

DATE OF MEETING JULY 20, 2020

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SUBJECT NUISANCE PROPERTY – 560 MILTON STREET

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of ongoing activities at 560 Milton 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 560 Milton 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 560 Milton Street.

The property has been associated with 27 police calls since January 2020 that have caused a nuisance in the neighborhood. Out of these calls, 23 of them are considered to have an element of nuisance activity. The details of these complaints typically consisted of yelling, screaming, fighting, and vehicles coming and going all hours of the night. On 2020-JUN-10, the RCMP executed a search warrant in relation to drug activities.

The City has five 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 that disrupt the peace and enjoyment of the community.

OPTIONS

1. That Council declare 560 Milton 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 27 calls for service to 560 Milton Street in 2020.
- In the period since January 2020, police responded to 23 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 July 7, 2020 |

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