

MM-2 MAYORAL MINUTE - CCTV AND SAFETY IN CANADA BAY

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REPORT

I would like to bring to Council's attention, an extremely disturbing incident that occurred on the Bay Run last week in broad daylight.

On the morning of Tuesday, 30 September a mother was pushing her 14 month old son when a man approached her and tried to pull the pram away, in an attempted abduction.

We are extremely fortunate that a passing cyclist came to the assistance of the mother. We extend our thoughts to the family involved as this would have been a very distressing incident.

The safety of not only our community but visitors to our community is of paramount importance to Council, this is why Council continues to work closely with our local police to prevent antisocial behaviour from occurring.

At our 24 June meeting, Council adopted the updated Crime Prevention and Community Safety Plan, that contains a range of strategies to address the issue of community safety and crime prevention and recognises the requirement of a partnership approach, including the use of CCTV in priority areas.

Also, we are working closely with Ashfield and Leichhardt Councils on a coordinated strategy for the management of the Iron Cove Bay including the Bay Run. Safety is one of the areas highlighted in the draft plan currently being considered by the respective Councils and will be an area of ongoing discussions, also involving the police, at future meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received and noted.