



CRIME PREVENTION TASK GROUP REPORT

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Crime Prevention Program Recommendations
and Funding Request**

From: Crime Prevention Task Group

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION A:

- 1) THAT Council direct staff to work with local media to participate in and follow the steps to set up an actual Block Watch program.
- 2) THAT Council direct staff to create a major social media campaign to promote Block Watch, Business Watch, and CPTED review programs.
- 3) THAT Council direct staff to work with the RCMP, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Langley Business Association to promote Block Watch, Business Watch and CPTED review programs.
- 4) THAT Council direct staff to identify a local supplier who may be able to partner with the City on motion sensor lights that may be supplied to businesses and residences at discounted prices.

SUMMARY:

On July 27, 2017, the Crime Prevention Task Group discussed the promotion of Crime Prevention programs through various communications and partnerships. This included local media shadowing staff to document what setting up a Block Watch Program involves (recommendation (A) 1). Further discussion revolved around staff working with different groups on educating the public and offering incentives to businesses to implement Crime Prevention Thorough Environmental Design (CPTED) recommendations.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION B:

THAT the Task Group request that Council approve funding from the City's RCMP Detachment Operating Account to a maximum of \$1,200.00 for the purpose of purchasing up to 5,000 fridge magnets to promote reporting of suspicious activities to the RCMP Non-Emergency number.

SUMMARY:

Recommendation B is a request for funding to purchase fridge magnets. This was intended to improve the reporting of non-emergency calls to the RCMP. Some concern was raised from members of the committee that fridge magnets would be discarded in the trash as most people use cell phones now. It was noted that the original idea of a magnet was somewhat directed at senior citizens who are less connected electronically.