



Staff Report

Report Title: September 2023 Monthly By-Law Enforcement Status Report

Prepared By: Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Department: By-Law Enforcement Officer

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Report Number: BLE-2023-10-20

File Number: C11 - BLE23

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number BLE-2023-10-12 prepared by Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer:

Background:

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

Discussion:

Violations	Number of Calls for Service	Calls To Date
By-Laws not Listed	4	43
Animal Control	1	16
Clean and Clear Yards	2	18
Property Standards	1	15
Parking Violations	0	5
Beach Violations	0	6
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animals	0	8

Other Calls not specific to Township By-laws	2	44
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Open Air Burning Conviction

In June a resident was issued a Part 1 Provincial Offence Certificate for “Operating an Open-Air Fire during a Fire Ban”. The resident decided to challenge the Certificate in court. On September 26, 2023, the matter was before the court and a conviction was registered. The result of the court decision was that the resident is required to pay the set fine amount of \$250, plus court costs and victim fine surcharge within 30 days.

Noise

Two complaints were received regarding noise. One complaint was for excessive dog barking and the other was for the detonation of fireworks at an unknown location.

Animal Control

Three dogs running at large were a concern within a subdivision. With details being provided from the complainant, the area was attended resulting in the dogs being directed back to the owner’s property and then contained. Ideas were exchanged with the owner to ensure that the dogs would not get out again. Compliance will be monitored.

Clean and Clear Yards

Two Clean and Clear Orders were issued to property owners for tall grass and weeds. Re-inspection of the properties will occur to ensure the yards are maintained.

Other

The Township has received inquiries regarding hunting practices within the Township of Huron-Kinloss. The Township Noise Control By-law No. 2005-101, as amended regulates that the lawful discharge of firearms can occur between one half hour prior to sunrise to one half hour after sundown. On Sundays, the lawful discharge of a firearms cannot occur until 10:00 a.m.

The current Ontario Summary of Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations and the current Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary was provided to inquirers for education purposes. It was recommended for residents to reach out to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, who enforces hunting practices for any further information needed.

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

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer