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Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery

Bylaw No. 4002, 2025

ADOPTED January 8, 2026

PURPOSE

This bylaw sets out to provide for the recovery of nuisance abatement costs in relation to City staff and RCMP attendance regarding repeated nuisance property instances.

The Council of the City of Campbell River enacts as follows:

PART 1: Title

- 1.1.** This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as **Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw No. 4002, 2025.**

PART 2: Definitions

- 2.1** In this bylaw unless the context otherwise requires:

Bylaw Enforcement Officer	means a Peace Officer, as defined in the British Columbia Interpretation Act and those Persons designated by Council as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw;
City	means the City of Campbell River;
Notice	means a written notice provided under section 4.2;
Nuisance	means an activity which unreasonably interferes with a person's use and enjoyment of a public area or of land he or she occupies, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may include a noisy party, a group of people making noise, loud music, car racing, revving engines, frequent late night attendance of vehicles, public intoxication, yelling, shouting, screaming, fighting, littering, trespassing and property maintenance nuisances under Part 7 of the City's Public Nuisance Bylaw including but not limited to unsightliness and accumulations of discarded materials;
Nuisance Abatement Costs	means costs incurred by the RCMP or by City employees, contractors, or agents attending at a Nuisance Property for the purpose of seeking to abate any nuisance at the Nuisance Property or any nuisance caused by activities on the Nuisance Property, and the amount of Nuisance Abatement Costs are set out at Schedule A of this bylaw;
Nuisance Property	means a property where there are repeated instances of nuisances at the property or nuisances caused by activities on the property.

- 2.2** All words and phrases that are not defined in this bylaw must be construed in accordance with the meanings assigned to them by the Community Charter, Local Government Act and Interpretation Act as the context and circumstances require. A reference to a statute or regulation in this bylaw refers to a statute or regulation of the Province of British Columbia, and a reference to any enactment refers to that enactment as it may be amended or replaced from time to time. Words in the singular include the plural and gender specific terms include both genders and corporations. Headings in this bylaw are for convenience only and do not define or limit the scope or intent of this bylaw. If any portion of this bylaw is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that invalid portion is severed and the remainder is deemed to continue as valid. A reference to a section number is a reference to a section number in this bylaw unless otherwise indicated.

PART 3: Prohibitions and Requirements

- 3.1 An owner or occupier of a property must not cause, suffer, permit or allow the property to be used so as to cause a Nuisance.:
- 3.2 An owner or occupier of a property must abate or cause to be abated any activity on the property which is a Nuisance or which causes a nuisance.

PART 4: Cost of Nuisance Abatement

- 4.1 City council may adopt a resolution declaring a property to be a “Nuisance Property” if council reasonably determines that the property is a Nuisance Property.
- 4.2 If City council declares a property to be a Nuisance Property under section 4.1, the City may issue to the owner or occupier of the property a written notice of the declaration, and such written notice must include sections 4.1 to 4.6 and must advise that reconsideration of the declaration may be sought by a written request to the City.
- 4.3 A Notice is deemed to be received by the owner or occupier:
 - a. immediately upon it being personally served on the owner or occupier;
 - b. immediately upon acknowledgement via email from the owner or occupier of receipt of the Notice via email;
 - c. in relation to an owner, 7 days after being mailed by regular mail to the address of the owner as indicated in the land title search of the property subject to the Notice; or
 - d. in relation to an occupier, 7 days after being posted in a visible location on the property subject to the Notice.
- 4.4 The owner or occupier of a property subject to a Notice must pay to the City any Nuisance Abatement Costs incurred after receipt of the Notice under section 4.3, and such costs are a debt due and payable to the City recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 4.5 If Nuisance Abatement Costs under section 4.4 are not paid by December 31 of the calendar year in which those costs were incurred, the Nuisance Abatement Costs may be collected as property taxes on the property subject to the Notice in accordance with sections 258 and 259 of the *Community Charter*.
- 4.6 If Council cancels a declaration made under section 4.1, any requirements under section 4.4 are cancelled following the cancellation of the declaration.

PART 5: Enforcement and Penalties

- 5.1 This bylaw may be enforced by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or by a member of the RCMP.
- 5.2 Subject to section 16 of the *Community Charter*, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may enter on any property for the purpose of determining whether all the regulations, prohibitions and requirements are being met in relation to this bylaw.

- 5.3 Every person must not obstruct a Bylaw Enforcement Officer engaged in the enforcement of this bylaw.
- 5.4 Any person who:
- a. violates or fails to comply with any provision of this bylaw;
 - b. causes, permits, suffers or allows any action or thing to be done in violation of this bylaw; or
 - c. fails or neglects to do anything required to be done under this bylaw,
- contravenes this bylaw, and where the contravention is a continuing one, each day that the contravention continues amounts to a separation contravention.
- 5.5 Any person who contravenes this bylaw commits an offence and upon conviction by way of a proceeding under the *Offence Act* is liable to a penalty not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for each offence and the costs of prosecution.
- 5.6 This bylaw may be enforced by the issuance of a municipal ticket information under the *Community Charter*.

PART 6: Severability

- 6.1 If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase or word within this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court or competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

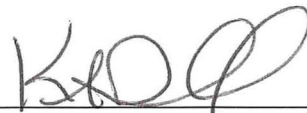
READ THE FIRST TIME this 20 day of November, 2025

READ THE SECOND TIME this 20 day of November, 2025

READ THE THIRD TIME this 11 day of December, 2025

ADOPTED this 8 day of January, 2026

Signed by the Mayor and Corporate Officer this 8 day of January, 2026



Kermit Dahl, MAYOR



Sheila Girvin, CORPORATE OFFICER

SCHEDULE "A"

The costs referred to in section 4.4 of this bylaw are determined in part by a flat fee for each separate attendance and time spent by individuals involved in the abatement of a nuisance and the amounts of individuals shall be determined as imposed under this schedule.

Rates per attendance are as follows:

Bylaw Enforcement Department staff	\$250.00
RCMP staff	\$250.00
Fire Department staff	\$250.00
Building Inspection Department staff	\$250.00
Operations Department staff	\$250.00
Contracted Services	Actual cost plus 10%



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