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Dear Council, Re Budget recording of Council meeting of 4th Mar 02 and in respect of some Community Policing aspect. I allowed myself to be one of the initial volunteers at the Lynn Valley Mall site when this operation was first introduced. The Police Officer assigned was a Con John McDougall, a really great down to earth guy, who was unfortunately moved back downtown to the Drug Squad. Replacing him was a female Officer who I believe gradually lost volunteers, including myself after volunteering part time for Two years. A colleague of mine started later after she was posted away and a new Officer arrived. He tried to get me to return over time and I have when shopping in the Mall popped in from time to time, but due its location change the set up and atmosphere to me is not the same, I have not re volunteered.

However I believe from my reasonable contact etc that I feel the district is not getting its value for money in this C.P. scenerio.

(1) Most Councillors, mainly I believe Cllr MacKay-Dunn agree like myself it has to move away from its hidden area in view of the high rent costs.

(2) **To often** the Community Policing Officer is **not** on the premises.

He should be there and in view of the Public - not hidden behind walls etc. I believe he should be driven there and left there.

A relief Officer to drive there from base or wherever to relieve him for a Lunch break. The Officer then has a break locally or uses the Police vehicle to return for his break at base before returning back to Lynn Valley.

I repeat the Officer should be **present at all times**. He has phones in the office that he should be able to relay to base for any other support that is needed in Lynn Valley etc while he remains there.

That Council request to the Police Heads, that at Delbrook, at Lynn Valley Centre public parking area and at the Parkgate parking lot and maybe in the parking lot at Deep cove, that a stationery Police car plus Officer is **then constantly stationed** there to assist with any immediate emergency. It means that when a Community Policing Office is closed that there is still a physical Police presence in each area.

(3) The Two Police parking spaces (at Lynn Valley) to be reduced to One to assist one more public parking space.

(4) A review of the part-time assistant salary. 5 days at 4hrs = \$21,000

This equals \$42,000 for full time of no to my mind no special qualifications.

Anybody agree this may be too much. !

(5) If in future the Community Policing is moved into Library area fine.

However -

(6) Mollie Nye House. I believe the publicity claim that it will bring much Community use is exaggerated. I have been inside as it is in my territory and I believe it is too small for many purposes. I thought while there was time it could have been lifted and moved to Lynn Canyon park to give to the Bear Care people as an office and public awareness. However if this is too late or not having support, then possibly if the ex 711 site becomes District property, then can it be lifted and moved and become the Community Police building. I do not think it is too small for this purpose. There is a small office on Granville Island.

(7) Recent application by Heritage for a portion of Lynn Valley School.

To me not a valid location. Be like a morgue, maybe worse than the poor attendance thats down at Presentation House. Granville Island closed theirs as no real attendance with all the locals & tourists hitting this location.

However if the portions of Lynn Valley Elem are up for grabs then possible the P.P Pre school could move back and the District has this front building for Community Policing if Heritage grants etc could be applied for.

I am sorry but where are the staff paid Community Planners. I never see them come in front of Dist Council with recommendations.? They should be ahead of the game ! Someone correct me if I am wrong.

From my independant part, Congratulations to the 3 new Councillors re their efforts on fiscal responsibilities. They stuck by their No Tax when standing for election and came through. It was as Cllr Denault states to have saught more efficiency. I believe they are aware that of the reports etc that come through, as Cllr Crist has past stated, they are not fully sound all the time.

Finally back to the Delbrook Comm Policing Office . Is the Public usage as such it needs the claimed renovations. I do not think so, as I drive my wife to the Chiropractor by there and often park nearby outside their office.

Thank you for your patience.