



# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

## Staff Report

**Report Title: Municipal By-Law Enforcement Status Report April 2024**

**Date: Apr. 3, 2024**

**Report Number: BLE-2024-05-07**

**Department: By-Law Enforcement**

**File Number: C11**

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

**Attachments: N/A**

### Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLE-2024-05-7, as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

### Background:

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

### Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

<b>April 2024 Data Chart</b>		
<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Number of Calls for Service</b>	<b>Calls To Date</b>
Animal Control	5	20
Property Maintenance	6	15
Parking Violations	1	1
Beach Violations	0	2
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animals	0	0
By-Laws Not Listed Above	8	15
Other complaints not by-law related but of public interest	3	8
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>61</b>

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

2024	Issued	Pending Resolution	Resolution
Provincial Offence Certificate	3	0	3
Property Maintenance Order	1	1	

### Animal Control

There were four reported accounts of dogs running at large.

- Two occurrences were reported where the dogs could not be found at the specified location on the beach,
- One dog was taken to the Township Pound, and later reunited with owner, and
- One dog wearing their Huron-Kinloss Dog Tag was returned to the owner without incident.

There was one report of a dog bite incident. Restrictions have been placed on the dog. The dog owner decided to schedule the dog to be evaluated by a dog behaviouralist and to further its training as a proactive measure.

### Property Maintenance

There were four concerns regarding hazardous trees on private property. Notices has been issued to property owners for the removal of the hazardous trees. Compliance will be monitored.

Two properties have been inspected for being unsightly with debris and derelict vehicles. Notices have been issued for compliance to be met as per the Clean and Clear By-law No. 2023-60.

### Noise By-law

With the recent windstorms causing loss of power, some residents utilized generators to power their homes and other items. In the residential areas, complaints were filed regarding the high noise levels that the generators caused that ran all day and night until power was restored. Using a mobile application, noise levels were recorded at neighbouring properties to reach 80-85 decibels.

### Off Road Vehicles

A concern was recorded regarding three off road vehicles being driven in the Point Clark Light House parking lot. These vehicles are not permitted to be driven West of Lake Range Drive to Lake Huron, except when seeking direct access to core services. One driver was identified and was issued a Notice for the violation. Staff are considering a review of the by-law to ensure relevance to other by-laws.

## **Zoning Infractions**

There are seven properties that the owners of have been engaged with regarding non-compliance with the Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 2018-98. Staff will continue to work with all parties involved to seek compliance.

## **Financial Impacts:**

There is no financial impact currently.

## **Strategic Area:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability         |

## **Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being**

N/A

## **Respectfully Submitted By:**

Heather Falconer, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer

## **Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer