



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

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

Date: Dec. 2, 2024

Report Number: BLE-2024-12-16

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-2024-12-16, as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

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

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

November 2024 Data Chart		
Complaints	Number of Calls for Service	Calls To Date
Animal Control	7	59
Property Maintenance	6	77
Parking Violations	1	17
Beach Violations	0	7
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animals	0	0
By-Laws Not Listed Above	2	67
Other complaints not by-law related but of public interest	1	20

Total Complaints	17	247
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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	0	5	30

Animal Control

There were seven complaints regarding dogs running at large this month. Owners who could be identified through their dogs Huron-Kinloss dog tag received education verbally and was then follow-up with a written notice.

One dog whose owners could not be identified was brought to the Township Pound without incident. No owner has come forward and the dog has been accepted into an adoption program.

Two brown female cocker spaniels’ dogs were found by residents at the side of the road. Due to the dogs condition the residents took them into their own vet who scanned them for an identification chip and tattoo, none were found. The location of the dogs was not provided. The residents called to ensure that no calls were received for the lost dogs and to let the Township know of the occurrence.

Property Maintenance

Of the six property maintenance complaints, four pertained to dead trees in residential areas that are at risk of falling causing damage to adjacent properties.

The two other concerns were debris accumulation in yards. Once concerns are confirmed by inspection, property owners are notified and issued compliance dates.

Sign By-law

A complaint came forward regarding the amount of business advertisement signs that have accumulated on the road allowances and hydro poles along the lakeshore area. The complainant stated they will be requesting the hydro company remove the advertisements from their poles when they are working in the area. Staff will increase education to the public on permissible locations for both home business and commercial business signs. A list of alternative ways to legally advertise within the Township will also be provided. Notices will be sent to non-compliant businesses soon.

Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

There have been five investigations regarding the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program since August. By-law Enforcement is appointed as the Municipal Livestock Investigator to complete onsite investigations when livestock have been allegedly injured or killed by a wildlife predator. Along with the investigation, the application form is filled out and submitted for review and approval. At this time last year, there were only two investigations had occurred.

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