

Report to Council

Report Title: Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Activity Report June 16th to October 31st 2022

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Department: By-Law Enforcement

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Report Number: BL2022-09 **File Number:** C11BY

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BL2022-09 - By-Law Complaints June 15, 2022- October 31, 2022, prepared by Nathaniel Dodd, Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer and Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

The following report outlines By-Law Enforcement activity update from June 16th to October 31st 2022.

Analysis:

Encampment By-Law

Municipal staff have seen a significant increase in complaints regarding the Encampment By-Law. Since June 15, 2022 staff have received reports of eleven (11) encampments located throughout Walkerton, some locations had multiple encampments in the same area. An increase in encampments has been noted in the months of August and September with the majority coming from these two months. Staff from the by-law and building department have spent over seventy-seven (77) hours dealing with issues regarding the Encampment By-Law within the time period of this report. Staff anticipate the number of encampment related complaints will decrease as the colder weather approaches.

Animal Control

Municipal staff have began conducting a dog count for the municipality. Staff have located 47 unregistered dogs within the municipality up to this date. Residents were provided with fillable dog tag forms and a letter to outline the Animal Control By-Law and how to register dogs with the municipality. Municipal staff plan to re-attend properties where unregistered dogs were located to ensure compliance with By-Law 2020-082.

Staff received 6 complaints concerning dog related matters. The majority of these complaints were concerning dogs running at large. Municipal staff impounded two dogs running at large between June 15, 2022 and October 31, 2022.

Parking

Municipal staff responded to complaints, conducted patrols and issued 39 Parking Infraction Notices. Municipal staff will continue to proactively monitor and patrol downtown parking in Walkerton to ensure compliance with By-Law 2020-052.

Complaints

The Municipality of Brockton received a total of 47 complaints from June 15, 2022- October 31, 2022. Staff have closed 44 of the 47 complaints and are working to achieve compliance with the remaining by-law matters.

The following chart provides an overview of By-Law enforcement activity related to formal complaint matters within the Municipality of Brockton.

By-Law Complaints June 15, 2022- October 31, 2022

Municipal By-Law	Complaints Received	Active	Resolved
Animal Control	6	0	6
Encampment	11	0	11
Traffic and Parking	4	0	4
Property Standards	12	2	10
Firearms Regulation	1	0	1
Sign	2	0	2
Noise Control	2	0	2
Swimming Pool Fence	1	0	1
Zoning By-Law	4	1	3
Open Air Burn	1	0	1
Miscellaneous	3	0	3

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

There are no financial considerations with respect to the Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Activity Report.

Reviewed By:



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Respectfully Submitted by:



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