



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: 2018 Crime Prevention Task Group
Recommendations Update

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Date: November 18, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report of the Crime Prevention Task Group dated November 18, 2019 be received for information.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on recommendations stemming from the Crime Prevention Task Group that were adopted by Council on April 9, 2018. The staff resolutions were reported back to the Crime Prevention Task Group by Staff and Councillor Pachal at a meeting in late 2018.

POLICY:

N/A

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

On February 22, 2018 the Crime Prevention Task Group made a number of recommendations that were adopted by Council on April 9, 2018. A meeting was held with all relevant departments and the recommendations were discussed. Staff researched the recommendations and came to a number of resolutions. The resolutions were reported back to the Crime Prevention Committee at a meeting in late 2018 and will be outlined in the Summary section of this report. The initial adopted recommendations were as follows:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION A:

WHEREAS the task group mandate includes allocating adequate budget to implement CPTED recommendations; and

WHEREAS bringing eyes and ears to public spaces is a well-known and accepted CPTED principle;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Task Group recommends that Council instruct staff to investigate the feasibility of implementing the following top four initiatives, this calendar year:

- Addition of attractive night lighting in the downtown core: increases security and could be in coordination with the laneway activation;
- Guided floodplain group walking tours: focus on evening times and highlight nature and wildlife within the floodplain. (perhaps the City could recruit a KPU horticulture student to advise on the nature aspect);
- Promote Point of Pride Program more actively to keep trails clean, promote within schools;
- Graffiti wall: a wall that celebrates community artists and provides a space for legal spray painting. It has been known to help prevent unwanted graffiti in problem areas

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION B:

THAT Council consider the following initiatives for inclusion in the staff work plans in future years:

- Additional lighting in laneways would encourage safety and security;
- Consider lighting in the floodplain to encourage use after dark;
- Guided floodplain group walking tours: focus on evening times and highlight nature and wildlife within the floodplain. It was noted that perhaps the City could recruit a KPU horticulture student to advise on the nature aspect;
- BMX Jam Night at Penzer Park;
- Community street parties;
- Yoga in the park;
- Lawn bowling: host event that pairs seniors and youth as a team;
- More community gardens;
- Create “Buy and Sell Zone” at Langley RCMP for safe exchange of goods bought and sold online (similar to Abbotsford Police Dept.).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION C:

THAT Council instructs staff to investigate the cost of installing additional lighting in key floodplain trails for inclusion in a future budget discussion.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

SUMMARY:

The recommendations adopted Council and their resolutions are outlined below:

Recommendation:

Addition of attractive night lighting in the downtown core: increases security and could be in coordination with the laneway activation.

Resolution:

Three new lights were installed in the lane north of Fraser Hwy west and east of Salt Lane and four additional lights were installed in Fuller lane south of Fraser Hwy.

Recommendation:

Guided floodplain group walking tours: focus on evening times and highlight nature and wildlife within the floodplain. (Perhaps the City could recruit a KPU horticulture student to advise on the nature aspect).

Resolution:

Langley City currently offers City walks throughout our trail system on Thursday evenings throughout the summer from 6:30-8pm. Walks continued during the summer of 2019. Langley Field Naturalists provided two brochures – Birds in Langley and Butterflies in Langley. KPU has not been contacted to date.

Recommendation:

Promote Point of Pride Program more actively to keep trails clean, promote within schools.

Resolution:

Point of Pride: the Adopt a Street, Trail and Park Program is promoted through the tri-annual recreation guide, at neighbourhood meetings, community day and the e-newsletter. Information is posted on the School District electronic bulletin board. The next update will be in spring 2020. Statistics for the past couple of years of POP participants who hand in their logs:

<u>Year</u>	<u># Members</u>	<u># Hours</u>
2015	25	403.5
2016	26	680.25
2017	27	888.80
2018	22	882.00

Recommendation:

Graffiti wall: a wall that celebrates community artists and provides a space for legal spray painting. It has been known to help prevent unwanted graffiti in problem areas.

Resolution:

Staff felt that a graffiti wall may actually attract graffiti. We are not currently experiencing much of a problem in the City. The will be re-visited should the situation change.

Recommendation:

Consider lighting in the floodplain to encourage use after dark.

Resolution:

Staff raised a number of concerns: CPTED – There are differing schools of thought. One is that lighting actually attracts rather than detracts from criminality. The opposite however, has been argued. Staff also expressed that there may be environmental concerns around lighting up the floodplain area at night. Finally, there was a concern that people that we want using the area might not.

Recommendation:

BMX Jam Night at Penzer Park.

Resolution:

Langley City hosts annual "Take Your Kid Mountain Biking Day"; the City also holds various events and camps at the Penzer Activity Park.

Recommendation:

Community street parties.

Resolution:

This is being promoted through the Know Your Neighbor door to door campaign. Grant money is available for neighborhood get togethers that will be promoted by the Crime Prevention Task Group and volunteers.

Recommendation:

Yoga in the park.

Resolution:

Langley City has hosted Pilates at Sendall Gardens in the past. Currently the Fresh Air Fitness is running Thursdays at Douglas Park from 12:15-1:15 for people to learn how to use the equipment and a fun work out.

Recommendation:

Lawn bowling: host event that pairs seniors and youth as a team.

Resolution:

In the past during youth week, the youth have opted to pair up with the council and seniors for a lawn bowling event. Last year, 2018, the youth decided not to run this particular event. Langley City Recreation has connected the lawn bowling executive to Douglas Park Community School.

Recommendation:

More community gardens.

Resolution:

Michaud is completed. Douglas Park is being looked at for future garden.

Recommendation:

Create “Buy and Sell Zone” at Langley RCMP.

Resolution:

The RCMP encourages people through their media lines for people to come and do these types of transactions at the detachment. There is no space to have a dedicated outside area.

ALTERNATIVES:

THAT Council ask staff to re-visit any of the recommendations/resolutions.

Respectfully Submitted,



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