



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Crime Prevention Task Group – ‘Lock Out Auto Crime’ Signage**

From: Crime Prevention Task Group

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION A:

THAT Council direct staff to investigate installing metal “Lock Out Auto Crime” signs around the intersection of 201A Street and Michaud Crescent.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION B:

THAT Council direct staff to explore the possibility of cost sharing with ICBC.

SUMMARY: RECOMMENDATION A

In late 2019, the Crime Prevention Task Group (CPTG) was working on a campaign to reduce theft from automobiles in the City of Langley. The group suggested that a number of ICBC “Lock Out Auto Crime Signs” be installed around the area of 201A Street and Michaud Crescent. Crime statistics would then be reviewed after a period of time to determine if the placement of the signs had any impact on theft from automobiles.

ICBC provided eight (8) signs to the City of Langley at no charge. The signs, made of plastic, were affixed to poles around the area of 201A Street and Michaud Crescent. Unfortunately, vandals removed and stole all of the signs. It was noted that the signs were easily removed due to the fact that they were made of plastic.

It was recommended by City Engineering staff that if the signs were to be replaced they should be made of metal, making them more difficult to steal. It was noted that ICBC does not have signs that are made of metal. The Manager

of Community Safety obtained a quotation for the signs and estimates that the eight metal signs would cost approximately \$500.00.

On May 7, 2019, during the CPTG meeting, the group discussed the sign initiative. After a discussion about the sign theft and cost of replacement, the group recommended that Council direct staff to investigate installing metal "Lock Out Auto Crime" signs around the intersection of 201A Street and Michaud crescent. It was noted during the discussion that the installation of metal signs would not necessarily prevent theft of the signs, it will only make it less likely.

SUMMARY: RECOMMENDATION B

(See background information in Summary for Recommendation A)

The group discussed the possibility of reducing costs by cost sharing with ICBC. The group recommended that staff explore the possibility of cost sharing with ICBC.

Respectfully Submitted,



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