



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Brad Haines – By-law & Property Standards Enforcement Officer
Meeting Date: January 28, 2025
Report Number: 2025-013
Subject: By-law Enforcement Status Update – December 2024

Recommendation

THAT Council **THAT** Council receives Report – By-Law Enforcement Status Update – December 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

- Recent Complaints & Inquiries
- Upcoming Training

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to this report.

Report

Background

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

With winter operations in full swing, the number of parking violations is up, as it tends to be most winter months. The majority of these violations are for overnight street parking and parking on / too close to the sidewalk.

With the Canada Post Strike that concluded in mid-December, The Ontario Chief Justice issued an order that extended timelines for paying parking violations for 20 days once the strike was over. Therefore, those who were to receive a Notice of Impending Conviction (reminder to pay parking fine letter) in the mail during the strike were given an additional 20 days to make payment, before by-law enforcement would file any non-payments with the courts.

Stats - Parking Enforcement – December 2024:

- Total Infraction notices issued = 20 (0 by O.P.P, 20 by M.L.E.O B. Haines)
- Total Notices paid = 12
- Impending Conviction Notices sent = 6

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

Recent Complaints and Inquiries

With the winter season upon us, By-law Enforcement has received a few minor complaints regarding snow being pushed on to the roadway from residential driveways. These residents were reminded that as per section 95 of the Traffic and Parking By-law *‘No person shall deposit snow or ice on a highway’*. While a Part 1 Ticket can be issued in these instances, a warning is given first to gain compliance and should the incident re-occur, enforcement action can be escalated to issuing a charge as warranted. By-law Enforcement has not received any duplicate complaints once providing public education about the By-Law.

By-law Enforcement has also received inquiries from tenants regarding whose responsibility it is to remove the snow at a rental property. Residents and property owners were advised that, unless the lease or rental agreement specifies that it is solely the responsibility of the tenant, the defaulted responsibility goes to the property owner. By-law Enforcement has received inquiries regarding idling in a residential driveway. The resident is a property manager for an apartment complex within the urban area of Town. As per the Town’s Excessive Noise By-Law *‘The operation of an engine or motor in, or on, any motor vehicle or item of attached auxiliary equipment for a continuous period exceeding five minutes while such vehicle is stationary in an Urban Noise Zone’ with 5 possible exemptions*. The only relevant exemption in this instance is *‘prevailing low temperatures making longer idling periods necessary immediately after starting the motor or engine’*. This information was provided to the property manager to advise tenants in the hopes of avoiding any further complaints and further by-law enforcement involvement.

Upcoming Training

By-law Enforcement is scheduled to attend Intermediate Incident Management System (or IMS-300) with Emergency Management Ontario. Dufferin County is providing this training along with Emergency Management Ontario. The pre-requisite for the course is

IMS-100 and IMS-200. The course is designed to further advance foundational incident management system knowledge and application of the material to complex incidents.

Dufferin South West Police Services Board

Materials are being collected and prepared for the Board's upcoming meeting February 20, 2025. By-law Enforcement received correspondence from the new provincial Police Service Board Advisor for our board, Hank Zehr. Hank will be a great resource for any questions or concerns regarding all Police Service Board activities. He is hoping to attend a meeting in the future, in hopes of further networking opportunities.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to this report.

Consultations

None

Attachments

None

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