Municipality of Lakeshore - Report to Council

Legal and Legislative Services

Bylaw Services



To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Rob Sassine, Division Leader – By-law Services

Date: October 1, 2024

Subject: By-law Enforcement Quarterly Report – Q3 2024

Recommendation

This report is presented at the November 5, 2024 Council meeting, for information only.

Strategic Objectives

This report does not relate to one of Council's Strategic Objectives but is a citizencentered municipal function.

Background

The By-law Enforcement Activity Report is a report prepared to provide a review of the By-law Enforcement activity for the third quarter of 2024.

Comments

The report is broken down into main categories including the number of closed cases during the third quarter of 2024.

Nature of Complaint	Total Cases	
Yard Maintenance	291	
Long Grass, Garbage and Debris, Derelict Vehicles	231	
Zoning	32	
Use of Land, Recreational Vehicle Storage, Setback		
Parking	25	
Accessible Parking, Blocking Sidewalks		
Property Standards	47	
Unsafe Buildings and Living Conditions	77	

Nature of Complaint	Total Cases	
Animal Care	15	
Animals Not Permitted, Dangerous Dogs		
Noise	8	
Barking Dog, Loud Music		
Fence	3	
Unsafe Fence, Unguarded Pools		
Signs	5	
Prohibited Location, Sight Visibility		
Miscellaneous	5	
Parks Use, Smoking		
Light Nuisance	3	
Nuisance, Intrusion	3	
Total Cases Closed This Quarter	434	
Cases Currently Under Investigation	124	
Total Cases Closed Year to Date	927	
Total Complaints Received	1051	

By-law Officers closed 363 cases in the third quarter of 2023 which represents a 20% increase in total cases that have been closed in the third quarter year over year.

Council has requested that the number of properties that have more than one violation registered within the current year be noted and reported on in this report. I have included the first 3 quarters of 2024 for Council to review. Based on the information, 188 properties are responsible for 477 closed By-law Enforcement cases accounting for over half of all the closed cases for 2024.

Quarter	Number of Properties with Multiple Violations	Total Cases
Q1 – Q3	188	477

Due to the year-over-year increase in the number of By-law complaints received, By-law enforcement service levels have been negatively affected. The By-law complaint queue has been at over 120 open By-law cases which translates into By-law Compliance

Officers conducting their first site inspection approximately 4 weeks after receiving the initial complaint.

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Approved by the Corporate Leadership Team