



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Municipal By-Law Enforcement Status Report April 2025

Date: May. 5, 2025

Report Number: BLE-2025-06

Department: By-Law Enforcement

File Number: C11 BLE 25

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-2025-06, as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

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

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

2025 Data Chart		
Complaints	Number of Calls for Service	Calls To Date
Animal Control	2	7
Property Maintenance	6	12
Parking Violations	2	4
Beach Violations	1	0
Zoning	1	4
By-Laws Not Listed Above	2	1
Total Complaints	14	42

Year to Date Issuance of Administrative Monetary Penalties, Property Maintenance Orders & Provincial Offence Certificates

2025	Issued	Pending Resolution	Resolved
Administrative Monetary Penalties	0	0	0
Property Maintenance Order	0	0	0
Provincial Offence Certificate	1	0	0

Animal Control

An occurrence of a dog attacking another dog within the lakeshore area was reported. The owners of the one dog were educated on responsible ownership and provided a Dangerous Dog Order for restrictions and a Provincial Offence Certificate.

Property Standards

On April 29, 2025, the Property Standards Committee met to conduct a hearing for a 2024 Order to Comply that was appealed. The committee's decision was to extend the time for the property to be brought into compliance due to environmental conditions.

Property Maintenance

Six complaints were received regarding yard maintenance that included:

- The presence of Giant Hog Weed,
- Dead and decaying trees that pose a hazard, and
- Debris and refuse within a yard.

Parking Violations

Two parking complaints were received and investigated which resulted in warnings on the vehicles. Both parking violations have since been resolved.

Beach Management

One complaint was received regarding vegetation being cut and dune destruction on the public beach near the intersection of the 12th Concession and Boiler Beach Road. Administrative Monetary Penalties may be issued to offender upon findings of investigation.

Zoning Infractions

A resident reported a person living in a tent on a residential property. The owner of the property has been informed that living in a tent or other structure (aside from the dwelling) is prohibited according to the Township's zoning by-law.

Signs

Information on the sign by-law regarding where commercial activity signs can be located has been generated and circulated for public education. In the next few weeks notices will be issued to businesses with their signs in non-permitted areas.

Other

An influx of calls has been received regarding properties where there is alleged criminal activity occurring. Callers were advised to report any activity of this kind to the Ontario Provincial Police using their non-emergency phone number 1 888 310-1122. For emergency assistance, call 911.

Noise

Two noise complaints were reported regarding the revving of an all-terrain vehicle in the village of Ripley.

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