

Bylaw enforcement report coming

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Resident complaints have led one King councillor to ask staff for some ideas on tackling bylaw enforcement.

Ward 1 Councillor Cleve Mortelliti brought forward a motion at Monday night's council meeting, asking the clerk to direct staff to come up with some figures relating to the costs associated with putting extra bylaw enforcement officers on duty after hours and on weekends. Councillors okayed the request.

While it's been an ongoing issue for years, Mortelliti said his request was driven by recent complaints from his ward residents.

The Township has never had full-time after hours by-law enforcement which is typical of small rural municipalities.

?King is experiencing significant growth and we need to adapt to the times. Residents who are asking for this must understand that this represents a level of service that has never existed previously. We do focus on certain areas on a complaint basis after hours or on weekends like noise or parking issues, etc. But this in no way represents true after-hours by-law enforcement.?

His request centres on asking staff to analyze the staffing level requirements and the costs associated as well as providing various options or methods of providing the service in a manner that is cost effective.

?The reality is that people who choose to live here must reconcile the fact that King will never be able to compete with the service level that high population municipalities can provide.?

He's anxious to see what information staff come up with, have some public debate on the issue, and decide if this is a level of service the public wants to pay for.