

Report to Council

Report Title: By-Law Enforcement Update

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Department: Building and Planning

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Report Number: BLDG2021-01 **File Number:** C11BU, P14

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BLDG2021-01 – By-Law Enforcement Update, prepared by Nicole Mullin, Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

This report summarizes the calls completed since May 4, 2020 when I initiated By-Law Enforcement Services for Brockton. This report summarizes the wide variety of issues that I have attended to in the community.

Analysis:

Covid-19 and related restrictions have impacted the Municipality in many ways this year. By-law operations and responding to complaints are continuing as normal, as the public has been submitting complaints via email and telephone to limit physical contact. Since Covid-19 restrictions and regulations have been in effect, by-law enforcement practices have only consisted of education for this matter so far. Fortunately, the Municipality has not received any complaints relating to Covid-19 that have escalated to an enforcement route. I will continue to educate and enforce municipal by-laws and strive to make our community safe, healthy and enjoyable for everyone.

Please see an outline of the complaints that I have received and the fines that have been issued from May 2020 – Present:

By-Law Complaint	Active Complaints	Closed Complaints	Fines/tickets Issued
Animal Control By-law	1	9	1
Traffic By-law	0	5	7
Open Air Burn By-law	0	14	4
Noise By-law	1	2	0
Restrict Public Access to Brockton Parks By-law	0	1	0

The largest number of complaints this year is usually coming from animal control, but this year the fire restrictions arising from the pandemic and the weather conditions results in a large number of Open-Air Burn By-law matters.

The immediate plan is to conduct a targeted campaign focusing on winter parking restrictions to assist the snow plow operators. The intention will be to remind individuals early in the season of the importance of not interfering with snow removal such that additional enforcement will not be required later in the season. A round of warning letters have already been issued and the campaign will target areas with repeat violators.

The goal over the next few months is to try to increase education about effective preventative actions that can be taken to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and to continue to review and revise the enforceable by-laws. The plan to achieve this goal is to support the business community by frequenting area at high traffic times and remind individuals of the effectiveness of simple steps such as keeping physical distance, wearing a mask and washing hands frequently.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nicole Mullin

Nicole Mullin, Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer

Reviewed By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonya Watson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer