



To: Mayor Cornell and Members of Council

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Report Number: MLE-009-21

Meeting Date: March 17, 2021

Subject: **By-law 4th Quarter Activity Report for 2020 (October 1–December 31)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that MLE-009-21, dated March 17, 2021 be received as information.

Background/Analysis

A. By-law Occurrences for the 4th Quarter

Type of Occurrence	Number of Occurrences		
	2018	2019	2020
Fire	3	5	21
Noise	2	2	18
Clean Yards	9	5	13
Zoning	7	11	13
Parking	22	10	12
Beach Encroachment	-	9	8
No By-Law	0	1	7
Sign	9	1	6
Dog	1	5	6
Parks	0	4	4
Littering	3	6	4
Roadside Debris	3	0	3
Property Standards	2	3	1
COVID-19	-	-	1
Misc. By-Law	2	2	1
Dumping Snow	0	2	0
Animal	1	0	0
TOTAL for 4th Quarter	64	66	118

NOTE: An “occurrence is when a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Responds to any complaint (Whether it is determined that a by-law violation has occurred or not), or when doing pro-active enforcement and a violation of a by-law has occurred.

The year over year quarterly complaints increased from last year with some noteworthy differences within some of the complaint categories. Staff analyzed these differences and would draw the following conclusions and comments:

1. Fire: In 2020 the Fire occurrences increased by sixteen (16) when compared to 2019. Staff analyzed each of the occurrences and noted the increase in complaints can be attributed to the warm weather through the months of October and November, allowing for yard work to be completed without an early snowfall.

2. Noise: In 2020 the Noise occurrences increased by sixteen (16) when compared to 2019. Staff analyzed these complaints and did not note any trend other than 3 calls to the same address to a barking dog where the dog owner was apprised of the complaints.

3. Clean Yards: In 2020 the Clean Yards occurrences increased by eight (8) when compared to 2019. Staff has analyzed each of the occurrences and found the increase from 2019 to 2020 could be the result of a lower than average snowfall and little snow accumulation in the fall, therefore allowing for more visibility in to neighboring yards and properties.

B. Charges

The following chart reflects the number of charges issued by the By-law Department over this period.

By-law & Type of Occurrence	Number of Charges		
	2018	2019	2020
FIRE- Fail to comply with class "A" burning permit	2	2	3
TOTAL	2	2	3

C. Parking Tickets Issues

The following chart compares the number of Parking Tickets issued by the By-law Department over this period.

MONTH	2018	2019	2020
October	1	0	0
November	4	0	0
December	2	3	1
TOTAL:	7	3	1

