



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Crime Prevention Committee
Recommendations – Bike Security**

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION A:

THAT Langley City Council direct staff to review the possible use of the Douglas Recreation Centre for a volunteer Bike Valet service during the upcoming Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION B:

THAT Langley City Council direct staff to review the installation of “Modern” bike racks at City Hall and report back to council the details of location, cost, style and number of bike racks proposed.

SUMMARY: RECOMMENDATION A:

In 2023 bike security was identified as part of the overall work plan for the Crime Prevention Committee (CPC). Specifically, education, promotion of safe bike storage and identifying areas for safe bike storage were identified as the goals under the bike security initiative.

The CPC conducted research on best practices in other Lower Mainland communities and learned that some communities use Bike Valet services for major events. Bike Valet provides the public a secure way to drop off and pick up their bikes during events. Bikes are checked in by staff, stored in a secure

area and returned to the owner when they leave the event. Companies that provide these services often charge fees in the range of \$2500 per event. This includes the rental of tents, bike racks and assembly. The cost does not include staffing.

The CPC suggested that a Bike Valet be utilized, using the Douglas Recreation Center as storage, for the upcoming Earth Day Event taking place on Saturday, April 20, 2024. CPC members would volunteer to staff the event and there would be no cost incurred by the City outside of the facility use. As part of this event, CPC volunteers would also provide education to the public on bike security.

The CPC now recommends that Langley City Council direct staff to review the possible use of the Douglas Recreation Centre for a volunteer Bike Valet service during the upcoming Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

SUMMARY: RECOMMENDATION B:

In 2023 bike security was identified as part of the overall work plan for the Crime Prevention Committee (CPC). Specifically, education, promotion of safe bike storage and identifying areas for safe bike storage were identified as the goals under the bike security initiative.

In November 2023, TransLink attended the CPC meeting and made a presentation on bike parking at transit facilities. TransLink identified that a best practice for outdoor bike racks is to have a “U” or “O” shaped configuration installed on concrete with tamper-proof anchors. This provides those using the bike racks the ability to lock both the front and rear of their bikes for added security. One of the issues identified by TransLink is that with traditional non “U” or “O” shaped racks is that the locked bikes are easier to remove. Additionally, certain components of the bike cannot be secured and are often removed by bike thieves.

The CPC conducted research and noted that few people lock their bikes when coming to Timms Center. Some people were observed walking their bikes into the facility rather than locking them up. Timms Center only has one of the inverted “U” shaped style bike racks at the front of the building. The rest of the bike racks at Timms Center are the traditional style bike racks. The CPC feels that if modern style bike racks were installed outside Timms Center, it would encourage more bike use and prevent bike theft by providing the public with enhanced bike security.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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