

# the mini Bulletin

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### Meet Today's Sunrise Safety Team!







Jennv



Kajol



Kimberley

Local residents and business owners have likely interacted with our staff members in blue.

While their uniform and mandate has stayed the same, you may have noticed several new faces on the Sunrise Safety Team (SST). Initiated in 2008, SST is a joint program between the Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre (HSCPC) and Hastings North Business Improvement Association (HNBIA). It was established to address crime and safety concerns in the East Village Business District.

"Our businesses really value SST and their ability to provide resources to our community," says Patricia Barnes, executive director at the HNBIA. The program is also supported by the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) and City of Vancouver.

Abby, Jenny, Kajol, Kimberley, Vanika and Cole currently make up the team. They contribute to the overall safety of the business district through proactive initiatives, including building strong relationships with merchants, property owners, customers, visitors and local residents.

"We always look for opportunities to strike up conversations with people in Hastings Sunrise. If we can add a safety component, even better!" says Abby, who has been part of the team for two years. "Just recently we noticed a car with valuables inside whose door wasn't closed properly. We found the owner in one of the local businesses and let him know."

In addition to providing a positive presence, SST members act as ears and eyes for the Community Policing Centre and local



Vanika



Cole

businesses, while educating businesses about crime prevention and reporting. The team also deals with safety and quality of life concerns as they arise.

SST members are deployed in pairs for each five-hour shift, six days a week, Monday to Saturday, at various times. SST members remain non-confrontational at all times, relying on their communication and conflict management skills when dealing with businesses and the general public. Complaints that are policing-related are looped back to the HSCPC's Neighbourhood Police Officer for review.

#### Our Streets to Get Slower -- and Safer!



Typical slow street barrier - a temporary installation

Starting this fall, traffic calming measures are coming to Hastings Sunrise that will affect walking, cycling and driving – particularly the area bounded by Hastings, Boundary, First and Renfrew. Adanac Street between Windermere and Boundary Road is labeled a special zone where vehicular speeds and volumes are high.

The Hastings Sunrise and Adanac Overpass traffic calming goals are:

- Make local streets more comfortable for people walking, biking and rolling
- Improve safety for all road users
- Reduce vehicle speeds and volumes
- Ensure driving access to homes and community amenities
- Maintain transit speed and reliability.

In the near future, expect to see traffic mitigating measures that may include slow street barriers (see photo), speed humps, curb bulges and painted crosswalks.

After implementation, traffic monitoring and data collection will help determine future advanced design requirements. Local residents are encouraged to check out the proposed designs: City staff are always seeking community feedback prior to permanent construction of calming measures.

For further information and to share your opinions see Vancouver City's website at Shape your City: https://www.shapeyourcity.ca/adanac-overpass Or email city staff at: Adanac-overpass@vancouver.ca

City streets quiz:

Which continuous street in Vancouver has the most street names?

Answer: Renfrew, Boyd Diversion, Nootka and Earles Streets (from a retired City staffer in Engineering – Walter Warner)

■ Harry Mah



## Free Movies in the Parks

KUNG FU PANDA, Friday, Aug 16, 8pm Sunrise Park

Trivia: This film marks the first time that Po refers to himself as the "Kung Fu Panda". (IMDb.com)

CIRCUS WEST PERFORMANCE 7pm TROLLS BAND TOGETHER 7:45pm Saturday, Sept. 7 Pandora Park

Trivia: While Velvet's speaking voice is provided by Amy Schumer, her singing voice is provided by Brianna Mazzola.

(IMDb.com)



#### Working together for a safe community

The Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre works in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department





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