

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement 2023 Year-End Activity Report		
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<b>Department:</b>	By-Law Enforcement		
<b>Date:</b>	January 23, 2024		
<b>Report Number:</b>	BL2024-01	<b>File Number:</b>	C11BY

### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BL2024-01 - Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement 2023 Year-End Activity Report, prepared by Lisa MacDonald, Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer, and Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO for information purposes.

### **Report:**

#### **Background:**

The following report provides an annual overview of By-Law Enforcement Activity for information purposes.

#### **Complaints**

The By-Law Enforcement and Animal Control Department received a total of 72 formal complaints related to by-law enforcement matters in 2023 where an investigation was conducted by staff. Presently 68 of the 72 complaints filed are inactive, staff remain active in responding to the outstanding by-law complaint matters. It is important to note that when a complaint is no longer active, the file may be re-opened due to a violation reoccurrence. For administrative purposes and tracking of complaints there are occurrences where multiple complaints may be filled regarding one single by-law matter, these occurrences are recorded under a single complaint file. Municipal staff have responded to several public inquires and provided education to relevant by-laws however, these inquires are not tracked within our system.

#### **Parking**

The Municipality of Brockton's Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law 2020-052 restricts overnight parking during the months November-April. Staff conducted winter parking patrol and issued 24 Parking Infraction Notices in 2023. Municipal staff will continue to conduct downtown patrols, respond to complaints and work closely with the roads department to assist in addressing any winter parking issues they encounter.

## Dog Count

In accordance with the Animal Control By-Law 2020-082 staff conducted a dog count in sections of the Municipality to bring the dog registry up to date. The hamlets of Chepstow and Cargill and sections of Walkerton were canvassed to ensure compliance with the municipal by-law for the issuance of dog tag licenses. Staff will continue to conduct dog count initiatives in 2024.

## False Alarm By-Law

In 2022, a grace period was given to alarm holders who had false alarms in the first month of the administration of this by-law. However, the Ontario Provincial Police provided staff with Data Analysis reports for the months of January to April which allowed staff to accurately record data for the entirety of the year. The Data Analysis reports indicate that there were 100 false alarms in 2022 and 58 false alarms in 2023. Comparatively, there was a significant decrease of 58 percent in false alarms. It is to be noted that there were several occurrences for multiple alarm holders which reflected in higher fees.

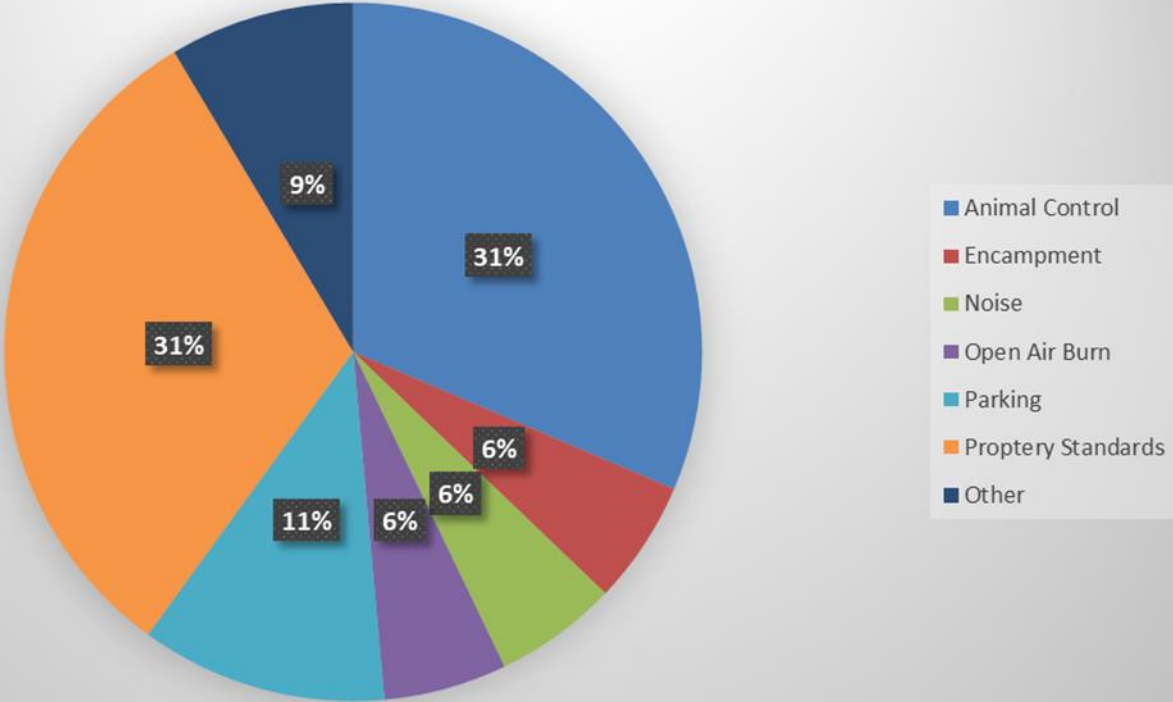
### Analysis:

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

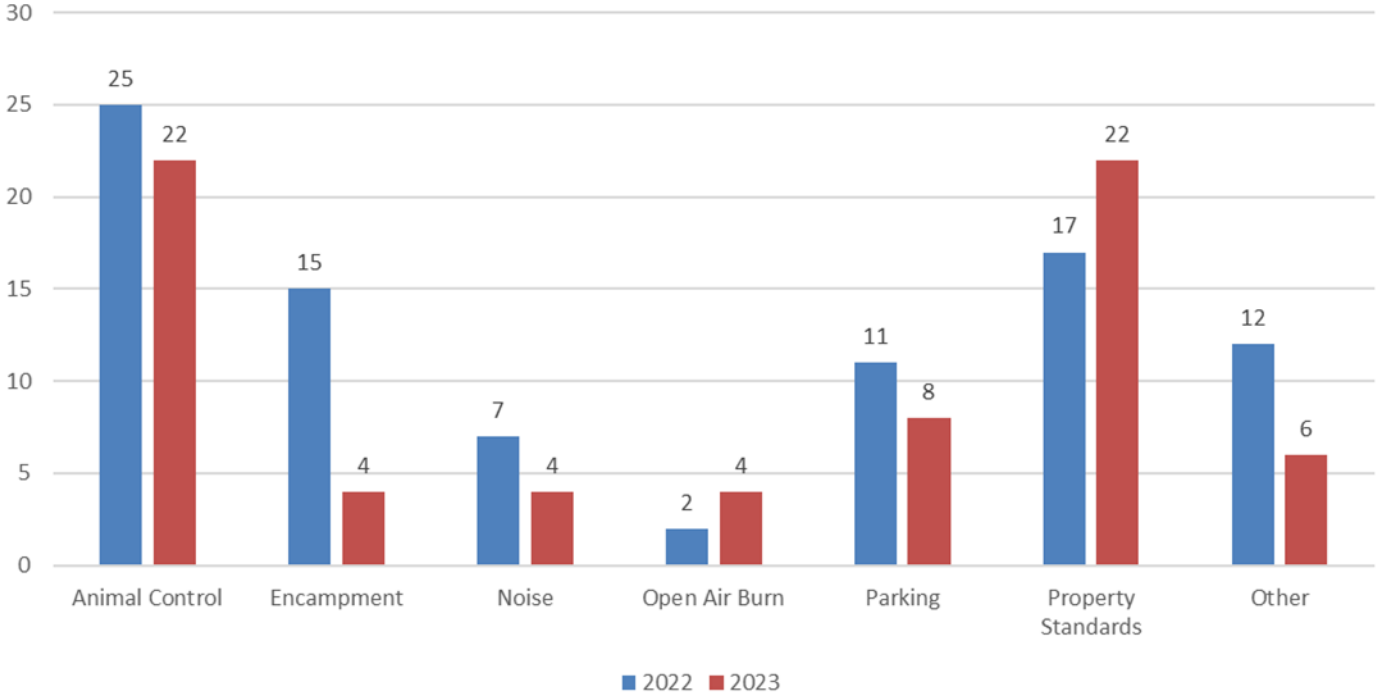
### By-Law Complaints January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Municipal By-Law	Complaints Received	Active	Inactive
Animal Control	22	0	22
Encampment	4	1	3
Noise	6	1	5
Open Air Burn	4	0	0
Parking	8	0	8
Property Standards	22	5	17
Other	6	0	6

# By-Law Complaints 2023



## By-Law Complaints 2022-2023 Comparison



## False Alarm Comparison 2022-2023

Month	No. of Alarms 2022	Fees Collected 2022	No. of Alarms 2023	Fees Collected 2023
January	10	N/A	2	\$ 200.00
February	7	N/A	4	\$ 1,200.00
March	8	N/A	4	\$ 1,100.00
April	13	Educational Notices	2	\$ 500.00
May	7	\$ 500.00	9	\$ 900.00
June	11	\$ 1,100.00	3	\$ 1,100.00
July	7	\$ 800.00	5	\$ 1,500.00
August	8	\$ 500.00	5	\$ 700.00
September	6	\$ 100.00	8	\$ 4,100.00
October	8	\$ 1,200.00	9	\$ 2,700.00
November	9	\$ 300.00	3	\$ 200.00
December	6	\$ 600.00	4	\$ 1,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 5,100.00</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>\$ 15,800.00</b>

### 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.

### Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**

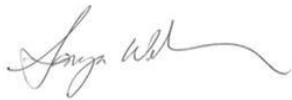


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