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COUNCIL DATE: **September 10, 2012**

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **September 5, 2012**

FROM: **City Solicitor**

FILE: **4000-01**

SUBJECT: **By-law Enforcement Activities Quarterly Report – Second 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 that staff 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 second the activities of the By-law Enforcement Section to the end of the second quarter of 2012.

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 April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

Prosecutions & Civil Enforcement – New Files	No. of Files
Zoning By-law Violations	3
Building By-law Violations	2
Property Maintenance and Unsightly By-law Violations	1
Business License By-law Violations	2
Noise Control By-law Violations	4
Parks By-law Violations	13

Prosecutions – Action Completed	No. of Files
Zoning By-law Violations	3
Parks By-law Violations	1
Dog Responsibility By-law Violations	1
Public Health Smoking By-law Violation	1
Conservation Violations (Soil, Erosion, Sediment Control)	1
Noise Control By-law Violations	1
Business License By-law Violation	1

Prosecution Pending Files – Conviction or Other Order Not Yet Obtained	No. of Files
Zoning By-law Violations	2
Building By-law Violations	169
Noise Control By-law Violations	1
Tree Protection By-law Violations	1
Agricultural Land Reserve Violations (Illegal uses)	4
Business License By-law Violations	2
Dog Destruction Application	1
Sanitation By-law Violations	2
Dog Responsibility By-law Violations	2
Unlawful Retaining Wall (Civil Enforcement)	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 April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012. The third column contains the number of currently active files in each category as of July 5, 2012.

Investigations and Voluntary Compliance Files	Second Quarter 2012 New Files	Second Quarter 2012 Completed Files With Compliance	Active Files (as of July 5, 2012)
Secondary Suite Compliance (Identification, Compliance and/or Removal)	2250	2426	1085
Zoning and Building By-law Investigations	296	280	73
Business License By-law Investigations	662	656	613
Conservation Investigations (Soil, Erosion and Sediment Control, Water)	80	116	217

Investigations and Voluntary Compliance Files	Second Quarter 2012 New Files	Second Quarter 2012 Completed Files With Compliance	Active Files (as of July 5, 2012)
Tree Protection By-law Investigations	42	37	25
Noise Control Investigations	330	314	116
Dog Responsibility By-law Investigations	825	822	77
Highway and Traffic By-law Investigations	32	37	5
Public Health Investigations (Smoking)	7	11	2
Graffiti, Property Maintenance and Unsightly Premises Investigations	735	635	302
Sign By-law Investigations	199	202	12
Parks By-law Violations	22	21	3
Abandoned Properties Investigations	32	37	17
Controlled Substance Investigations	30	32	43
Miscellaneous Investigations (Metal Theft, Snow Removal, Nuisance Violations, Light Pollution, Excess Dogs, Document Services and Squatters)	318	319	105
TOTAL	5860	5945	2695

The following table summarizes the parking enforcement and commercial vehicle enforcement activities for the period from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

Type	Tickets Issued	Paid	Disputed	Outstanding	Cancelled	Warnings
Parking Enforcement	13705	6863	291	3843	1230	1478
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	409	170	40	174	25	0

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	July 10, 2012
Registered Secondary Suites	20,174	21,600	21,807

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