

Add noise bylaw enforcement provisions and extend the Unsightly Properties Bylaw to the UEL

We ask Minister Selina Robinson, BC Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to add enforcement provisions to the UEL noise bylaw and to extend GVRD bylaw 1198 regarding unsightly properties to include the UEL.

The community has asked for the addition of enforcement provisions for our noise bylaw for many years.

While a noise bylaw exists for the UEL, there are no enforcement provisions or penalties. This absurd situation has been very frustrating for our community members and results in increased demands on the local RCMP. This should be remedied with the addition of enforceable fines, as is the case in most communities.

We also ask Minister Robinson to extend the existing Electoral Area A “Unsightly Premises and Nuisance Bylaw No. 1198” to the University Endowment Lands.

There are a growing number of abandoned and neglected properties in our community. These properties have attracted squatters and crime. Our community currently has inadequate tools to persuade owners to improve property maintenance. The RCMP has been forced to allocate resources to clearing squatters out of abandoned homes. Unsightly Properties bylaw would help keep our community safe and free up RCMP resources.

We ask the Minister to add noise bylaw enforcement provisions to the UEL noise bylaw and to extend the existing Unsightly Premises GVRD bylaw to include the University Endowment Lands.

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