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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **June 7, 2012**

FROM: **City Solicitor**

FILE: **4000-01**

SUBJECT: **By-law Enforcement Activities Quarterly Report – First Quarter 2012**

RECOMMENDATION

The Legal Services Division recommends that Council receive this report as information.

BACKGROUND

Council during its Regular meeting on May 28, 2012 requested the City Solicitor to bring forward to Council on a regular quarterly basis a report on the activities of the By-law Enforcement Section beginning with the first quarter of 2012.

This report represents the first of such reports that will be forwarded to Council on a regular quarterly basis.

DISCUSSION

The following three tables summarize the By-law prosecution and civil enforcement work associated with the By-law Enforcement Section and Legal Services Division for the period from January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012.

Prosecutions & Civil Enforcement – New Files	No. of Files
Zoning Violations	3
Building By-law Violations	15
Dog Destruction Applications	1
Conservation Violations (Soil, Erosion, Sediment Control)	2
Business License Violations	2
Noise Control Violations	2
Dog Responsibility By-law Violations	3
Highway and Traffic Violation	1
Unlawful Retaining Wall (Civil Enforcement)	1
Tree Protection Violations	1

Prosecutions – Action Completed	No. of Files
Building By-law Violations	6 (compliance or orders granted)
Fireworks By-law Violation	1 (fine imposed)
Tree Protection By-law Violations	3 (fines imposed)
Parks By-law Violations	12 (fines imposed)
Dog Responsibility By-law Violations	3 (fines imposed)
Public Health Smoking By-law Violation	1 (no fine)

Prosecution Pending Files - Conviction or Other Order Not Yet Obtained	No. of Files
Smoking Where Prohibited	1
Illegal Dumping	1
Unightly Property	2
Zoning By-law Violations	5
Building By-law Violations	154
Parks By-law Violations	1
Noise Control By-law Violations	1
Conservation Violations (Soil, Erosion, Sediment Control)	1
Tree Protection By-law Violations	1
Agricultural Land Reserve Violations (Illegal uses)	4
Business License By-law Violations	1

The following table summarizes the new investigation files and the files for which voluntary compliance related to by-law infractions has been achieved for the period from January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012. The third column contains the number of currently active files in each category as of May 30, 2012.

Investigations and Voluntary Compliance Files	First Quarter 2012 New Files	First Quarter 2012 Completed Files With Compliance	Active Files (as of May 30, 2012)
Secondary Suite Compliance (Identification, Compliance and/or Removal)	2391	1756	1388
Zoning and Building By-law Investigations	244	279	222
Business License By-law Investigations	554	549	585
Conservation Investigations (Soil, Erosion and Sediment Control, Water)	54	97	234

Investigations and Voluntary Compliance Files	First Quarter 2012 New Files	First Quarter 2012 Completed Files With Compliance	Active Files (as of May 30, 2012)
Tree Protection By-law Investigations	26	24	21
Noise Control Investigations	280	278	65
Dog Responsibility By-law Investigations	894	884	75
Highway and Traffic By-law Investigations (Abandoned Vehicles & Emergency Parking Issues)	168	176	10
Public Health Investigations (Smoking)	5	6	3
Graffiti, Property Maintenance and Unsightly Premises Investigations	390	378	225
Sign By-law Investigations	124	6	13
Parks By-law Violations	11	15	2
Abandoned Properties Investigations	46	37	16
Controlled Substance Investigations	37	32	50
Miscellaneous Investigations (Metal Theft, Snow Removal, Nuisance Violations, Light Pollution, Excess Dogs over 2, Document Services and Squatters)	321	530	63
TOTAL	5545	5047	2972

The following table summarizes the parking enforcement and commercial vehicle enforcement activities for the period from January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012.

Type	Tickets Issued	Paid	Disputed	Outstanding	Warning/ Cancelled
Parking Enforcement	13692	6907	323	3712	2750
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	486	210	29	219	28

The following table summarizes the number of secondary suites that are registered on the City's tax rolls by date.

Date	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	May 31, 2012
Registered Secondary Suites	20,174	21,600	22,547



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