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**SUBJECT                      NUISANCE PROPERTY ABATEMENT – 6 2170 SPENCER ROAD**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To inform Council of ongoing activities at #6 2170 Spencer Road, Nanaimo, BC, which substantially and unreasonably interferes with other persons' use and enjoyment of property, and requires repeated calls for police services to abate nuisances. |

### **Recommendation**

That Council declare #6 2170 Spencer Road 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 that they have received an increasing number of nuisance-related police calls for service regarding the property at #6 2170 Spencer.

The property has been associated with 12 police calls for service since January 2020. Of these calls, 8 related to nuisance-related matters, including repeated incidents where neighbors reported the occupants were yelling and screaming, arguing, and running around the complex disturbing others.

The RCMP met with the property owner on 2020-APR-28, and advised that police would be recommending nuisance abatement action to the City if further nuisances and disturbances were reported. The owner was aware these activities have disturbed the peace, quiet, and enjoyment of the neighborhood. Police advise they responded to two additional nuisance calls to the property following this meeting.

The City has received two complaints in April of 2020 regarding a dog running at large from this property, and complaints in 2016 and 2017 regarding barking and unlicensed dogs.

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

## **OPTIONS**

1. That Council declare #6 2170 Spencer Road 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 12 calls for service at #6 2170 Spencer in 2020, 8 of which were of a nuisance nature.
- 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 2020-MAY-05

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