



Community News

Adrian Dix, MLA Working For You

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Safety Update

Dear Neighbours

In recent weeks, our community has borne the brunt of several crime related incidents. I have heard from many of you and I appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to reach out to my office and others in the community. Together, we can make a difference for the better. We can reclaim our streets and our neighbourhood. But we need to help each other out.

On Thursday, November 6th between 5:15 pm and 9:00 pm, there was a series of violent robberies in our neighbourhood committed by a group of five young men and two young women. The first incident took place near the Joyce Street SkyTrain Station at 5:15 pm, the second at 5:45 pm near Monmouth and Payne St. and the third in the 3300 block of east 49th at 9:00 pm. These incidents follow on the heels of similar incidents that have occurred in our neighbourhood in recent weeks.

The Vancouver Police Department is currently asking for witnesses to come forward with any information about these attacks. If you have any information, please call Crimestoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or dial 911 for more urgent attention.

In my discussions with the VPD on this and other recent incidents, they have assured me that they are doing everything they can to catch the assailant. The VPD is also requesting that everyone be aware of their surroundings, especially late at night and to call 911 to report any suspicious persons.

As many of you know, I have been working on a number of initiatives to make our community safer: a Ten Point Plan for Transit Safety to ensure that all SkyTrain stations have police or attendants present when the trains are in operation; programs to enhance supports for victims of crime; more programs to engage young people in our communities, particularly youth at-risk; and more resources for community policing in our neighbourhood. For more information or to give your support for these initiatives, please visit www.adriandix.ca.

Let's work together to be safe and to be alert.

Community Events

Holiday Open House

Please join me for my holiday open house on December 13, 2008 at my community office at 5022 Joyce Street from 12 noon to 2 pm. Come share your ideas in person with me and enjoy some light refreshments and snacks. I look forward to seeing you there.

Community in Action

Be Safe, Be Alert

1. Whenever possible, try to find a friend to walk home with. There is always safety in numbers.
2. Stick to walking in well lit populated, busy areas. Stay away from dark parking lots, dark lanes or trails.
3. Keep your head up and look confident while walking. Make eye contact with people you see walking around you.
4. When walking alone keep your headphones off. Always be aware of your surroundings.
5. Check in with others about your whereabouts, the route you plan to take and when you are expected to be home.
6. Know some basic self defense.
7. Learn what to yell when you are under attack. Yell out as loud as you can and shout "call 911." This will usually scare an attacker away, and prompt others to respond to your need.

Stop by my community office:

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