



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Brad Haines – By-law & Property Standards Enforcement Officer
Meeting Date: September 24, 2024
Report Number: **2024-061**
Subject: By-law Enforcement Status Update – August 2024

Recommendation

THAT Council receive Report – By-Law Enforcement Status Update – August 2024, for information purposes.

Executive Summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to give Town Council an update on the current status of the By-law Enforcement Department, current files being worked on, upcoming training, equipment use and upcoming / ongoing projects. This version of the report will focus on Parking Enforcement and Statistics, Ongoing Complaints and Inquiries, Canine Control and Police Services Board (Grand Valley / Amaranth / East Garafraxa).

Key Findings

By-law Enforcement is continuing to receive complaints from residents mostly pertaining to property standards and canine control, while continuing to address the Town's parking needs and providing public education to residents regarding all Town By-Laws.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to this report.

Report

Background

To provide Town Council with an update of the By-law & Property Standards enforcement activities for the month of August 2024.

Discussion

Parking Enforcement

By-law Enforcement is continuing proactive parking patrols, typically patrolling multiple times per shift, issuing parking infractions proactively, in addition to reactive patrols upon receiving any complaints from the public. Continuing to work with Public Works and other Town staff, receiving calls and messages pointing out possible violations. Evening and weekend needs are continually being addressed by continuing sporadic parking enforcement shifts.

Stats - Parking Enforcement – August 2024:

- Total Infraction notices issued = 6 (0 by O.P.P, 6 by M.L.E.O B. Haines)
- Total Notices paid = 5
- Impending Conviction Notices sent = 5
- Sent for Conviction to POA-Caledon = 2
- Vehicles Towed = 0

Grand Valley By-law Enforcement had its first parking infraction notices put before the provincial court system (POA) for infractions that the recipient indicated they wanted to appear in court and enter a plea or challenge the evidence of the officer who completed the parking infraction notice. Upon learning the results of the 7 trials, 2 of the charges were withdrawn, 1 fine was reduced with a guilty plea, and the remaining 4 were upheld. Of the 2 charges that were withdrawn, 1 was due to the Traffic and Parking By-law not including the appropriate provisions (i.e. No Parking Zones that have since been amended) and the final parking infraction was withdrawn as the Prosecutor felt the signage was being obstructed along Main Street (specifically the accessible parking

spot at Main Street & Mill Street). By-law Enforcement will be following up with Public Works to ensure the obstruction is removed or altered to avoid such happenings in the future.

Ongoing Complaints & Inquiries

The Town received a complaint from a resident concerned about the setbacks of a neighbouring property's shed, other accessory buildings and whether the proper building permits were in place. By-law Enforcement attended the property with the Dufferin County Building Department as they enforce the permits, while the Town enforces Town By-laws. It was determined that only one of the accessory buildings required a building permit, while the other two required a Zoning By-Law Amendment as they did not conform to the parameters of the Zoning By-Law (specifically setback distances). The processes were explained to the property owners and the appropriate building permits and zoning by-law amendment application were obtained. This permits the property owners to obtain the necessary building permit through Dufferin County, while awaiting the results of the zoning by-law amendment application.

Canine Control

Multiple complaints have been received relating to owners not cleaning up after their dogs. In an effort to mitigate this situation, continuous patrols of the frequented areas are being conducted by By-law Enforcement and AGAPIK9. Public education is also being provided when appropriate. In order to issue fines, By-law Enforcement must witness this action taking place.

By-law Enforcement received a report of animal neglect. By-Law enforcement contacted Animal Welfare Ontario and discussed the situation with them. Animal Welfare will be conducting ongoing welfare checks.

Police Services Board (Grand Valley / Amaranth / East Garafraxa)

The Town has recently become aware of additional training that all board members are required to complete, in order to assume any board duties. Similar to the Roles and Responsibilities Training that was taken by members previously, the new Thematic Training is available through an online platform. The training must be completed by September 30th, or within 6 months of the day of board appointment, whichever is greater. The new Thematic Training is divided into four sections: Human Rights,

Systemic Racism, Ontario’s Diverse, Multiracial, and Multicultural Society and The Rights and Cultures of the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Peoples.

Once the training has been completed and the Town has confirmed with its insurance provider, the first meeting of the newly amalgamated Police Services Board will be scheduled.

Additionally, the Province has announced its provincial appointee to the Board, and board insurance is under review.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts to this report.

Consultations

None

Attachments

None

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