



Staff Report

Report Title: June 2022 Monthly By-Law Enforcement Status 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-2022-07-12 prepared by Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

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

Discussion:

Violations	Number of Calls	Calls to Date
By-Law Enforcement	38	33
Animal Control	2	23
Property Standards	4	36
Parking Violations	1	12
Beach Violations	0	3
Lawn Watering	1	1
Feeding Wildlife and Feral Animal	0	1
Other	10	26

By-Law Enforcement

A letter about parking has been sent to all building owners of the Ripley downtown area. This was done after requests were made from individual Ripley businesses to assist with a lack of parking in front of their establishments. The letter asks building owners to reach out to tenants or employees to have them parking in locations provided for them and not on the main street. A list of alternative parking locations was provided. The Lucknow and District Chamber of Commerce has made a similar request, so letters will be sent to Lucknow downtown building owners regarding parking in the near future.

A property in the Pine River area was brought into compliance under the Urban Area Weed and Grass By-law No. 2003-40. A notice of violation was sent to the property owner, and they failed to comply by the deadline. A private contractor was contacted to cut the grass and an invoice has been sent to the property owner. If not paid, the cost will be added to the property tax bill.

Animal Control

Two separate complaints were reported of dogs running at large. One location was on the Point Clark Beach and the other was in the Huron rural area.

Property Standards

A property in the Lurgan Beach area had an Order to Remedy issued and has come into compliance.

Housing Issue

Individuals who are living in our area who do not have housing, have been reported and seen sleeping in public areas. Resources are being gathered to create a procedure outlining steps to take when encountering individuals that may want or need extra support. The Ontario Provincial Police have shared their own community resource lists to assist the Township. The procedure will cover the areas of:

- officer safety,
- public safety and
- public organizations that can meet the needs of the individual requesting help.

People are struggling to find affordable housing in Ontario, and this has had an impact on the ability to secure a home.

Wildlife

There were seven wildlife complaints with most of them being raccoons that look sickly. Educational information has been circulated on social media for residents and visitors to know who to contact if there is a concern with a wild animal. The Township website has been updated so that the wildlife information is more readily visible.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

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