



## RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT

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### INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO: CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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**FROM: OIC BURNABY DETACHMENT**

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**SUBJECT: CPACs AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

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At the Public Safety Meeting on November 25, 2020, the Committee requested information on the Community Police Advisory Committees (CPACs).

#### **Response:**

#### **History/Origin of CPACs**

In the early 1990's CPACs were developed as part of the implementation of the Community Policing model in Burnaby. The intent was to provide a means for the community to give input into the operation of this policing model. Initially, the groups were referred to as: "Community Consultative Group", "Community Policing Councils", and now the name currently in use "Community Policing Advisory Committee". The purpose of the CPACs today, are to:

1. Foster communications between the community and the community policing services;
2. Assist in identifying and resolving crime and safety problems through planning and mobilizing of community resources;
3. Provide opportunities for citizen participation in community policing initiatives;
4. Contribute to development of local crime reduction strategies through crime prevention activities;
5. Disseminate information to the community at large.

(Source: 2014 Burnaby Community Policing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference)

#### **CPAC Membership**

There are currently 43 CPAC members. There are eleven members in districts one through three, and ten in district four.

CPACs meet generally once a month, with the exception of December and sometimes August, depending on the CPAC.

D1 – 4th Thursday of the month (9-11am)

D2 – 3rd Wednesday of the month (2-4pm)

D3 – 4th Wednesday of the month (5:30-8pm)  
D4 – 4th Tuesday of the month (2-4pm)

COVID disruptions to in person meetings have changed the ability of the committees to keep to this schedule. Districts two and three still meet regularly as above, as they have utilized virtual meetings. Districts one and four CPACs have not met since the pandemic started.

The CPACs have historically not conducted active recruitment, relying instead on word of mouth from existing members, or referral by City/RCMP personnel. Acceptance to the Committee is per the established CPAC Terms of Reference, and approval of the Chair.

The CPACs may have to take a more active approach to recruitment, however, as two of the four CPACs are facing unprecedented committee vacancies due to a combination of COVID impacts to business and natural attrition. The Crime Prevention Services Supervisor is currently working with districts one and three to address some of these deficiencies.

### **Community Police Office (CPO) Volunteers**

The CPO volunteers operate separately from the CPACs. There are 54 CPO volunteers. There are seven volunteers in each of D1 and D2, 22 in D3 and 18 in D4. As there have been no volunteer activities since March due to COVID, these numbers may be down slightly due to natural attrition. These volunteers conduct foot and bike patrols, perform the Lock Out Auto Crime (LOAC) program, and conduct cell, speed and stop watch activities.

### **Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch (BCCW) Volunteers**

The Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch volunteers are also a separate group from the CPACs and are the volunteers who engage in Crime Prevention initiatives. There are 21 BCCW volunteers. Three have indicated that they may be leaving due to COVID and there are eight applicants pending a resumption of activities. Currently no volunteer activities are taking place due to COVID, however, this group would normally participate in targeted vehicle patrols and the Stolen Auto Recovery (SAR) program.



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