

# **Staff Report for Decision**

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SUBJECT BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICES – SECONDARY SUITES

### **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of the properties listed within this report.

#### Recommendation

That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the following properties:

- 1. 1055 Old Victoria Road authorized secondary suite
- 2. 396 Wakesiah Avenue authorized secondary suite
- 3. 379 Cariboo Drive authorized secondary suite
- 4. 443 Fourth Street illegal secondary suite

#### **BACKGROUND**

As determined through an inspection, the secondary suites located at the following addresses were constructed prior to 2005. As per Council's Secondary Suite Enforcement Policy adopted on 2005-FEB-07, the suites are permitted to remain if upgrades are completed, through the issuance and completion of a building permit as per "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224", to ensure that life safety issues are addressed.

#### **Authorized Suites**

A building permit application has been received to upgrade and authorize the secondary suites located at each of the following properties:

- 1055 Old Victoria Road
- 396 Wakesiah Avenue
- 379 Cariboo Drive

## **Illegal Secondary Suites**

The following is a property where an illegal secondary suite has been identified and where a building permit application has not yet been received:

443 Fourth Street

As such, the Building Inspections Section, with the assistance of the Bylaw Services Section will seek further action and/or removal of the secondary suite.



# **DISCUSSION**

The purpose of registering a Bylaw Contravention Notice (Section 57 of the *Community Charter*) on the title of the affected property is to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

As per the Secondary Suite Enforcement Policy, a Bylaw Contravention Notice is required to be registered on the title of the affected properties in order to identify construction that was originally completed without a building permit and it is, therefore, unknown if the completed works are compliant with the standards of the BC Building Code.

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Bylaw Contravention Notices are being registered in compliance with the Secondary Suite Enforcement Policy.
- Registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice is required on the title of the affected property to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

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