



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: July 2021 Staff Report**

**Prepared By: Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer**

**Department: By-Law Enforcement**

**Date: Aug. 4, 2021**

**Report Number: BLE-2021-08-12**

**File Number: C-11 BLE21**

#### **Attachments:**

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#### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number BLE-2021-08-12 prepared by Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

#### **Background:**

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

#### **Discussion:**

<b>Violations</b>	<b>Number of Calls</b>	<b>Calls to Date</b>
<b>By-Law Enforcement</b>	17	45
<b>Animal Control</b>	10	46
<b>Property Standards</b>	12	40
<b>Parking Violations</b>	3	27
<b>Beach Patrol</b>	1	9
<b>Lawn Watering</b>	2	4
<b>Other</b>	4	25

**By-Law Enforcement**

There was an increase in noise complaints in the residential areas along the lakeshore. Most complaints were from loud music and the detonation of fireworks.

This month there were five noxious weeds complaints. Property owners have been advised to call a professional contractor to keep the handling of the weeds to a minimal or to do their research on best practices for removal.

### **Animal Control**

A Dangerous Dog Order was issued for a dog of a resident of Ripley. This was done after repeated complaints and an escalation in the dog's behaviour.

There were five dogs found running at large in the Township. All dogs were returned to their owners after being identified through their Huron-Kinloss dog tag licence.

### **Property Standards**

Ash Trees were again a main topic with five new complaints this month. Arborist are busy trying to assist residents to get ahead of the Ash Borer tree disease. Some local arborists are booking appointments in late September for tree removal.

### **Parking**

An abandoned and derelict vehicle was towed from the side of the road in Ripley. This was done after a notice was provided on the windshield of the vehicle and the Township was not contacted.

### **Other**

A notice of violation was sent to a property owner for the removal of their personal construction equipment that was stored fully on Township property. The property owner complied with the notice and removed the equipment.

A comparison from last year to this year currently shows an increase in calls to date of 41 complaints. It has been a busy year and focus has been to react to situations that pose a risk to the health and safety of residents and visitors. Nuisance complaints and other situations that have been treated proactively in other years, are still being investigated but currently in manner of priority importance.

### **Financial Impacts:**

There are no financial implications at this time.

### **Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by being open and transparent.

### **Respectfully Submitted By:**

Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer