

## Public Nuisance Bylaw Updated

New rules for panhandling, vehicle noise and properties

### Panhandling Restrictions

The updated bylaw gives Police and Bylaw Officers new authority.

- Panhandling is prohibited within 10 metres of an entrance to a bank, credit union or trust company, an automated teller machine, bus stop, bus shelter or liquor store.
- Panhandlers must not approach people in vehicles that are parked, stopped at a traffic control signal or temporarily loading or unloading.
- Panhandling is prohibited after sunset.
- People are prohibited from sitting or lying on a sidewalk for the purpose of panhandling.
- People are prohibited from following or continuing to panhandle a person who has given a negative response to the panhandler's request.

Council has directed City staff to survey the downtown business community to assist in the development of a policy for busking and other street performers.

### Vehicle Noise

Prohibited vehicle noise now includes:

- prolonged sounding of car alarms
- engine revving / roaring
- tire squealing
- engine brakes
- idling diesel engines
- horn honking (other than as a safety warning)
- music that can easily be heard by someone outside the vehicle

Council considers such noise unnecessary, objectionable or liable to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of individuals or the public. Exemptions are granted for emergency vehicles, snow clearing and farm vehicles during planting and harvesting.

### Problem Properties

Property owners must maintain standards of other similar neighbourhood properties and prevent property from becoming a hazard, danger or nuisance.

The new bylaw gives the City new authority to deal with:

- unsightly premises
- vacant premises
- rental premises
- demolition sites

### How it works:

For a property in violation of the bylaw, the City may issue a remedial action notice, giving the property owner 30 days to bring the property into compliance with the bylaw. Failing that, the City has the right to enter the property at all reasonable times and have work done to make the property comply with the bylaw—at the owner's expense. Property owners may apply for reconsideration of the decision to issue a remedial action notice.

*The Public Nuisance Bylaw update has been reviewed by the city's legal counsel as well as the Problem Properties Committee, and the bylaw is in compliance with the Community Charter.*

*"This gives the City new tools and authority to deal with a number of issues in today's Campbell River," says bylaw enforcement/property services manager Rob Harley.*