



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: April 2022 By-Law Enforcement Status Report

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Department: By-Law Enforcement

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Report Number: BLE-2022-05-10

File Number: C-11 BLE22

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number BLE-2022-05-10 prepared by Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

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

Discussion:

Violations	Number of Calls	Calls to Date
By-Law Enforcement	3	18
Animal Control	6	15
Property Standards	13	22
Parking Violations	4	10
Beach Violations	2	2
Lawn Watering	0	0
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animal	0	0
Other	2	4

Animal Control

Three separate complaints were received regarding dogs running at large that were acting aggressively. Notices of violation were provided to the dog owners and these dogs will be closely monitored.

The Township had received notification from the Solicitor General that there is an update to the regulations under the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 (PAWS Act) to keep animals safe. Ontario has reviewed the existing standards of care for dogs that live outdoors under the PAWS Act and created more comprehensive requirements related to general care, outdoor dog shelter, use of tethering and the use of household pens. This update in standards will come into force July 01, 2022 and will not impose any new requirements on municipal by-law enforcement. More information on the amending regulation can be read on Ontario e-Laws <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22351> and also in the Clerk's Legislative Update Report that will be included for the Committee of the Whole meeting in May.

Property Standards

This month there were thirteen complaints regarding property standards, with nine of those complaints relating to the appearance/state of residential yards. Inspections were conducted of those properties and Notices of Violation were sent to owners whose property did not comply with the Property Standards By-law. These properties will be monitored for future compliance.

An Order to Remedy that was issued regarding the state of a downtown Ripley building has been confirmed. This means compliance had not been met by the date provided on the Order and no Appeal to the Property Standards Committee was requested by property owner. The Township will hire a contractor to bring the building into compliance with the expenses incurred being transferred to the property owner.

The Property Standards Committee met on April 14, 2022, to hear an Appeal to an Order to Remedy regarding a property in the Point Clark area. The powers of the Committee during the Appeal process are to confirm, modify or rescind the order to demolish or repair, as well as extend the time to complying with the Order. It was the Committee's decision to extend the time frame for compliance.

Beach Violations

Structures on the beach made up the complaints for beach violations. The property owners that have property adjacent to the structures did confirm that they had built them on the public beach. The Township is currently working with Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and the owners to remove them from the public beach.

Other

Wildlife complaints have been received mostly from the Lakeshore area. Residents were reminded that the area is full of wildlife, and it is to be embraced as much as

possible. When situation arise that are problematic, residents are informed to notify a private company for expert advice.

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