



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Crime Prevention Recommendations**

From: Crime Prevention Task Group

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION A:

THAT the Task Group recommends that Council direct staff to investigate signage and location options to educate the public to remove all belongings from vehicles and to lock vehicle doors in areas where there is high occurrences of theft from auto.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION B:

THAT the Task Group recommends that Council direct staff to incorporate "Theft from Auto" crime prevention tips into routine social media messaging.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION C:

THAT the Task Group recommends that Council direct the City's communication staff to work with the RCMP's communication staff to cross promote crime prevention initiatives related to 'theft from auto' crimes.

SUMMARY: RECOMMENDATION A

On June 20, 2019 during the Crime Prevention Task Group (CPTG) meeting, the Chair invited members of the group to share ideas in support of Action Item No. 10 (CPTG Mandate Spreadsheet) to "Address the perception vs. reality of theft from auto in the City, people feel that the perception of crime is worse than the reality".

A member of the group advised that he often observes vehicles with broken windows in his neighborhood. The group felt that educating the public about

locking car doors and not leaving belongings in plain sight in vehicles is key to prevention. The group felt that education is important in targeting areas of concern and that signage may be a good option.

The CPTG now recommends that Council direct staff to investigate signage and location options to educate the public to remove all belongings from vehicles and to lock vehicle doors in areas where there is high occurrences of theft from auto.

Staff has sent an e-mail to an ICBC representative to determine if they have this type of signage and if they partner with the RCMP to locate where the signs should be placed. The ICBC representative has not yet responded.

SUMMARY: RECOMMENDATION B

On June 20, 2019 during the Crime Prevention Task Group (CPTG) meeting, the Chair invited members of the group to share ideas in support of Action Item No. 10 (CPTG Mandate Spreadsheet) to “Address the perception vs. reality of theft from auto in the City, people feel that the perception of crime is worse than the reality”.

The group felt that public education is key in preventing ‘theft from auto’. It was noted that routine social media messaging using the City’s platforms could be effective in delivering the public education.

The Chair has also requested that each member come up with a social media message suggestion for the next meeting.

The CPTG now recommends that Council direct staff to incorporate “Theft from Auto” crime prevention tips into routine social media messaging.

SUMMARY: RECOMMENDATION C

On June 20, 2019 during the Crime Prevention Task Group (CPTG) meeting, the Chair invited members of the group to share ideas in support of Action Item No. 10 (CPTG Mandate Spreadsheet) to “Address the perception vs. reality of theft from auto in the City, people feel that the perception of crime is worse than the reality”.

The group felt that public education is key in preventing theft from auto. The group noted that if the RCMP holds events, media blitzes or promotional campaigns about ‘theft from auto’ then the City could help spread the message

by sharing information on social media channels. The group felt that partnering with the RCMP to cross promote tips on how to prevent 'theft from auto' would benefit both the City and the RCMP.

The CPTG recommends that Council direct the City's communication staff to work with the RCMP's communication staff to cross promote crime prevention initiatives related to 'theft from auto' crimes.
