

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	April 25, 2019
Subject / Report No:	PDR-CW-21-19
Title:	By-law Enforcement Report – Quarter 1
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	All local municipalities
Status:	Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented as per Resolution <i>CW95-19</i> ;

Recommendation

1. That Report PDR-CW-21-19 regarding the quarterly By-law Enforcement Officer report for Quarter 1 of 2019 be received for information.

Executive Summary

The By-law Enforcement Officer provides a quarterly update on the number of permits (Intents to Cut) and activities associated with the County Forest Management By-law. This is provided to Council for information to understand the number of permits issued throughout Grey County and within each local municipality. These harvests are selective harvests that are classified as good forestry. Permits are sent to the respective municipality when they are received, so that if there are corresponding processes then the municipality will have enough time to obtain that information.

Background and Discussion

The By-law Enforcement Officer provides a quarterly update on the number of permits (intents to cut) and activities associated with the County Forest Management By-law. This is provided to Council for information to understand the number of permits issued throughout Grey County and within each local municipality. All of these harvests are selective harvests that are classified as good forestry.

Permits are sent to the respective municipality when they are received, so that if there are corresponding processes (i.e. road permits, half load restrictions, etc.) then the municipality will have sufficient time to obtain that information.

January 2019

Twenty eight (28) intents to cut were received and approved during the month of January. Breakdown of intents were:

Municipality	Number of Permits Issued
The Blue Mountains	1
Chatsworth	3
Georgian Bluffs	1
Grey Highlands	10
Hanover	-
Meaford	2
Owen Sound	-
Southgate	5
West Grey	6

February 2019

Seventeen (17) intents to cut were received and approved during the month of February. Eighteen (18) site visits of operations occurred during this time. Breakdown of intents were:

Municipality	Number of Permits Issued
The Blue Mountains	1
Chatsworth	5
Georgian Bluffs	2
Grey Highlands	1
Hanover	-
Meaford	1
Owen Sound	-
Southgate	2
West Grey	5

March 2019

Eighteen (18) intents to cut were received and approved during the month of March. Twenty-two (22) site visits occurred during this time for operations and post-harvest inspections.

Municipality	Number of Permits Issued
The Blue Mountains	-
Chatsworth	2
Georgian Bluffs	2
Grey Highlands	3
Hanover	-
Meaford	2
Owen Sound	-
Southgate	3
West Grey	6

County Forest Operations

Dornoch Tract (20) was completed in early January. The harvest operation looks good; completion was delayed due to weather and machinery break downs.

Sullivan Klondyke (43) was completed in early January. The harvest looks good, trails were smoothed out before the ground was frozen and should be good in the spring.

Copper Kettle (31) hardwoods were completed in early February. Snowmobile trail is open again. Good job, a large pile of cut offs is on the landing and will be cleaned up in the spring.

No harvesting occurred in County forests in March.

Tree marking for 2020 harvests has been completed by Lands and Forests Consulting. The tree marking has been reviewed and approved by Grey Sauble Conservation Authority staff.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

Forest permits (Intents to Cut) are administered by the By-law Enforcement Officer as per the Forest Management By-law.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no anticipated financial/staffing/legal/IT considerations related to the report above and beyond what is included within the budget and within the scope of regular duties of staff and the By-law Enforcement Officer.

Relevant Consultation

Internal: Planning Staff

External: By-law Enforcement Officer (Lee Thurston, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority)

Appendices and Attachments

None