



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

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

Date: Sep. 4, 2024

Report Number: BLE-2024-09-12

Department: By-Law Enforcement

File Number: C11 BLE 24

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-2024-09-12, as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

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

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

August 2024 Data Chart		
Complaints	Number of Calls for Service	Calls To Date
Animal Control	6	38
Property Maintenance	4	65
Parking Violations	3	11
Beach Violations	1	5
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animals	0	0
By-Laws Not Listed Above	8	56
Other complaints not by-law related but of public interest	2	17
Total Complaints	24	192

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

2024	Issued	Pending Resolution	Resolved
Provincial Offence Certificate	0	0	3
Property Maintenance Order	2	16	17

Animal Control

There were 6 complaints received regarding dogs running at large with the Township.

One dog was a runaway from a local doggy daycare business. The dog was later found by the dog owners. The business is being investigated to see if a kennel licence is required for continued operation.

The other dog at large complaints were all situations that occurred on the public beach. Where owners could be identified, notices of violation were issued.

One of the dogs that was running at large on the beach attacked another dog that was leashed. The dog that was attached suffered minor injuries from being tangled with the other dog from the leash during the altercation and from being bitten. A notice was issued with other penalties pending on the complete findings of the investigation.

Property Maintenance

A Property Standards Order was upheld during the Property Standards Appeal Hearing on August 14, 2024. The property owner was provided an extension of time to supply the Township with a structural engineer's report. The report will provide recommendations for the building in question and the schedule to remedy the property. More information regarding the content of the hearing can be found at [Property Standards Committee - August 14, 2024 \(escribemeetings.com\)](https://www.escribemeetings.com)

Beach Violations

A complaint was filed regarding individuals cutting tree limbs of trees located along Boiler Beach Road. It was said that individuals were using it for wood for their beach fire. There was no individual identified. The situation will be monitored.

Golf Car Pilot Project

There were four individuals who reached out to voice their concerns regarding golf cars being driven on roadways. The mentioned concerns and violations were:

- Minors being permitted to drive
- Golf cars being driven on the public beach
- Golf car being over overloaded with passengers in an unsafe manner

- Open alcohol being consumed while golf car is being driven, and
- Unsafe operation of golf cars by lack of road regulations being followed.

The recommendation was made to contact the Ontario Provincial Police to enforce the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8. Additionally, it is encouraged for individuals to report incidents to the Township and provide evidence.

Zoning Infractions

The Township has heard from residents with concerns about a fellow resident housing chickens in a residential area. After an inspection of the property, a notice of violation was issued to remove the chickens from the residential property. Chickens are not a domesticated animal/pet but are considered an agricultural animal by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, therefore they are only permitted on Agricultural Zoned properties.

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer