



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Brad Haines – By-law & Property Standards Enforcement Officer
Meeting Date: December 10, 2024
Report Number: **2024-116**
Subject: By-law Enforcement Status Update – November 2024

Recommendation

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

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.

Key Findings

This report will focus on:

- Parking Enforcement and Statistics
- South West Dufferin Police Board (Formerly Dufferin Detachment Board #3),
- Powering Preparedness Bruce Sector and Southern Hydro One Workshop and
- Recent complaint and inquiries.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to this report.

Report

Background

To provide Council with an update of the By-law & Property Standards Enforcement activities for the month of November 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.

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 for winter operations and providing public education to residents regarding all Town By-Laws

Stats - Parking Enforcement –November 2024:

- Total Infraction notices issued = 8 (0 by O.P.P, 8 by M.L.E.O B. Haines)
- Total Notices paid = 3
- Impending Conviction Notices sent = 3
- Sent for Conviction to POA-Caledon = 2
- Vehicles Towed = 0

South West Dufferin Police Board (Formerly Dufferin Detachment Board #3)

The first meeting of the newly amalgamated Police Services Board was held on November 28th at the Grand Valley Town Hall. Councillor James Jonker was nominated as the Chair of the Board with a Vice Chair to be nominated at the next meeting. The Board agreed to meet quarterly, with the next meeting being scheduled for Thursday, February 20th, 2025. There is currently one vacancy for a community member position that we are working towards filling. It was discussed at the meeting that each municipality (Grand Valley, Amaranth and East Garafraxa) will take the responsibility of paying insurance and providing staff as the secretary a year at time to ensure consistency and fairness. The Board Members will receive compensation of \$80.00 per meeting as discussed by the CAOs of the member municipalities.

Powering Preparedness Bruce Sector and Southern Hydro One Workshop

On November 19th, the Town's By-law Enforcement Officer and Grand Valley and District Fire Chief attended the Powering Preparedness Bruce Sector and Southern Hydro One Workshop in Listowel. Emergency responders, Fire Chiefs, Emergency Managers and Emergency Control group members attended the one-day workshop put on by Hydro One Emergency Management. The workshop was an opportunity to better understand each others' operations and response needs during an emergency. The morning session consisted of presentations by subject matter experts, and the afternoon sessions had smaller groups with discussions regarding responses to different situations and scenarios from each person's specific role.

Recent Complaints and Inquiries

By-law Enforcement has received a complaint regarding West Back Lane parking and the depositing of garbage, furniture and other debris on both public and private property. By-Law Enforcement will provide a notice to all property owners along the downtown core advising of their responsibilities under the Property Standards By-law regarding disposal of garbage and debris on their property, along with a request to advise their tenants accordingly.

By-Law Enforcement has become aware of parking issues in West back Lane parking lot. Tenants of the abutting properties have been using this lot as a 24hour lot for parking and with the winter parking regulations in effect, there is limited overnight

parking within the downtown core. Staff have considered a possible solution to address the lack of overnight parking could be to convert another public parking lot to a 24hour lot as there is currently only one 24hour lot in the municipality.

By-Law Enforcement has received a recent inquiry from a resident expressing concerns regarding at storage shed from a neighbouring property that had moved onto an adjacent property due to high winds. At the time of the complaint, the shed was leaning against their house, and it appeared the owners of the shed were not living in the house and the complainant was unable to contact them. Given that this complaint is a civil issue between property owners, and not a property standards issue, By-law Enforcement was able to assist so that the matter could be dealt with between the property owners and no further action by the Town was warranted.

An additional complaint recently received was regarding the intersection of Melody Lane and Leeson St South. Specifically, the complaint was speaking to vehicles parking too close to the intersection, causing blind spots for drivers attempting to maneuver around the parked vehicle(s). As per the Highway Traffic Act and the Town’s Traffic and Parking By-law, parking within 15 meters of an intersection is prohibited. Upon review of the area, it was determined that the existing signage was posted closer than the permitted 15 meters and additional signage was absent from the north side of the street. Staff worked with Public Works, adjustments to the signage were made and addition of appropriate signage as needed, limiting any blind spots for drivers.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to this report.

Consultations

None

Attachments

None

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