

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Activity Report January to April 2024

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**Department:** By-Law Enforcement

**Date:** April 23, 2024

**Report Number:** BL2024-02 **File Number:** C11BY

### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BL2024-03 - Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Activity Report January to April 2024, prepared by Lisa MacDonald, Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer, and Dieter Wetz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO for information purposes.

### **Report:**

#### **Background:**

To provide quarterly statistics to Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement activities for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

#### **Analysis:**

#### **Animal Licensing**

The Municipality of Brockton Dog Control By-Law 2020-082 requires that all dogs shall be registered with the municipality and yearly invoices due by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. During the past three months, staff dedicated a significant amount of time related to billing invoices and statements, updating the dog registry, and collecting fees. Staff will continue with the registration and conducting door to door dog count throughout the year.

#### **By-Laws**

As of April 1, 2024, the Brockton Police Service Board has been dissolved and replaced by the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board. As a result, staff will be amending the appeal provisions in The Municipality of Brockton's False Alarm By-Law 2022-043 and the amendments will be brought forward to Council.

Staff are currently reviewing several existing by-laws related to By-Law Enforcement to address housekeeping matters and legislative changes.

### Parking

The Municipality of Brockton’s Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law 2020-052 restricts overnight parking during the months November-April. Staff responded to complaints, conducted patrols, and issued 25 Parking Infraction Notices. Municipal staff will continue to proactively monitor and patrol downtown parking in Walkerton to ensure compliance with By-Law 2020-052.

### By-Law Enforcement Activity

The Municipality of Brockton received a total of 20 complaints from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Of the 20 complaints received during the reporting period, 15 are now inactive and will be monitored for continued compliance. Staff will continue working towards voluntary compliance with the remaining 5 active files to achieve compliance.

The following chart provides an overview of by-law enforcement activity related to formal complaint matters within the Municipality of Brockton. These numbers do not reflect ongoing by-law matters or files that have been re-opened due to reoccurring violations of a municipal by-law.

### By-Law Complaints January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Municipal By-Law	Complaints Received	Active	Inactive
Animal Control	6	1	5
Encampment	3	0	3
Noise	1	0	1
Open Air Burn	2	0	2
Parking	2	1	1
Property Standards	4	1	3
Other	2	2	0

### False Alarm Statistics January to March 2024

Number of False Alarms			
January	February	March	Total
5	4	2	11

### Educational Notices and Invoices Issued

Educational Notice – 6
Second Occurrence Invoice – 2
Third Occurrence Invoice – 1
Fourth Occurrence Invoice – 1
Eleventh Occurrence Invoice – 1

Total Invoices Issued: 5

Total Fees Invoiced: \$1600.00

## 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 N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment Yes
- 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:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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### Respectfully Submitted by:



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### Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer