

ADDENDUM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 7, 2017, 3:30 PM Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

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Add - Correspondence from Kevan Shaw, President, Victoria Crescent Association, dated 2017-SEP-05.

From: <u>Victoria Crescent</u>
To: <u>Legislative Services Office</u>

Subject: We need HELP!

Date: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 4:06:43 PM

FOR THE CITY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Good-afternoon,

A couple months ago, I spoke to all of you on the city's Public Safety Committee about increasing lawlessness downtown.

Today, I am sickened to tell you that just about all those great art photos adorning the fence down the China Steps / old Jean Burns building (7 or 8), put up in April/May by caring locals on Victoria Crescent, were torn down and strewn about over the weekend.

As we're seeing time-and-time again, lawlessness has engulfed our neighbourhood like never before - assaults, threats, break-ins, vandalizing, aggressive panhandling, open drug taking/dealing, garbage being removed from city garbage cans and thrown everywhere, graffiti, destruction of property/projects, which we have all been pitching-in to make our neighbourhood better. (These old pictures to cover up the rubble of the Burns bldg., the Bathtub Street Fair, Crescent Day, Fresh Start, Beard-o-Rama, an upcoming scavenger hunt and more)

This city needs to do more - and NOW!

The daytime Footprints Security patrol is scheduled to conclude at the end of the month. And I only saw the garbage clean-up program funded by the city on our street once this summer, about a month ago. When I asked the lone woman picking-up garbage, she said it was the first time they (she) had been on our street. Regardless, we need more help than this.

We look forward to hearing back from you asap on WHAT THE CITY IS DOING.

The Victoria Crescent Association and its members are here to help in whatever way we can - to work together.

Sadly yours, Kevan Shaw President Victoria Crescent Association

P.S.: We have asked, but still not heard back on our request to have a seat on the Public Safety Committee, such as the Old City Quarter has been offered.



