



To: Mayor Cornell and Members of Council
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Subject: **By-law 1st Quarter Activity Report for 2022 (January 1- March 31)**
 Our File No:

Recommendation

THAT MLE-008-22 regarding By-law 1st Quarter Activity be received as information.

Background/Analysis

By-law Occurrences for the 1st Quarter

Type of Occurrence	Number of Occurrences		
	2020	2021	2022
Clean Yards	2	4	12
Parking	6	5	7
Zoning	3	9	6
Dog	2	8	3
Burning	2	3	3
No Bylaw	3	4	3
Fireworks	0	3	3
Property Standards	0	2	2
Noise	1	13	2
COVID-19	3	10	2
Sign Bylaw	0	4	2
Dumping Snow	1	5	2
Encroachment	0	0	1
Miscellaneous	0	14	11
TOTAL for 1st Quarter	23	84	59

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.

From 2021 to 2022 the complaints have decreased over the 1st quarter time period. Staff analyzed the differences and would draw the following conclusions.

1. Noise: In 2022 the Noise occurrences decreased by eleven (11) when compared to 2021. Staff analyzed the complaints and believe that the decrease could be correlated with the stay-at-home orders being lifted. In 2021 more people were staying at home, creating neighbour complaints for noise violations. With this being lifted in 2022, less complaints were received.
2. Short Term Rentals: Of the 59 complaints received during the first quarter, 3 complaints were related to Short-Term Rentals. Two (2) of these complaints stemmed from concerns regarding COVID-19 and compliance with the regulations during this time, which resulted in one situation where the offender was apprised of the complaint and the other situation where a charge was laid. The third Short-Term Rental related complaint stemmed from a noise concern and resulted in a written warning due to this being the 1st complaint received for the property.

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		
	2020	2021	2022
BURNING -Fail to obtain a burning permit	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	1

Parking Tickets Issued

MONTH	2020	2021	2022
January	3	1	0
February	0	1	1
March	3	0	0
TOTAL:	6	2	1

Activities During This Period

Seasonal Staff – Shift Supervisor, Officers, and Administrative Assistants

The recruitment drive for these positions was advertised in the local paper, posted on the Township website and posted on the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Association website. The Township received resumes during the first quarter and started the selection process. Various other tasks were organized during this time period in advance of their spring start.

Court Activity

Due to the pandemic, there was a backlog in court proceedings, therefore the below court matters were to address by-law charges issued in 2020.

On March 10, 2022, there were six (6) by-law matters on the court docket and the following was their disposition:

- One (1) Burning Violation - No one appeared, and the defendant was deemed not to dispute the charge. A fine of \$300.00 was imposed with 30 days to pay.
- Four (4) Reopening of Ontario Act Violations - A legal representative appeared with respect to the violations which were adjourned to August 11, 2022, for a judicial pre-trial.
- One (1) Reopening of Ontario Act violation was adjourned to June 23, 2022 to be spoken too with the defendant to obtain an affidavit to prove an exemption.

On March 21, 2022, there were 18 by-law matters on the court docket and the following was their disposition:

- Eleven (11) Open Air Burning By-law Violations:
 - Three (3) - defendants appeared and entered a guilty plea. A fine of \$100.00 was imposed with 30 days to pay.
 - Two (2) - defendants appeared and entered a guilty plea. A fine of \$85.00 was imposed with 30 days to pay.
 - One (1) - a paralegal representing the defendant appeared and entered a guilty plea on behalf of her client. A fine of \$50.00 was imposed with 60 days to pay.
 - Two (2) - no one appeared, and the defendant was deemed not to dispute the charge. A fine of \$150.00 was imposed with 30 days to pay.
 - One (1) - no one appeared, and the defendant was deemed not to dispute the charge. A fine of \$300.00 was imposed with 30 days to pay.
 - One (1) - defendant appeared and entered a guilty plea. A fine of \$40.00 was imposed with 4 months to pay.
 - One (1) - defendant appeared and requested Disclosure. The matter was adjourned to May 19, 2022, to set a trial date.
- Two (2) Watering By-law Violations:
 - One (1) - matter was withdrawn
 - One (1) - defendant appeared and entered a guilty plea. A fine of \$50.00 was imposed with 30 days to pay.
- Two (2) Noise By-law Violations:
 - One (1) - defendant appeared and entered a guilty plea. A fine of \$75.00 was imposed with 30 days to pay.
 - One (1) - no one appeared, and the defendant was deemed not to dispute the charge. A fine of \$150.00 was imposed with 30 days to pay.
- One (1) Parks By-law Violation:
 - One (1) - defendant appeared and entered a guilty plea. A fine of \$50.00 was imposed with 60 days to pay.
- One (1) Zoning By-law Violation:
 - One (1) - defendant appeared on this matter and was adjourned to August 11, 2022, for trial.
- One (1) Reopening of Ontario Act:

One (1) - a paralegal representing the defendant appeared and requested disclosure. This matter was adjourned to May 19, 2022, to be spoken too.

Reviewed By Other Departments

Not applicable.

Options/Alternatives

There are no options/alternatives associated with this item.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this item.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

- Deliver Exceptional Municipal Services
- Build Economic Prosperity & Opportunity
- Promote Environmental Responsibility & Stewardship
- Support Community Health, Safety & Well-Being
- Create an Engaged, Informed & Connected Community

Conclusion

Should not introduce new information.

Steve Harvey, Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Approved - 30 May 2022

Haley Leblond, Director of Finance/Treasurer Approved - 30 May 2022

Robert Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer Approved - 30 May 2022