



Memorandum

vancouver school board

Date: 2012 November 21

ITEM 4

To: Committee II – Planning and Facilities

From: Jim Meschino, Director of Facilities
Bill Ostrom, Manager of Operations

Re: Halloween Security and Vandalism Costs – 2012

BACKGROUND

Facilities staff have been coordinating and implementing a Halloween vandalism reduction program since 1996. Annual costs for the past decade are as follows:

Year	Damage Costs	Contracted security Costs	Total Cost per Year
2012	5,000	23,000	28,000
2011	24,000	10,500	34,500
2010	50,000	13,500	63,500
2009	11,000	12,500	23,500
2008	10,000	6,300	16,300
2007	15,000	4,700	19,700
2006	25,000	12,500	37,500
2005	11,000	11,500	22,500
2004	33,000	10,500	43,500
2003	8,000	4,800	12,800
2002	<u>7,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
Average	<u>18,091</u>	<u>10,345</u>	<u>28,436</u>

These costs do not include major insurance claims such as the fires at: Total Ed, Henderson, Henderson Annex, Trudeau, Moberly, and Weir which gave occurred during this period.

INITIATIVES TAKEN IN 2012

- **United Protection Services Inc.** was contracted to provide security services throughout the weekend.
 - Friday, October 26, Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28: seven marked security cars patrolled sixty-seven sites from 7:00 pm – 2:00 am. These sites were identified as potential problem spots based on recent incidents of vandalism, as well as a history of problems during previous Halloween periods
 - Wednesday, October 31: ten marked security cars patrolled all sites

within the district from 7:00 pm – 2:00 am. Additionally, twenty-one schools were provided with on-site security guards from 6:00 pm – 2:00 am. These schools were identified as a high risk for vandalism based on recent incidents, and/or past history of substantial vandalism during previous Halloween periods.

- Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2: seven marked security cars will again patrol the sixty-seven potential problem sites from 7:00 pm – 2:00 am.
- **First Student Transportation** provided buses with volunteer drivers on Halloween night to patrol the areas around thirty-four schools. The buses act as a mobile safe area for the children and the drivers help keep an eye on the school buildings and grounds. Volunteer drivers were provided with the emergency contact numbers for Operations Supervisors.
- **District Staff** made several additional arrangements to prepare for emergencies and to reduce the potential for Halloween vandalism.
 - Material Services staff were “on-call” during this period and had delivery trucks pre-loaded with plywood, lumber and other repair materials.
 - Maintenance department staff were also “on-call” in order to respond to any emergencies.
 - Operations Supervisors provided additional patrols of schools and support to engineer-custodial staff.
 - Purchasing arranged to have all BFI garbage bins and cardboard recycling bins were emptied immediately prior to the weekend in order to reduce the potential for fire.
- **Security Costs 2012 (approximate)**

Contracted security patrols (6 nights)	\$20,000.00
Contracted on site security guards	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
TOTAL - contracted security costs	\$23,000.00

Damage/Vandalism

VSF Maintenance has estimated the total repair costs for 2012 at approximately \$5,000.00. Both the number of sites affected and the total repair costs are well below the 10 year average and what has been experienced in recent years.

Location	Description
Bruce	1 broken window
Carr	1 broken window
Dickens	Exterior light broken
Fraser	1 broken window
Hastings	Exterior sprinkler piping damaged
Henderson Annex	2 broken windows
Selkirk	Exterior graffiti

Southlands	2 broken windows
Tupper	2 broken windows
Van Tech	1 broken window
Windermere	Exterior door damaged

This report is provided for your information.