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Attention: Manager of Bylaw Services

Date

December 28, 2022

Re: **Nuisance Property Abatement Bylaw**
Address: 264 Nicol Street.

To Dave Laberge

Please be advised that the Nanaimo RCMP Detachment has received a number of police calls for service regarding a commercial property (vacant lot) located at 264 Nicol Street in Nanaimo, BC.

The Nanaimo RCMP are aware that since the beginning of April 2022 this property was leased to a community organization that is referred to as NANDU (Nanaimo Area Network of Drug Users). NANDU is self-described, on Facebook, as a group of people who use(d) illegal drugs who provide user-to-user support and education. The property is fenced, concealed with tarps, there is a controlled access at most times, and the site is being used as a peer to peer consumption and overdose prevention site.

In general, since April 2022 there have been a number of complaints from local citizens, and businesses in the area with regards to an increase in suspicious vehicles, suspicious people, open drug use, social disorder and other disturbances. After all, this property has been vacant for some time prior and did not attract any notable calls for service the year prior.

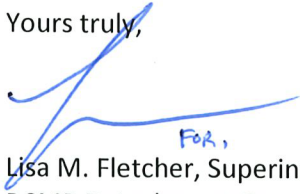
As your department has requested, the following is a police call break down of the property starting April 2022. Constables ██████████ and ██████████ of the Nanaimo RCMP Bike Unit have reviewed the police calls for service and attached is a summary with the dates, file numbers and details of the police calls that can be directly linked to 264 Nicol Street.

It is clear that since NANDU has occupied this property, the calls for service around property have increased for police and there has been a well expressed increase in disruption and social disorder from the surrounding neighborhood residents and local businesses.

Title of Letter

Should you require further information or assistance, please contact Constable [REDACTED] of the Nanaimo RCMP Bike Unit at [REDACTED].

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'L' followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right and then curves back down.

FOR,
Lisa M. Fletcher, Superintendent
RCMP Detachment Commander
Nanaimo RCMP Detachment

Address: 264 Nicol, Nanaimo, BC

RCMP Nuisance Property File Number: [REDACTED]

Nuisance police call breakdown starting: April 01, 2022

Date	File Number	Details of Nuisance
2022-04-15	[REDACTED]	Reported Drug activity/disturbance: Regular drug dealing and drug related activities occurring at and around the subject property. Hand to hand exchanges and people coming and going at all hours. The property is becoming disruptive to the community.
2022-05-17	[REDACTED]	Drug Activity: A group of 15 persons were observed to be consuming drugs in the publically accessible alleyway between the #264 lot and Dairy Queen. This is an on going issue and disruptive to the community and surrounding businesses.
2022-06-09	[REDACTED]	Reported Disturbance: An unknown person running around yelling and screaming and causing issues after being dropped off at the site.
2022-08-14	[REDACTED]	Reported Drug activity/Disturbance: Police observed several vehicles and people with a history associated with drug trafficking coming and going from 264 Nicol Street. Vehicles are observed to park and use the Dairy Queen parking lot while clients use the OPS site, disrupting a viable and legitimate local business. Police also observed several vehicles lined up in the alley way using the site as a "drive through" for drug trafficking. These activities occur at all hours of the day and is disruptive to the community and surrounding businesses.
2022-09-23	[REDACTED]	Drug Activity: Two males were observed to be under the influence of illicit drugs and passed out between Dairy Queen and the #264 lot. Nanaimo RCMP attended and arrested the males. Illicit Drugs were located and seized.
2022-09-28	[REDACTED]	Animal Call: Complaint received that a dog from #264 jumped up on [REDACTED]. No injury was reported but this was unsettling to [REDACTED] as the dog was unknown and not under control.
2022-09-29	[REDACTED]	Drug Activity: Complaint received that several people were observed loitering and consuming drugs in between Dairy Queen and the #264 lot. The suspects left behind a substantial mess and garbage behind. Used needles and drug paraphernalia is often found around the site property causing a public health hazard.
2022-10-18	[REDACTED]	Noise complaint/Disturbance: Vehicle engines revving and people talking loudly in the late hours from this site causing a neighbourhood noise and sleep disturbance.
2022-10-20	[REDACTED]	Noise complaint/Disturbance: Loud crashes and sounds of glass breaking in the late evening hours. People yelling and throwing items around at 264 Nicol Street.

2022-10-22	██████████	Drug Activity: Complaint received regarding an unknown female who was under the influence of drugs and passed out on the side walk between Dairy Queen and #264 lot.
2022-10-31	██████████	Mischief/Property Damage: Complaint received regarding a male who was asked to leave the Dairy Queen by staff. The male proceeded to cause damage to the property by knocking over a donation box and till equipment. The male left the store and took refuge at the #264 lot and where he was located and arrested.
2022-11-19	██████████	Disturbance: Complaint received that a female was acting strange, possessed a razor, and appeared to be attempting to commit self harm in the Dairy Queen restaurant. She was causing a disturbance by making racial slurs to one of the staff. The female left and walked toward #264 Nicol Street.
2022-11-26	██████████	Assault/Disturbance/Threats: Complaint received that a group of people left #264 and confronted an employee of the Dairy Queen where they threw water at ██████████, then the water bottle. Further incidents of daily threats, and harassment toward ██████████ other employees were disclosed to police as this is an ongoing work/health concern for safety.
2022-12-12	██████████	Disturbance/Assault: Complaint received that a person who was associated to the #264 lot was causing a disturbance and assaulted an employee of the Dairy Queen. The suspect was asked to leave the restaurant and property and the employee was spit at. The suspect left directly to #264 property and police confirmed with the site that they were aware of the incident. The suspect was allegedly banned from the site.