

Township of South Stormont
KEY INFORMATION REPORT
Fire and Rescue Department



To: Council
From: Gilles Crepeau, Fire Chief
Date of Meeting: July 13, 2022
Subject: Cornwall Handgun Club

Background:

There have been noise complaints brought forward by members of the community who are concerned with the amount of noise and the frequency of the guns shooting that is taking place at the Cornwall Handgun Club. The community members who are upset are preparing a petition, though what the petition will be asking for is unclear at the point.

There are currently five (5) local law agencies (Cornwall Police, OPP, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, RCMP, and Ministry of Natural Resources) that utilize the club on a weekly basis for training purposes; the club also has approximately 500 total members.

Discussion:

Chief Crepeau met with representatives from the Cornwall Gun Club on July 8, 2022 to discuss the community concerns. It was a productive meeting in which the Club representatives agreed to discuss reduced hours in the evenings and on the weekends. The Club also discussed that they would be prepared to invest \$100,000 to move the range used for rifles to another location on the property that is further away from the built-up areas. They are waiting on legislation regarding this move, anticipated to be brought forward this fall, and will also need to discuss this with their Board of Directors.

Staff will continue to monitor the situation and update Council as appropriate or when new information is available.

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