



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Crime Prevention Recommendations**

From: Crime Prevention Task Group

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION A:

THAT Council consider striking a task group to plan an annual “Know Your Neighbour” campaign.

SUMMARY:

On September 20, 2018 during the Crime Prevention Task Group (CPTG) meeting, the success of the recent “Know Your Neighbor Campaign” was discussed. The general consensus among the group was that the door to door, and face to face contact was very well received by residents. Volunteers experienced a lot of good feedback about the campaign and residents were happy to learn that the City was actively doing something and cared about community safety.

Due to the success of the initiative, the CPTG recommends that Council consider striking a task group to plan an annual “Know your Neighbor” campaign.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION B:

WHEREAS the volunteers conducting the door to door “Know Your Neighbour Campaign” asked residents if they’d like to start, be part of, or learn more about a Block Watch program in their neighbourhood, the Crime Prevention Task Group request;

THAT Council direct staff to forward the contact information collected from residents interested in becoming part of a Block Watch Program to Superintendent Murray Power, OIC of the Langley RCMP detachment, and that the OIC request the Block Watch Program staff to contact the interested residents in order to potentially increase the number of Block Watch neighbourhood programs in Langley City.

SUMMARY:

On September 20, 2018 during the Crime Prevention Task Group (CPTG) meeting, the recent "Know your Neighbor" Campaign was discussed. It was pointed out that during the campaign, a number of residents expressed an interest in becoming part of the Block Watch program in their respective neighborhoods. The task group collected information from the interested residents.

The CPTG now recommends that Council direct staff to forward the list of interested parties to Murray Power, the OIC of Langley Detachment, so that he can request the Block Watch Program staff to contact the residents in order to potentially increase the number of Block Watch neighborhoods in Langley City.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION C:

THAT the Crime Prevention Task Group request that Council direct the City's Communication Officer to continue, on an annual basis, to fan out public safety awareness information on social media during Public Safety Week in November each year.

SUMMARY:

On September 20, 2018 during the Crime Prevention Task Group (CPTG) meeting, the task group mandate was discussed. It was noted that the mandate to conduct a social media campaign about public safety was met. During public safety week in November, Langley City promoted public safety via social media. The CPTG noted that this was a success and recommends that Council direct the City's Communication Officer to continue, on an annual basis, to fan out public safety awareness information on social media during Public Safety Week in November each year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION D:

THAT the Crime Prevention Task Group request that Council write a letter to the Langley RCMP Officer in Charge and to E-Comm asking that they work to better promote, and encourage the public to call, the RCMP Non-Emergency number to report all suspicious activity.

SUMMARY:

On September 20, 2018 during the Crime Prevention Task Group (CPTG) meeting, reporting to the RCMP was discussed. It was noted that some residents feel that when they report suspicious activity to the RCMP, no action is taken. Some residents also feel that they don't want to bother the RCMP with something they perceive to be minimally important. Cst. Northrup from the RCMP was in attendance and she mentioned that the public should report all suspicious behavior and let the RCMP determine the severity.

The CPTG discussed that a national or provincial campaign should be run by the RCMP to encourage reporting to the non-emergency line and to discourage people from calling 911 in non-emergent situations.

The CPTG recommends that Council write a letter to the Langley RCMP OIC and to E-Comm to ask that they better work together to promote the public to call the non-emergency line to report suspicious activity and to discourage the misuse of 911.
