

Report to Council

Report Title: Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement 2022 Year End Activity Report

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Department: Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement

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Report Number: BL2023-01 **File Number:** C11BY

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BL2023-01 - Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement 2022 Year End Activity Report, prepared by Nathaniel Dodd, Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer and Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO for information purposes

Report:

Background:

In 2022, the Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Department received a total of 91 complaints. This number represents the totality of formal complaints related to by-law matter that required an investigation by staff. It is to be noted that there are occurrences where several complaints may be filled regarding one single by-law matter but are only recorded as one complaint. Staff do not track inquiries with respect to potential complaints where no formal complaint is received or when members of the public request information pertaining to Municipal By-Laws. Staff have worked to resolve 87 of the 91 complaints and are actively working to achieve compliance with the remaining by-law matters. It is important to note that when staff closes a complaint, the file may be re-opened due to a violation reoccurrence.

By-Law related initiatives in 2022 resulted in the implemented of By-Law No. 2022-043 to address at fault false alarms where a call for service from the Ontario Provincial Police and By-Law No 2022-081 to regulate camping within the Municipality of Brockton which is cited as the "Encampment By-Law".

Summary of the at fault false alarms by-law from April 2022 to December 2022 include 71 false alarms related to business or homes throughout the municipality resulting in 14 business owners being invoiced for at fault false alarms which includes some businesses being invoiced multiple times for numerous at fault false alarms.

The Municipality of Brockton By-Law Department has been diligently working to address matters related to the Encampment By-Law in partnership with community agencies and partners to ensure any necessary or

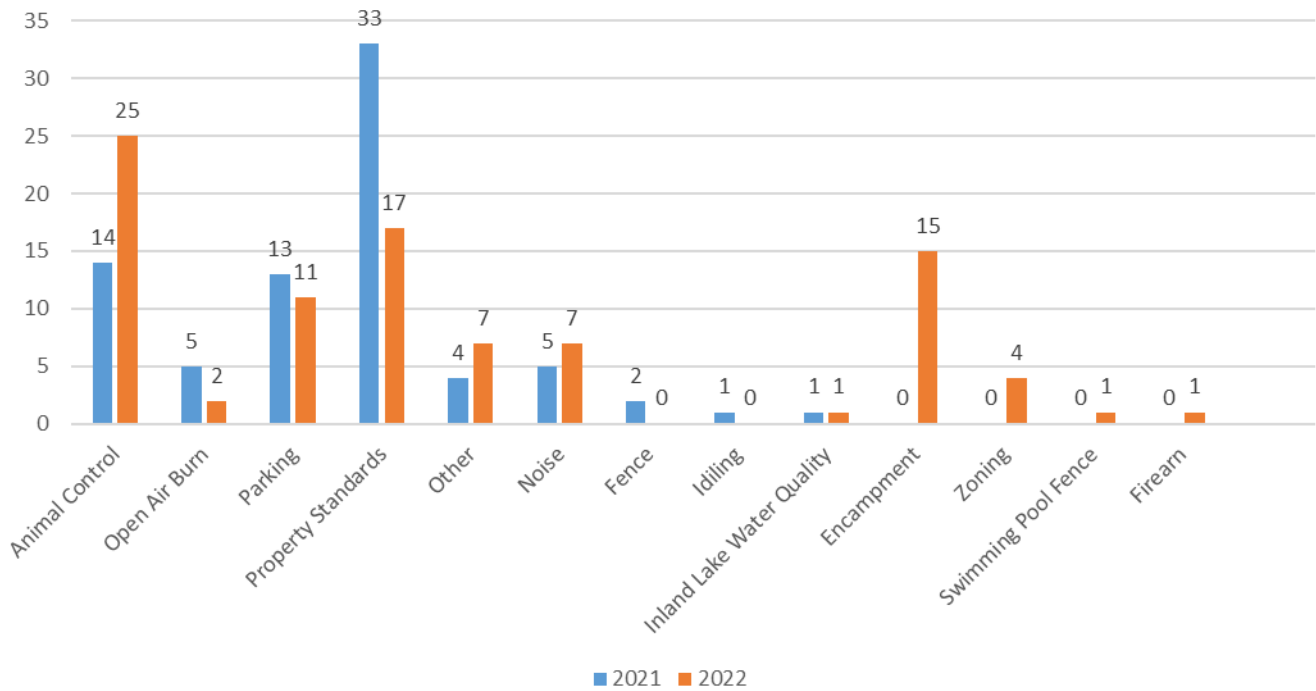
required support services can be offered. The Municipality of Brockton By-Law Department staff spent approximately 90 hours since staff began tracking hours in responding to encampment related matters in 2022. Other Municipal departments such as Parks and Recreation, Fire Department and Operations Department services have assisted in providing response to Encampments these hours are not included in this report.

Analysis:

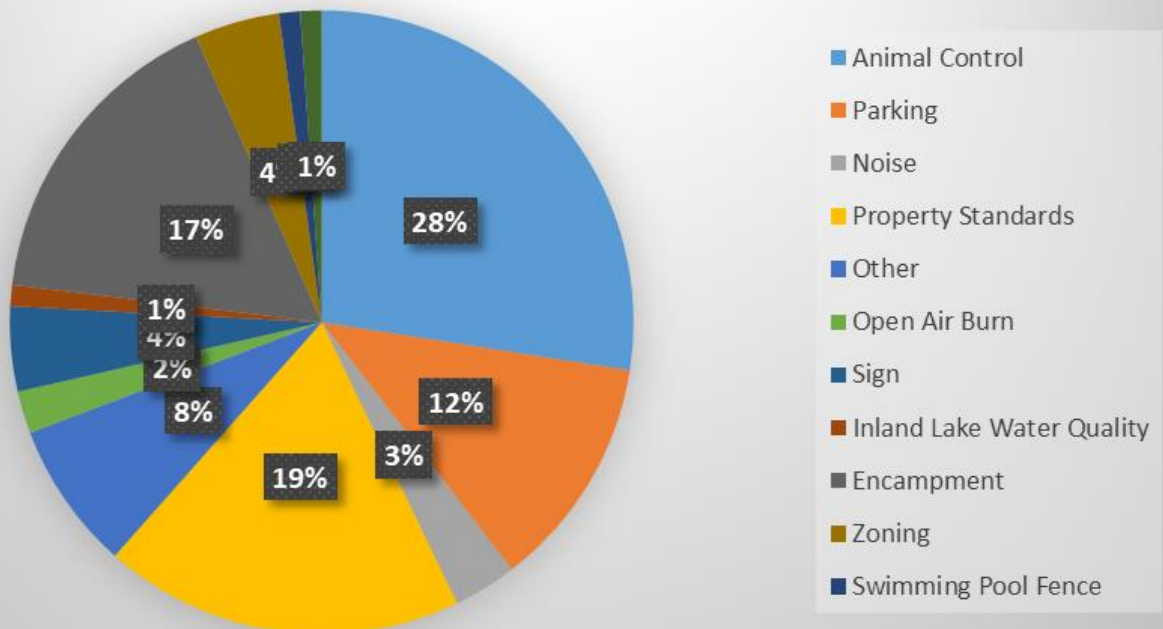
The following charts provide an overview of By-law enforcement activity related to formal complaint matters within the Municipality of Brockton.

Municipal By-Law	Complaints Received	Active	Inactive
Animal Control	25	0	25
Parking	11	1	10
Noise	3	0	3
Property Standards	17	2	15
Other	7	1	6
Burn	2	0	2
Sign	4	0	4
Inland Lake Water Quality	1	0	1
Encampment	15	0	15
Zoning	4	0	4
Swimming Pool Fence	1	0	1
Firearm	1	0	1

By-Law Complaints 2021-2022 Comparison



By-Law Complaints 2022



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 Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community Yes
- 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

The information contained in this report is for the purposes of providing statistic information to Council. There are no direct financial impacts as a result.

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