



Kingston Police

In-Camera Agenda Information Report

To: Kingston Police Service Board
From: Scott Fraser, Chief of Police
Subject: Queen's Move-In Weekend 2024
Date: September 12, 2024

Recommendation:

That the Queen's Move-In Weekend 2024, Report Number 24-36 is for information only.

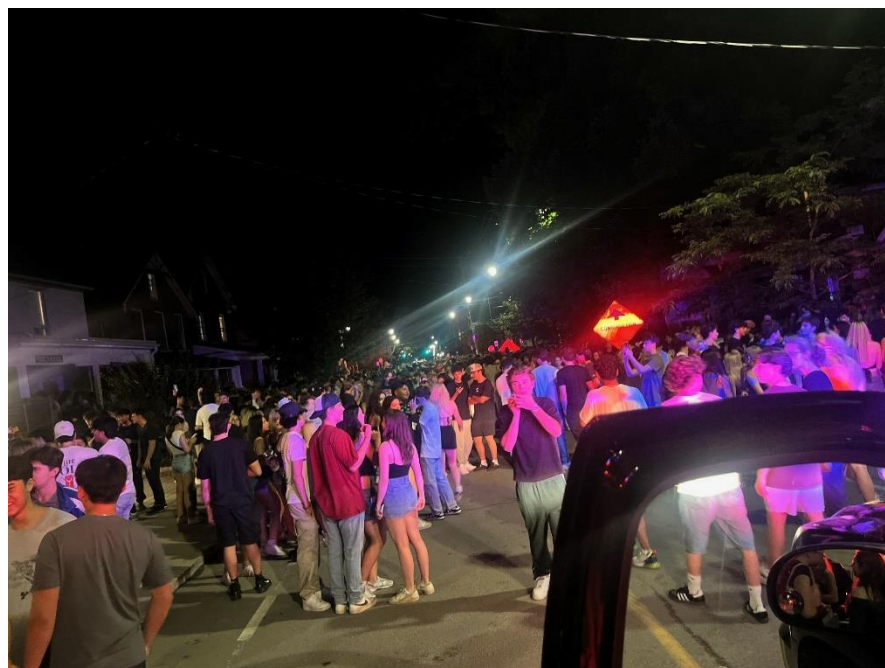
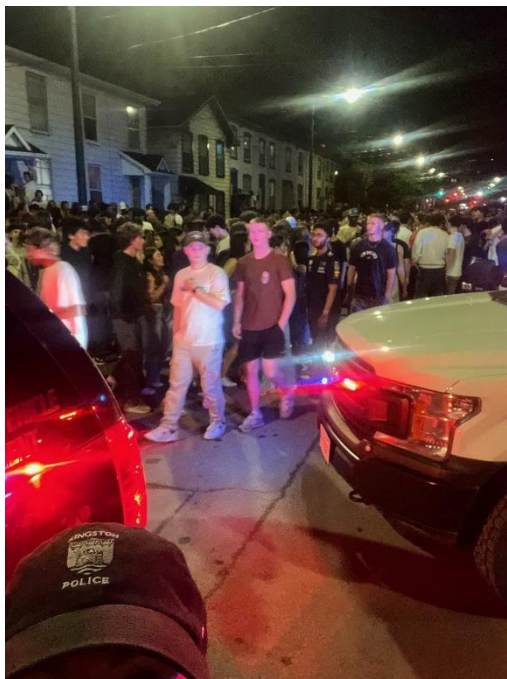
Weekend 1 (August 30 – September 1, 2024)

Friday was quieter than anticipated, however there were still areas of concern, most notably the King Street pier. Due to the University District Safety Initiative (UDSI), the pier was closed and fenced off every night from 8:00pm until 6:30am. That said, there was an influx of people bypassing the barriers and entering the area, resulting in extra calls for bylaw and officers upstaffing. The HUB entertainment district (Princess Street between Division Street and Barrie Street) was also significantly busy in the early morning hours with students (presumably second to fourth year since move-in day had not yet occurred).

Besides issues at the pier and saturated numbers at the HUB, the demeanour with the students on Friday was generally good, with people milling about and exploring but not causing significant problems beyond a few LLA infractions.

Saturday was significantly busier with approximately 3,000 students taking over University Street by 10:15pm. With only 6 upstaffing officers and bylaw available, the incident commander directed the officers to contain the area for public safety. This was likely made worse after an event on Tindall Field was let out. While there were no fireworks or projectiles involved on Saturday, the attitude from students was that of transient and loitering drunken behaviour. Bylaw expressed some concern when the area was not declared a "nuisance party," however given the resources available, the decision was made to limit risk of harm to attendees and officers through containment and selective enforcement. Liquor enforcement was conducted on the outskirts and

there were two Queen's related arrests in the area. The pier was an issue yet again, but students were peaceful and not causing problems. There was also a few from a criminal sub-culture element that were spotted loitering in and around the grounds. They were dealt with and moved along.



The construction on Aberdeen Street was concerning with multiple students entering the site, climbing on equipment, and loitering. There was also a large crater-like area at Earl Street and Aberdeen, described as a “swimming pool,” which has and will continue to pose a significant risk to public safety. The City of Kingston should consider expediting construction in this area prior to Homecoming, or it will be a safety concern and pose issues for police and bylaw on many levels.



There were no street gatherings on Sunday, however, there was an unusual congregation at Victoria Hall where around 900 students gathered on the front lawn of the complex. Queen’s security did call in out of concern due to sheer numbers, but the students were peaceful, not causing problems and police action was not required.

Some traffic enforcement was required for unruly drivers after “kids” were caught showing off with their vehicles and driving irresponsibly. A significant number of *Highway Traffic Act* infractions were laid as a result.

Weekend 2 (September 6 – 7, 2024)

Queens held an outdoor concert on their property near University Avenue and Union Street on the Friday evening. Following the conclusion of the concert, an influx of students made their way towards the University District and the HUB downtown. Less than ideal weather resulted in most students moving indoors, which prevented a street gathering. The extra officers available for the night were not required after midnight and as such, concluded their shift early. There were no major issues reported by the officers or Bylaw.

On Saturday, there was a Queen’s football game as well as a semi-formal held at Grant Hall which attracted a lot of students, keeping them away from the University District. The event concluded at 11:00pm, and there were no significant issues to report.

It should be noted that the “two-tiered” approach has been very well received by students. In fact, many of the officers who were in attendance relayed the same information. As in the past, we are utilizing Part III summonses to allow for the potential of higher fines and in-person court appearances. Due to the volume issues at court, the summonses are being reserved for the most egregious behaviour, and other fines are being issued on regular offence notices (tickets).

Enforcement Totals

Charge	By-Law	Kingston Police
<i>Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019</i>		163
<i>Highway Traffic Act</i>		24
Failure to abide by signage	105	
Amplified sound	4	
Yelling and shouting	42	

For both weekends, fines laid by Kingston Police Enforcement Officers total \$19,535, and \$16,920 for fines laid by City of Kingston Bylaw Officers.

Costs

Expenses for this event are mostly attributed to overtime incurred by the Enforcement Team. Some minor costs were incurred for equipment, supplies, and/or meals which have not yet been posted and calculated. The total overtime costs for both weekends comes to \$23,489.98, a 55.5% reduction compared to last year’s costs of \$52,823.

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