



Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

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Title / Subject: –By-Law Division Statistics for Q1 - 2022

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Report No: 2022-PS-005

1.0 Issue / Origin

The Supervisor of By-Law Enforcement and Animal Control is responsible for preparing and presenting quarterly reports.

2.0 Background

Council has requested quarterly basis a reporting on the activities of the By-Law Enforcement and Animal Control Department. This report represents the first of such reports that will be forwarded to Council on a regular quarterly basis. Future quarterly reports will break down specific types of investigations as the Department begins to generate the reports from our new computer tracking software systems for animal control, by-law and the animal shelter.

3.0 Analysis

In the 1st quarter of 2022 the Township of Brock By-Law Enforcement and Animal Control Department responded to a total of 209 incidents/investigations. Of these incidents / investigations, 108 were By-Law Enforcement calls (non-animal related) and 101 were By-Law calls but specific to animal control related by-laws. In this Q1 report, we have also included emails, calls to the shelter that include but are not limited to; staff visits to veterinarian and animal pickups, and transfers and visits by the public to the shelter for adoptions, animal claims etc.

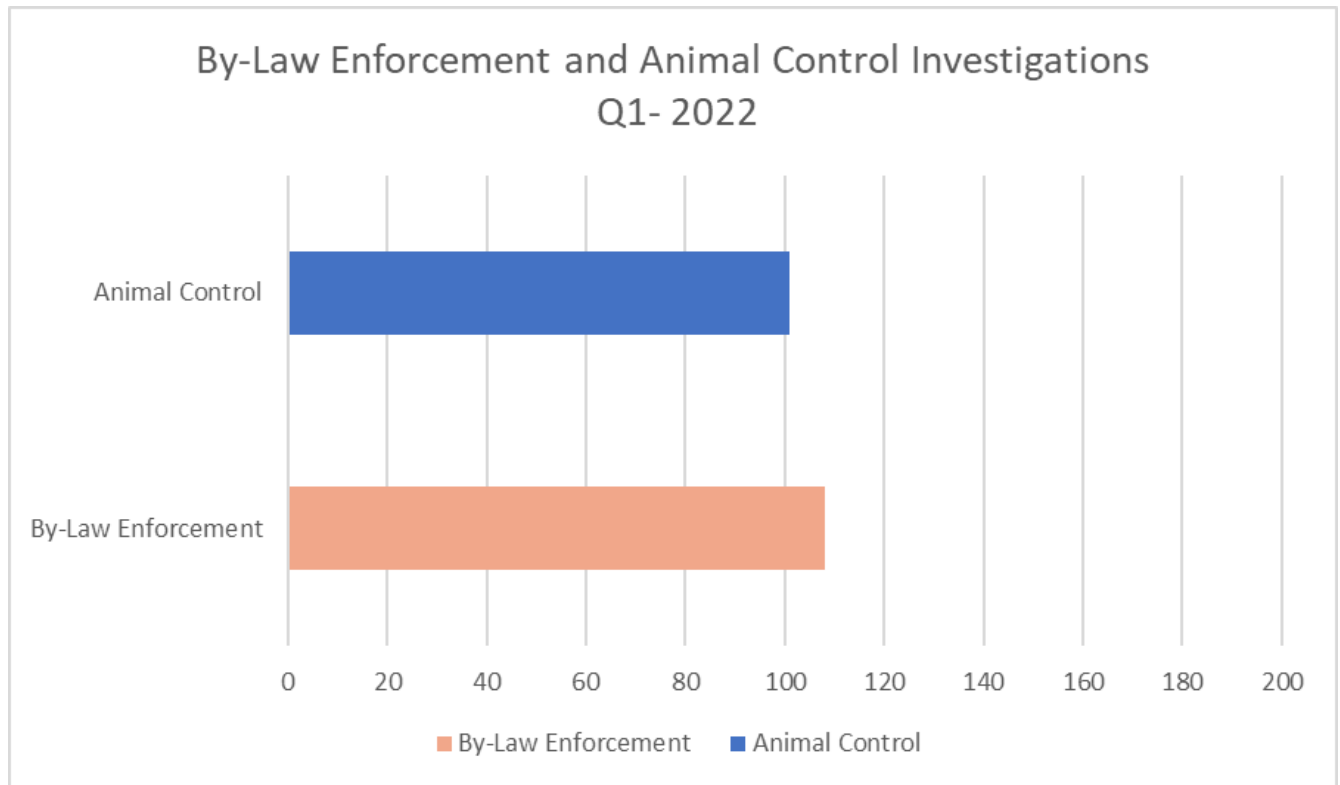


Chart 1 - By-Law Enforcement / Animal Control Calls Q1- 2022

2022	Parking Fines	Property Standards	Noise	ATV	STR	Covid	Fence	Other	Animal Control
January	44	0	2	1	0	2	2	1	23
February	28	2	2	0	1	0	0	4	35
March	4	7	5	1	0	0	0	2	41
Q1-Total	76	9	9	2	1	2	2	7	

Chart 1- Identifies By-Law calls investigated by staff in the first quarter. As Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted we will no longer be tracking these types of calls. As stated earlier, staff will be breaking down the types of by-law investigations in more detail moving forward and will be splitting charts between By-law Calls (non animal related) with specific headings for each type of by-law investigated, initial contact and a section on follow up calls per officer. The same will be done for animal control related by-laws, licensing and the animal shelter (which will include adoption and intake numbers)

The By-Law Enforcement Department will see a decrease in all types of calls during the during the winter months, except for parking control which increases, due to snow clearing operations. Of note that in the Fall/Winter of 2021 and in the Q1 of 2022, staff issued five Part 1 infractions. Three were issued under the noise by-law and the remainder for dog at large under the animal

control by-law. One part 3 was issued under the animal control by-law. All are currently before the Courts.

