



Committee Report to Council

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Date: December 30, 2025
To: **Mayor and Council.**
Name and title: Mayor Simon Yu, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Safety
Subject: Committee Referral – Security Alarm System Bylaw
Attachment(s): Security Alarm System Bylaw, Bylaw No. 6358, 1995.

Recommendation(s):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated December 30, 2025 from Mayor Yu, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Safety, titled, “Committee Referral – Security Alarm System Bylaw”.

Purpose:

This report communicates a topic of interest from the Standing Committee on public Safety to Council.

Background:

At the October 2025 Public Safety Committee meeting a motion was made, “That the Standing Committee on Public Safety REFERS to Council consideration of a potential revision to “Security Alarm System Bylaw, No. 6358, 1995” to establish an appeal process for fines incurred as a result of false security alarms requiring police attendance”.

It is important to note that fines are not issued for false alarm attendances, rather a service fee is applied due to the costs (real and opportunity) associated with RCMP response to these alarms. In 2011 Council updated the false alarm bylaw and removed the issuance of warnings for the first and second false alarm per year. At present a flat fee of \$112, dictated by the Fees and Charges Bylaw, is applied to false alarm responses that meet the fee parameters under the bylaw.

Should Council wish to explore this topic, it may be more appropriate to consider revisiting the issuance of warnings rather than an appeal process. If council is satisfied with the current fee-for-service structure this report can be received for information.

Summary and conclusion:

This report communicates a topic of interest from the Standing Committee on Public Safety to Council.

Respectfully submitted:

Mayor Simon Yu

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