



Staff Report

Report Title: September 2022 Monthly By-Law Enforcement Status Report

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Department: By-Law Enforcement

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number BLE-2022-10-18 prepared by Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

To update Council on September occurrences involving By-Law Enforcement.

Discussion:

Violations	Number of Calls	Calls to Date
By-Law Enforcement	10	69
Animal Control	3	33
Property Standards	10	53
Parking Violations	1	18
Beach Violations	1	8
Lawn Watering	0	2
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animal	0	1
Other	4	49

By-Law Enforcement Summer Season Overview

In July and August there was a total of sixty-one by-law violation complaints. Most infractions that were reported were for excessive noise from dogs barking or playing loud music. These complaints were reported equally throughout the Township with violators rarely reoffending after first contact from the Township. There were two complaints related to the detonation of fireworks, which is a decrease from previous years.

Property Standards also received a high volume of complaints due to dead or diseased trees most of which had been affected by the Ash Borer Disease.

There were four beach complaints that pertained to a golf car on the beach, litter and camping on the beach.

During the weekends of the summer no calls were received from the Townships afterhours on-call service. Members of the public are directed to call the afterhours on-call service at 1-866-299-5199, when faced with a situation that requires immediate by-law assistance. This number is included in the by-law pager voicemail message and can also be found on the Township website. Residents who find themselves in situations that require the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police are directed to call the non-emergency number at 1 888 310-1122 (toll-free in Ontario) and for emergency assistance dial 9-1-1.

Noise Complaints

There were eight noise complaints that were received this month. Those complaints ranged from excessive barking, loud music, and continuous nuisance noise in an apartment setting. Five of the eight complaints were heard from the same resident. When the noise complaints were received, they were investigated with all persons in violation receiving notices. The Township continues to put an emphasis on neighbourly respect with all correspondence.

Animal Control

There were two separate incidents of dogs running at large and one bite incident. The bite incident involved another dog that was being walked on the roadway on a leash. As the dog has a history of aggressive behaviour, the situation warranted the dog having restrictions placed on it. The owners were strongly encouraged to get the mandatory rabies vaccine as per the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

Property Standards

Six of the property standards complaints were regarding dead, dying or diseased trees on lots. The other four complaints were for unkept yards that are in the Lucknow area. All complaints were investigated and found valid with property owners and tenants being notified of the violations. Compliance dates were provided, and the properties will be monitored.

Wildlife

There was one Wildlife Damage Compensation Application sent into the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The application is to seek for monetary compensation after an ewe was killed by a coyote. This incident occurred near Wolfe Street in Kinloss.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer