

DATE OF MEETING December 5, 2019

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SUBJECT NUISANCE PROPERTY ABATEMENT – 853 CHELSEA STREET

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of ongoing activities at 853 Chelsea Street, which substantially and unreasonably interfere with other persons' use and enjoyment of property, and require repeated calls for police services to abate nuisances.

Recommendation

That Council declare 853 Chelsea Street a "Nuisance" pursuant to the "Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw 2019 No. 7250", and to authorize Staff to record and charge for municipal services, including police required to abate nuisance activity.

BACKGROUND

The RCMP have informed the City they have received an increasing number of nuisance-related police calls for service regarding the property at 853 Chelsea Street.

The property has been associated with 33 police calls between 2019-JAN-01 and 2019-OCT-23. In the period from 2019-JUL-24 to mid-October, there were 7 disturbance calls that caused a nuisance in the neighborhood. The details of these complaints typically consisted of loud arguments, shouting, screaming at neighbors, and confrontations occurring outside the residence.

The City has received 5 bylaw calls from this property between 1994 and 2019.

The RCMP recommend the City consider designating this property as a nuisance to prevent and abate further disturbances that disrupt the peace and enjoyment of the community.

OPTIONS

1. That Council declare 853 Chelsea Street a "Nuisance" pursuant to the "Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw 2019 No. 7250", and to authorize Staff to record and charge for municipal services, including police required to abate nuisance activity.
2. That Council provide Staff with alternative direction.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Nanaimo RCMP have responded to 33 calls for service to 853 Chelsea Street in 2019.
- In the period between 2019-JUL-24 and 2019-JUL-23, police responded to 7 calls to the property to abate nuisance activity that disturbed the peace, quiet, and enjoyment of the neighborhood.
- Police have recommended the City designate the property as a nuisance, which would authorize Staff to record and charge for municipal services, including policing required to abate future nuisance activity.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: RCMP letter dated 2019-OCT-23 |

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