



**GRAND VALLEY**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Brad Haines – By-law & Property Standards Enforcement Officer  
**Meeting Date:** November 26, 2024  
**Report Number:** **2024-099**  
**Subject:** By-law Enforcement Status Update – October 2024

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### **Recommendation**

**THAT** Council receives Report – By-Law Enforcement Status Update – October 2024, for information purposes.

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### **Executive Summary**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the current status of the By-law Enforcement Department, enforcement/prosecution activities, upcoming training, equipment use and upcoming / ongoing projects. This report will focus on Parking Enforcement and Statistics, Ongoing Complaints and Inquiries, Canine Control and Prosecution Services.

#### **Key Findings**

By-law Enforcement is continuing to receive complaints from residents mostly pertaining 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.

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## **Report**

### **Background**

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

### **Discussion**

#### **Parking Enforcement**

By-law Enforcement is continuing with 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 advising of possible violations. Evening and weekend needs are continually being addressed by continuing sporadic parking enforcement shifts.

By-law Enforcement is continually receiving parking inquiries, addressing them as received and providing public education when warranted.

A recent complaint from a property manager at local apartment complex stated that they were having issues with residents parking in their private parking lot. By-law Enforcement had recently developed and completed Grand Valley's Parking on Private Property By-law (2024-24) that currently only one property within the town has signed up for. By-law Enforcement advised Property Management of the by-law requirements including necessary posted signage, parking passes for the permitted residents and sign the Letter of Authorization and payment of the associated yearly fee to commence parking enforcement under the by-law..

#### **Stats - Parking Enforcement – October 2024:**

- Total Infraction notices issued = 5 (0 by O.P.P, 5 by M.L.E.O B. Haines)
- Total Notices paid = 4

- Impending Conviction Notices sent = 2
- Sent for Conviction to POA-Caledon = 2
- Vehicles Towed = 0

### **Ongoing Complaints and Inquiries**

The Town continues to receive inquiries from residents regarding whether a building permit (issued by Dufferin County) is required for specific construction projects.

By-law Enforcement continues to communicate and liaise frequently with Dufferin County building inspectors to ensure compliance and that the appropriate permits are being applied for and in place.

A recent complaint alleged that a neighbouring apartments construction project was affecting the complainant and their family's living situation due to the 'excessive' daytime noise.. The complainant was advised that from a By-law Enforcement perspective, the only thing that could be enforced would be the noise levels. As per the Excessive Noise By-Law, construction should only be done between the hours of 7am and 7pm Monday-Saturday and 10am-6pm on Sundays. Given the contactors were abiding by these times frames, By-law Enforcement did not intervene, and no further complaints were received.

### **Canine Control**

By-law Enforcement continues to receive noise complaints relating to barking dogs. As per the established protocol, By-law Enforcement makes first contact with the owners of the alleged barking dogs and escalates complaints to our Canine Control Contractors (AGAPIK9) as needed. Often the complaints subside once By-law or Canine Control contact the owners with said complaints. Complainants are reminded that as per the definition of excessive noise within the Canine Control By-law, *'Noise shall mean any sound made by any Dog which unreasonably disturbs the peace, quiet, comfort or repose of any person for a period longer than one hour'*.

### **Prosecution Services**

Upon receiving a Trial Notice for a Canine Control matter, the Town was advised by the Court that The Town of Grand Valley required a Prosecutor to prosecute all By-law Enforcement matters in the Court. Staff contacted neighbouring Municipalities in regard

to who handles their Prosecution Services and the Town was referred to Mr. Paul Dray. By-law Enforcement and the Town Clerk met with Mr. Dray to discuss the Town's needs and have entered into an as-needed Prosecution Services arrangement (not a retainer, just a fee-for-service arrangement). Mr. Dray has over 30 years of experience as a Prosecutor and is familiar with many of the Municipalities within Dufferin County. The Town looks forward to working with him on all By-law Enforcement matters going forward.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial impacts to this report.

### **Consultations**

None

### **Attachments**

None

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