The coming year and Q2 and Q3 are expected to have an increase in investigations in the areas of noise, parking, fireworks and property standards due to enhanced by-law enforcement and amendments to all three By-Laws. We also have a new by-law that will be implemented in the summer months, the Public Nuisance By-law, which along with the previously mentioned will be a new tool used to tackle the emergence of Short-Term Rental Properties in Brock Township.

The Department continues to inspect and complete annual licensing of Breeding and Boarding Kennels, Doggie Day Cares, Wrecking Yards, Campgrounds and Trailer Parks, Prohibited Animals and any other licensing requests as required. These are normally completed between the Q1 and Q2 reporting periods and will be input on the next quarterly report.

Chart 2 – Township of Brock Dench Animal Shelter – Q1 -2022

2022	Shelter Calls	Emails Animal Shelter	Shelter Visits by public
January	110	98	22
February	71	46	26
March	89	101	18
Q1 -Total	270	245	66

Chart 2 identifies the Q1 numbers for activity at the animal shelter. Shelter calls refer to animal control officers attending to veterinary appointments, animal transfers, including wildlife, animal pickups, supply runs and educational visits etc. This chart moving forward in Q2, Q3, Q4 will be more detailed like the By-Law and Animal Chart and will track specific numbers per type of call in more detail. The animal shelter also has a Facebook Page which is well established and generates over 3,000 members and has a wide community engagement not only in Brock but beyond.

Council should be aware that our animal shelter facility is partnered with the Provincial Animal Welfare Team and acts as a satellite shelter for any animals seized during any PAWS investigation. PAWS compensate the Township of Brock for use of our facility and pays all veterinary and boarding costs. This partnership is extremely valuable and has had a very positive impact for all parties involved.

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

None

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

None

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

None

7.0 Communications

This report is presented to Council on a public agenda and available for public review through the electronic agenda website or the livestreaming of the virtual meeting.

8.0 Conclusion

Current statistical information for Q1 – 2022 is fairly split between By-Law investigations (non animal related) and Animal Control Investigations. Animal Control investigations and rescues, Animal Shelter duties and Parking Enforcement continue to be the most active and take most of the staff time. It is anticipated that the numbers in Q2 and Q3 will see a large increase in specific types of bylaw investigations related to Short-Term Rentals due to amended bylaws and the introduction of the new public Nuisance By-law. Moving into the summer season it is expected that a large increase in activity will occur in the intake of animals at the shelter and wildlife calls as is usual at this time of year.

9.0 Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report 2022-PS-005 entitled “By-Law Division Statistics for Q1-2022, be received for information.