

DATE OF MEETING JULY 20, 2020

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**SUBJECT NUISANCE PROPERTY – 484 NOVA STREET**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To inform Council of ongoing activities at 484 Nova Street, Nanaimo, BC, 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 484 Nova 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 484 Nova Street.

Between February 2020 and 2020-MAY-21, the property has been associated with 20 police calls and from May 2020 up to and including 2020-JUL-06, there have been an additional 9 calls, making a total of 29 that have caused a nuisance in the neighborhood. Out of these calls, 18 of them are considered to have an element of nuisance activity. The details of these complaints typically consisted of yelling, screaming, fighting, and vehicles and foot traffic coming and going all hours of the night.

Affected residents held a protest on the street against the activities and the occupants of the property. The RCMP were required to attend and keep the peace.

The City has two separate complaints from residents regarding this matter.

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 484 Nova 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 29 calls for service to 484 Nova Street in 2020.
- In the period since February 2020, police responded to 18 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 May 21, 2020

ATTACHMENT B: RCMP email dated July 6, 2020

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