

DATE OF MEETING October 22, 2020

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SUBJECT NUISANCE PROPERTY – 2538 ROSSTOWN ROAD

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of ongoing activities at 2538 Rosstown Road, 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 2538 Rosstown 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 policing required to abate nuisance activity.

BACKGROUND

The RCMP have informed the City they have received numerous calls for service for nuisance-related matters at 2538 Rosstown Road. Police have attended to this property on 12 occasions since January 2020, and determined 9 of the calls were for nuisance activities.

The calls typically involved house parties, loud music, fighting, and discharge of fireworks. Police advise the owner has not been responsive in mitigating the disturbances arising from this property.

Several neighborhood residents have subsequently contacted the Bylaw Section expressing concern about repeated house parties at this property, which are causing safety concerns and disrupting the peace and enjoyment of the community.

The owner has been contacted police and bylaw services and advised that further enforcement action may be taken if these disturbances are not abated..

OPTIONS

1. That Council declare 2538 Rosstown 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 policing required to abate nuisance activity.
2. That Council provide Staff with alternative direction.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Nanaimo RCMP have attended to 2538 Rosstown Road for 12 calls for service in 2020, 9 of which were nuisance-related matters.
- The calls typically involved house parties with loud music, fighting, and discharge of fireworks. The property owner has not been responsive in mitigating these disturbances.
- 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 September 23, 2020
ATTACHMENT B: RCMP Summary of Calls to 2538 Rosstown Road
ATTACHMENT C: City of Nanaimo Letter dated 2020-AUG-26

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