



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Crime Prevention Task Group – Mailbox
Retrofit Project Incentive**

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council direct staff to investigate an incentive program to retrofit insecure mailboxes in multifamily housing to increase security and deter mail theft, which in turn, reduces policing costs.

SUMMARY:

On March 25, 2021, at the Crime Prevention Task Group meeting, the group discussed possible ways to incentivize businesses to improve security by target hardening. Specifically, the group discussed the potential for tax incentives to be offered by the City of Langley to encourage businesses to enhance their security. It was noted that while tax incentives are possible, it would be difficult to measure any reduction in crime that resulted from the security enhancements.

A suggestion was made that an incentive plan could be offered in specific areas, related to specific improvements, where higher instances of specific crimes occur, for example mail theft. The group discussed that a focus on a specific crime type would be more measurable than general security enhancements.

The group discussed mail theft and noted that the RCMP reported that while most crime is down year over year in the City of Langley, mail theft has steadily increased. As a result the group recommended staff investigate an incentive

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program to retrofit insecure mailboxes in multifamily housing to increase security and deter mail theft, which in turn would reduce policing costs.

Respectfully Submitted,



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