



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

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

Date: Sep. 3, 2025

Report Number: BLE-2025-10

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-2025-10, 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:

2025 Data Chart		
Complaints	Number of Calls for Service	Annual Calls To Date
Animal Control	6	25
Property Maintenance	8	45
Parking Concerns	1	12
Beach Violations	1	9
Zoning	2	17
By-Laws Not Listed (lawn watering, noise)	4	14
Total Complaints	22	122

2025 Calls for Service to Date	121
2024 Calls for Service to Date (higher call volume due to hazardous trees infected by the ash borer disease)	192

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

2025	Issued this Month	Year to Date
Administrative Monetary Penalties	2	5
Property Maintenance Order	2	6
Provincial Offence Certificate	2	3

Animal Control

There were two separate dog biting occurrences this month. In one occurrence, a child was bitten and sustained injuries to the face and backside. Emergency medical services attended the scene with the Ontario Provincial Police. The dog not being vaccinated was quarantined by Grey Bruce Public Health. The dog now has restrictions placed on it for public safety and a provincial offence certificate was issued to the owner.

The second dog bite occurrence involved a dog that had previously been deemed a dangerous dog with restrictions. This time it had bit another dog in public with the owner of the bitten dog sustaining minor injuries when they fell during the altercation. Increased restrictions have since been placed on the dog including that they dog either be indoors or in a secured fenced yard/enclosure that prevents the dog from escaping or otherwise interacting with the public in any way. An inspection will be conducted once installed with continual monitoring occurring. administrative monetary penalties were issued to the owners.

The Grey Bruce Public Health Unit did a media release requesting for public assistance identifying the owner of a dog involved in a biting incident that occurred Sunday, July 27, 2025, on Boiler Beach Road. The media release has been included with the monthly report for viewing. No further information is available.

Two dogs found running at large were returned to their owners without incident.

One concern was submitted regarding dogs being permitted to run at large on the public beach in the Bruce Beach area. This area continues to be monitored.

Property Maintenance

Eight complaints were received regarding building and yard maintenance that included:

- Structures needing to be maintained, and

- Grass and weeds exceeding the maximum height fifteen centimetres.

Properties that had violations upon inspection were sent notices including dates to comply by. Follow up inspections will commence.

Two Order to Remedy have been issued pursuant to section 15.2(2) of The Building Code Act S.O. 1992, c.23, as amended and the Township of Huron-Kinloss Property Standards By-law No. 2018-100. These Orders have been issued because of compliance not being met with the previous issued Notice.

Parking Violations

A Provincial Offence Notice was issued for a parking infraction along Boiler Beach Road.

Beach Management

A resident was verbally confronted on the public beach by another individual who incorrectly claimed the beach was private and demanded they leave. The Township has sent information with aerial mapping to the adjacent property owner clarifying that the beach, including the entire shoreline within the Township, is public and open for everyone to enjoy. Due to an increase in these types of incidents, the Township will also circulate additional public education materials to inform beach users about public access rights and to promote best practices for sustaining the beach for all.

There has been an increase in burn barrels and other semi-permanent items placed on the public beach. When such items are identified, the Township issues a notice requiring their removal. If the items remain on the beach without arrangements being made by the owner, the Township will remove them. This procedure has been in place for the public interest, intended to ensure safety, maintain clean beaches, and preserve the area for everyone's use.

Zoning Infractions

Two complaints were submitted regarding residential properties advertising online that their yards could be rented for a duration of time using trailers and tents for sleeping accommodations. One property is along the lakeshore area with the use being for the tourist season. The other property was in Lucknow for the duration of a town event. These complaints were verified, and notices have been issued to cease further activity.

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:

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