

Subject: New Security Alarm Bylaw

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

I believe council made the wrong decision on moving to a permit based system. It takes only elementary math to show that people who do not cause false alarms would now have to pay more. You are asking people, who have done no harm to anyone, to pay \$20/year (for starters!) while only saving some \$4/year on their taxes (the quoted \$125,000/year saved). Everyone should be able to understand that an expenditure of \$20/yr which produces a return of \$4/yr is a bad investment.

There may indeed be 5000-8000 false alarms that the RCMP respond to - but the cost to respond to those should not be born by valid users of alarm systems - unless of course you believe that responding to a valid alarm should also be paid for by the victims of crimes.

It would have been informative to have discussed just how many of the 5000-8000 annual false alarms were repeat offenders - ie. how many would have to pay \$130. Sadly, this rather critical information was not brought into the open. Perhaps even members of council did not have that relevant information.

To use as precedence the unjust actions of other municipalities was also reprehensible. I expected more from this council.

In summary, I conclude council has made a bad and unfair decision, made largely out of ignorance, with a total disregard of future privacy implications (forcing for example, alarm companies, contrary to their customer policies, to reveal information about their clients).

Yours truly,

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