



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Municipal By-Law Enforcement Status Report June 2025**

**Date: Jun. 9, 2025**

**Report Number: BLE-2025-08**

**Department: By-Law Enforcement**

**File Number: C11 BLE 25**

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

**Attachments: N/A**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLE-2025-08, as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

#### **Background:**

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

#### **Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

2025 Data Chart		
Complaints	Number of Calls for Service	Annual Calls To Date
Animal Control	2	13
Property Maintenance	8	30
Parking Violations	2	10
Beach Violations	3	5
Zoning	5	11
By-Laws Not Listed (lawn watering, noise)	3	7
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>76</b>

<b>2025 Calls for Service to Date</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>2024 Calls for Service to Date</b> (higher call volume due to hazardous trees infected by the ash borer disease)	<b>137</b>

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

2025	Issued this Month	Year to Date
Administrative Monetary Penalties	1	3
Property Maintenance Order	2	2
Provincial Offence Certificate	0	1

### **Animal Control**

There were two separate incidents involving dogs running at large.

### **Property Maintenance**

Eight complaints were received regarding yard maintenance that included:

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

### **Parking Violations**

One parking complaint was received for a vehicle parked across a public sidewalk. The owner has been informed that the sidewalk must stay cleared of personal items for the public's use.

A concern was brought forward regarding possible congested parking on Gordon Street in the Lakeshore area. The area will be monitored by staff to investigate the parking concerns.

### **Beach Management**

A property owner along Huron Road has constructed a non-permitted platform structure on the public beach. They have been informed that the structure is required to be removed, and an Administrative Monetary Penalty was issued for the violation. The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority has been made aware of the infraction as the beach is designated as Environmentally Protected and is also under their authority.

One concern was submitted regarding dune destruction from removal of the sand and dune grass. This is still being investigated.

A concern was brought forward pertaining to semi-permanent fire pits that are being established by residents/visitors on the public beach. It was mentioned that some resemble garbage containers and are being treated as such. Also, the beach algae harvester must maneuver around the fire pits to clean areas of the beach of debris. Beach management violation notices with provided timeframes have begun to be circulated to property owners that are adjacent to the fire pits to have them removed from the public beach.

### **Zoning Infractions**

There were five zoning violations verified this month being:

- one for camping on vacant residential land,
- one for housing agricultural animals on a residentially zoned property, and
- three separate violations related to habitation occurring within accessory buildings. These properties are listed for sale on [www.realtor.ca](http://www.realtor.ca) with one description advertising a "Bed Shed" that can accommodate 8 people. Being a zoning violation but possibly a real safety risk, both owners and selling agents have been informed that only a dwelling can be slept in.

### **Noise**

Two separate complaints were received concerning persistent dog barking causing a disturbance to the surrounding neighbourhood. Educational notices were issued to the respective property owners to inform them of acceptable noise levels and the requirements under the Noise By-law No. 2005-101.

### **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:**

Heather Falconer, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer

### **Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer