



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

### Staff Report

**Report Title: October 2022 Monthly By-Law Enforcement Status Report**

**Prepared By: Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer**

**Department: By-Law Enforcement**

**Date: Nov. 7, 2022**

**Report Number: BLE-2022-11-19**

**File Number: C-11 BLE22**

**Attachments: Avian Influenza: Preventing Transmission Animal Health  
Control Area Order Information  
Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Update**

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number BLE-2022-11-19 prepared by Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

#### **Background:**

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

#### **Discussion:**

<b>Violations</b>	<b>Number of Calls</b>	<b>Calls to Date</b>
<b>By-Law Enforcement</b>	2	71
<b>Animal Control</b>	4	37
<b>Property Standards</b>	4	57
<b>Parking Violations</b>	3	21
<b>Beach Violations</b>	3	11
<b>Lawn Watering</b>	0	2
<b>Feeding Wildlife and</b>	0	1

<b>Feral Animal</b>		
<b>Other</b>	4	53

## **Animal Control**

There were four separate occurrences of dogs running at large this month. During routine beach patrols, extra time was spent educating dog walkers that they must have their dogs on a leash while on the public beach. Verbally appreciation was given to those who had their dogs already on a leash, as this makes the public beach a safe enjoyable area for those who like dogs and those who do not.

## **Property Standards**

Trees that have been affected by the Ash Borer Disease are still a real concern for property owners. Arborists are and will continue to be busy trying to take down the affected trees. There has been voiced worry regarding the duration of time it is taking for arborists to address this issue. As a result, a request for patience has been asked, as everyone is doing the best they can to prioritize the potentially dangerous trees and to resolve this situation.

## **Wildlife**

A letter was received by the Deputy Chief Veterinarian for Ontario regarding the implantation of the Avian Influenza: Preventing Transmission Animal Health Control Area Order. The Order temporarily prohibits events where birds commingle thus reducing direct contact between birds from different locations in Ontario. It is encouraged that bird owners continue to maintain strict biosecurity measures to help reduce the risk of avian influenza from spreading. This Order will be in effect until November 21, 2022. A pamphlet has been attached to this report for information purposes and further updated information can be found at [http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/vet/facts/avian\\_influenza.htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/vet/facts/avian_influenza.htm).

Bear evidence was found along the lakeshore community. Notification was sent out on social media for residents and visitors to be bear wise to prevent bear encounters.

## **Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Update**

The Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs send a letter stating that there are changes to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program. These changes are:

- Producers can now submit up to 10 applications per year before having to submit a Reasonable Care Plan
- January 2022 the administrative allowance for Municipalities will increase from \$30 to \$50 to assist with the cost of running the program

The letter has been attached to this report for information purposes and for further inquiries, you may contact 1-877-424-1300 or [wildlife.damage@ontario.ca](mailto:wildlife.damage@ontario.ca).

**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:**

Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer