



Staff Report

**Report Title: June 2023 Monthly By-Law Enforcement Status Report**

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

**Department: Municipal By-Law Enforcement**

**Date: Jul. 3, 2023**

**Report Number: BLE-2023-07-16**

**File Number: C11 - BLE23**

**Attachments: N/A**

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**Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number BLE-2023-07-16 prepared by Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer:

AND FURTHER accepts the resignation of Dan Pinto with regret.

**Background:**

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

**Discussion:**

<b>Violations</b>	<b>Number of Calls</b>	<b>Calls to Date</b>
<b>By-Law Enforcement</b>	3	21
<b>Animal Control</b>	3	11
<b>Clean and Clear Yards</b>	5	11
<b>Property Standards</b>	1	14
<b>Parking Violations</b>	2	3
<b>Beach Violations</b>	0	3
<b>Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animal</b>	0	7

<b>Other</b>	2	40
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**Calls to Date for first 6 Month Period**

The total 2023 calls to date for the first 6 months of the year is 110. In 2022, at this time of year there was a total of 135 calls.

**Zoning Infraction**

A notice of violation was sent to property owner’s after receiving complaints and confirming that a trailer on the property was being used for habitation. There were additional concerns regarding noise from the running generator and loudspeakers and the general living conditions.

**Noise Complaints**

Two notices of violations were provided to property owners regarding excessive dog barking. Both dog owners replied expressing that they would continue to work with their dogs to mediate the noise concerns. Compliance will be monitored.

**Lawn Watering**

During the lawn watering and car washing ban, there were multiple complaints regarding the use of water. During patrols pre-printed information pamphlets were hand delivered to all residents that were in contravention of the water ban.

**Animal Control**

One dog was found running at large and was returned to the owner.

There were two separate bite occurrences involving dogs. As per the Grey Bruce Health Unit protocol, both dogs were placed in a 10-day quarantine period and verification of up-to-date rabies vaccine was ensured. As per the Township’s Animal Control/Kennel Licensing By-law, both dogs are considered “Dangerous Dogs” and the owner is required to exercise all given reasonable precautions to prevent the dog from biting again.

**Clean and Clear Yards By-law**

Five complaints were received regarding yard maintenance for separate properties. Notices of violation have been sent out to the property owner’s and tenants when applicable. The properties will be monitored for compliance.

**Property Standards**

A complaint was received regarding mould in a rental unit. Mould was confirmed and has been removed from the unit. The property owner has been contacted to see if ventilation can be improved. A re-inspection of the unit will be conducted to verify no further mould is present.

**Wildlife Compensation Program**

One application was submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs on behalf of a local beef farmer. A calf had submitted to its injuries after a coyote attack.

**Relief By-law Enforcement Officer Position**

It is with regret that we have to report that Dan Pinto has resigned from his position. We have contacted a private firm who provides services to other local municipalities. Dan's resignation will unfortunately affect our summer pilot program. We will continue to provide Council updates as they arise.

**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