



Staff Report

Report Title: August 2021 Staff Report

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Department: By-Law Enforcement

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Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number BLE-2021-09-16 prepared by Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

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

Discussion:

Violations	Number of Calls	Calls to Date
By-Law Enforcement	12	57
Animal Control	6	52
Property Standards	6	46
Parking Violations	4	31
Beach Patrol	0	9
Lawn Watering	1	5
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animal	12	12
Other	14	39

By-Law Enforcement

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

Animal Control

A Dangerous Dog Order through the Animal Control/Kennel Licensing By-law 2017-116, as amended was issued for a dog at the South End of Point Clark. This was issued after receiving multiple complaints one night after the dog was running at large and chasing residents in an aggressive manner. The property was attending with the Ontario Provincial Police who were also notified. The dog was hostile and was only left after it was secured on the owner's property. Other incidents involving the dog are currently being investigated and further actions may be taken.

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

The Township was notified from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry that there were 6 wild pigs (any pig "outside of a fence") reported to them that were running at large in the area of Statters Lake Avenue and the Kinloss-Culross Town Line. The area was inspected, and no pigs were located. Wild pigs are considered an invasive species and do vast damage to properties in minimal time. If wild pigs are found in an area, they can be reported by e-mail at wildpigs@ontario.ca.

Property Standards

Ash trees complaints are still coming in consistently from residents. Arborist are busy trying to assist residents to get ahead of the Ash Borer tree disease.

Parking

Complaints were received due to parking at the Point Clark Lighthouse from the lack of spaces available for beach goers compared to the parking that is available for a local boat club. It was said that the area along Lighthouse Road is congested from parking on both sides of the road from nowhere else to park if visiting that location.

Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animals

There have been twelve feral cat complaints since the Township had initiated a way to control citizens from feeding multiple cats outside. The calls vary from complaints regarding cats running at large to cats that maybe diseased.

The Township has issued a letter of violation to a resident for leaving food outside and in an area that is accessible to wildlife and feral animals. Compliance is being monitored.

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:

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Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer