

Unsanctioned gatherings



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Challenges



- Large unsanctioned street parties in student-populated areas, like Sandy Hill
- Accumulation and improper storage of waste
- Public intoxication
- Public urination
- Violations of the Noise By-law

Town & Gown Committee

- Committee is made up of representatives from university, police, by-law, area City Councillor, local community association
- Allows stakeholders to discuss key issues and how to resolve them



Initiatives include:

- Frosh Week information packets
- Community Walk-about
- Coordinated response to unsanctioned events



Response to unsanctioned events



- Zero Tolerance initiatives
 - **Noise By-law** set fine of **\$490** for noise that disturbs inhabitants of the City
- **Sandy Hill Pilot Project** (facilitating the removal of waste & debris)
- Set fines for public urination (or defecation) under the **Use & Care of Roads By-law (\$260)**
- **Special Events By-law**, allows by-law to charge hosts of unsanctioned events for failing to obtain permits (**\$615**) among other charges

Ongoing challenges:



- Changing the reputation of neighbourhoods and streets known for parties and gatherings
- Determining the right balance of enforcement approach (uniformed officers, how many?)
- Who to charge? Host? Attendee? Will it escalate the situation (ie. Panda Game)
- Cost of paid duty for non-sanctioned event falls to the municipality

Questions?

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