contractors sometimes fail to notify Fortis before demolishing a house. Subsequent rupture of gas lines creates an explosion hazard.

Respectfully submitted
Tony Wong, Chair, D1 CPAC
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