



## Staff Report

**Report Title: February 2024 Monthly Municipal By-Law Enforcement Status Report**

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

**Department: Municipal By-Law Enforcement**

**Date: Mar. 4, 2024**

**Report Number: BLE-2024-03-4**

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**Attachments: N/A**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLE-2024-03-4, as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

### **Background:**

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

### **Discussion:**

#### **February 2024 Data Chart**

<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Number of Calls for Service</b>	<b>Calls To Date</b>
Animal Control	5	12
Property Maintenance	2	5
Parking Violations	0	0
Beach Violations	2	2
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animals	0	0
By-Laws No Listed Above	4	7

Other complaints not by-law related but of public interest	0	3
Total Complaints	12	29

**Year to Date Issuance of Provincial Offence Certificate & Property Maintenance Order**

2024	Issued	Pending Resolution	Resolution
Provincial Offence Certificate	3	3	
Property Maintenance Order	0		

**Animal Control**

This month the Township was made aware of a dog that had bitten two separate people on two separate occasions. Both bites were confirmed resulting in a Provincial Offences Certificate being issued to the dog owner. For public safety, a Dangerous Dog Order was issued. The Order places restrictions on the dog to minimize if not eliminate further incidents from occurring.

Three separate complaints were received regarding a large dog that was acting unruly and could not be controlled by the owner. Due to Ontario Provincial Police involvement, officers involved were consulted on the demeanor of the dog. A Dangerous Dog Order was issued.

**Property Maintenance**

Two concerns were voiced involving trees that are diseased and dying on two separate properties. After completing property inspections, notices were sent to property owners requesting they arrange for the identified trees to be removal promptly.

**Zoning Non-Compliance**

Three separate properties received zoning violation notices regarding shipping container being utilized for storage in residential areas. Compliance will be monitored.

**Beach Violations**

A resident called whose property is adjacent to the public beach voicing dog concerns. They suggested a designated dog beach within the Township or larger dog regulation beach signs be posted. The concerns with dogs being permitted on the public beach were:

- Owners allowing their dogs to run off leash when not permitted, and
- Dogs defecating on the beach and on private property with dog owner(s) not picking up after their pet.

Beach patrols have increased in areas that have been identified through the public complaint process. Signage is currently being investigated including other ways to communicate that dogs are not permitted to run at large.

### **Golf Car Pilot Project**

A golf cart criticism was voiced regarding the amount of golf carts not being licenced as "Golf Cars" under the Township of Huron-Kinloss Golf Car Pilot Project. The criticisms were:

- Unlicensed golf carts seen do not meet the safety standards of the program,
- Young drivers have been witnessed driving that do not meet the age and licence requirements of the program, and
- Careless driving has been observed on golf carts.

The resident did state that they have been pulled over twice last year by the Ontario Provincial Police to check safety requirements on their Golf Car. This information will be communicated to the OPP. Notices will continue to be issued on golf carts that do not display a current registration licence sticker.

### **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, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer

### **Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer