



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Municipal By-Law Enforcement Status Report July 2024

Date: Jul. 3, 2024

Report Number: BLE-2024-08-11

Department: By-Law Enforcement

File Number: C11 BLE 24

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

Attachments: Notice Sign for Dogs to be Leashed

Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales Act, S.O. 2024, c. 14 - Bill 159

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLE-2024-08-11, as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

To update Council on July occurrences involving Municipal By-Law Enforcement.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

July 2024 Data Chart		
Complaints	Number of Calls for Service	Calls To Date
Animal Control	4	32
Property Maintenance	10	61
Parking Violations	4	8
Beach Violations	0	4
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animals	0	0
By-Laws Not Listed Above	11	48
Other complaints not by-law related but of public interest	2	15
Total Complaints	31	168

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

2024	Issued	Pending Resolution	Resolved
Provincial Offence Certificate	3	0	3
Property Maintenance Order	3	18	12

Animal Control

There were four complaints received regarding dogs running at large. During one of those occurrences, the dog was known to be aggressive. The Township solicited the aid of the company Municipal Support Services to assist in securing the dog.

New signs will be posted within the Township where dogs have been frequently documented being permitted to running at large. The signs will inform the public that dogs must be always leashed in public spaces. This will hopefully decrease cases of incidents involving dogs running at large. The design of the sign has been attached for viewing.

On June 6, 2024, the *Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales Act, S.O. 2024, c. 14 - Bill 159* (PUPS Act) was passed in Ontario and has been attached for review. The PUPS Act aims to curb unethical breeding practices and enhance animal welfare. The primary target being puppy mills as defined in the PUPS Act. The key provisions include:

- Breeding Restrictions:
 - female dog cannot be bred that is less than a year old and before its second heat cycle
 - breeding with dog's own parent or sibling
- Health and Sanitation Requirements
 - Each dog's environment is kept sufficiently clean so that dog does not stand, sit, or lie down in excrement, urine, mud, or water, and
 - Each dog's environment cleaned as frequently as necessary with appropriate cleaning products to control accumulation of excrement, urine and other waste and minimize presence of parasites
- Puppy Care
 - Each puppy shall not be separated from its mother prior to 8 weeks of age (56 days)

During kennel inspections, the PUPS Act will be provided for information to kennel owners. Extra copies will be available for dog owners who lease a kennel or space within a kennel for dog breeding.

Property Maintenance

A Property Standards Order that was issued in June was appealed by the owner. The Property Standards Hearing will commence in the month of August. At the hearing, the Property Standards Committee will review all evidence and testimony from the appellant and the Township. The Committee will then decide to either confirm, modify, or rescind the Order. They may also extend the time for complying with the Order.

Parking Violations

All parking violations were voiced where vehicles were parked on the road allowance parked in an unsafe manner or close to driveway entrances. Notices were provided on vehicles.

A private RV'ing website advertised overnight parking at the Point Clark Lighthouse parking lot. The content suggested camping was permitted at the location. The Township informed the website provider that camping was not permitted at the lighthouse parking lot and the overnight content was removed without incident.

Noise Control

Five noise complaints were submitted for this month. All complaints were related to music being played in a manner that disturbed the peace and comfort of the neighbourhoods involved. Notices were sent to the property owners with the intent on educating so that no further incidents occur.

Financial Impacts:

There is no financial impact currently.

Strategic Area:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Heather Falconer, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer