



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Brad Haines – By-law & Property Standards Enforcement Officer
Meeting Date: April 28, 2026
Report Number: 2026-080
Subject: Report – By-law Enforcement Status Update – March 2026

Recommendation

THAT Council receives Report – By-Law Enforcement Status Update – March 2026, for information purposes.

Executive Summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the 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
- Canine Control
- Sunday Gun Hunting
- School / Community Safety Zone Parking Update
- Other complaints and inquiries.

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 March 2026.

Discussion

Parking Enforcement

By-law Enforcement is continuing with proactive parking patrols, issuing parking infractions proactively, in addition to reactive patrols upon receiving any complaints from the public. Continuing to be pro-active with winter parking enforcement by ticketing vehicles to ensure smooth snow removal operations for the Public Works Team. By-law Enforcement has continued sporadic weekend overnight enforcement to ensure consistent compliance with all parking regulations.

Stats - Parking Enforcement –March 2026:

- Total Infraction notices issued = 14
- Total Notices paid = 5
- Impending Conviction Notices sent = 7
- Sent for Conviction to POA-Caledon = 4
- Vehicles Towed = 0

Canine Control

By-law enforcement is working with the Town's Canine Control contractor, Municipal Support Services, to address complaints of local dog owners using vacant lands intended for the River's Edge Subdivision as an off-leash area. This is causing issues for nearby residents and other residents who use the area, abide by the Canine Control By-Law and have their dogs leashed. The issue was brought to By-law Enforcement's attention last year at which point the owners of the affected property erected no trespassing signage. While the signs appear to have deterred this for a short time, residents are again using the space as an off-leash park / area. Municipal Support services have begun pro-active patrols in the area, in hopes of deterring this behaviour. Municipal Support services have been busy addressing a number of complaints for off leash dogs, dogs at large and other infractions under the Town's Canine Control By-law and have escalated enforcement measures as warranted. They have continued to ensure compliance with

licensing when responding to all calls and has kept in communication with Municipal staff to ensure a strong working relationship and enforcement strategy.

Sunday Gun Hunting

In August 2025, By-law Enforcement presented [Report - Ministry of Natural Resources – Sunday Gun Hunting](#) to Council, advising the steps needed to be added to The Ministry of Natural Resources Sunday Gun Hunting registry. At that time, Council passed Resolution 2025-08-06 authorizing staff to proceed with submitting the necessary documentation to be added to The Ministry of Natural Resource’s Sunday Gun Hunting registry in accordance with [Ontario Regulation 663/98](#) under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997. These additions are only carried out twice per year by the Ministry.

Staff have now received confirmation that Grand Valley has been added to the registry and that Sunday Gun Hunting will be permitted in the Town of Grand Valley, effective April 1, 2026. Accordingly, the Ministry’s webpage has been updated to reflect this change as of April 1 (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/sunday-gun-hunting>).

School / Community Safety Zone Parking Update

By-law Enforcement has worked with Public Works staff to order and install the necessary signage around the school / community safety zone to support the changes made to Grand Valley’s Parking and Traffic By-law. While the new signage has not resulted in a one hundred percent compliance, there has been a large improvement in traffic movement and overall safety in the area. While complaints regarding illegal parking have decreased, complaints regarding the enforcement of the rules have increased as parents and other residents are unhappy receiving tickets for parking where they have always parked. By-law Enforcement will continue having a presence during drop off and pick times, providing public education to residents and escalating enforcement measures as warranted.

Other complaints and inquiries

With the warmer months, as is typical every spring, By-law Enforcement has begun to receive several Clean Yards and Property Standards complaints. By-law Enforcement will continue reactive enforcement, pending Council’s adoption of necessary policy changes that will permit pro-active enforcement of the Clean Yards By-law 2013-19.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to this report

Consultations

None

Attachments

None

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