

To:	Warden Halliday and Members of Grey County Council
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Title:	By-law Enforcement Reports – Quarter 4 and Year-End Totals for 2017
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	All local municipalities
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Recommendation

1. That Report PDR-CW-08-18 regarding the quarterly By-law Enforcement Officer report for Quarter 4 of 2017 as well as a 2017 year-end total summary 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. All of these harvests are selective harvests that are classified as good forestry. This report also includes year-end totals within each local municipality as well.

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.

Background and Discussion

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October 2017

Twenty (20) intents to cut received and eighteen (18) approved during the month of October. Two (2) were refused as they did not meet the good forestry provisions of the County Forest Management By-law. Twenty three (23) site visits of current operations and post-harvest inspections occurred during this time. Breakdown of intents were:

Municipality	Number of Permits Issued
The Blue Mountains	-
Chatsworth	2
Georgian Bluffs	2
Grey Highlands	5
Hanover	-
Meaford	5
Owen Sound	-
Southgate	2
West Grey	4

November 2017

Twenty (20) intents to cut were received and approved during the month of November. Eighteen (18) site visits of current operations and post-harvest inspections occurred during this time. Breakdown of intents were:

Municipality	Number of Permits Issued
The Blue Mountains	-
Chatsworth	4
Georgian Bluffs	-
Grey Highlands	6
Hanover	-
Meaford	3
Owen Sound	-

Municipality	Number of Permits Issued
Southgate	3
West Grey	4

December 2017

Twenty Six (26) intents to cut received and approved during the month of December. Twelve (12) site visits during this time of operations and post-harvest inspections.

Municipality	Number of Permits Issued
The Blue Mountains	2
Chatsworth	-
Georgian Bluffs	1
Grey Highlands	7
Hanover	-
Meaford	-
Owen Sound	-
Southgate	9
West Grey	7

Lily Oak tract was completed in mid-December by Bester Forest Products, a very nice job done with a feller buncher. Operations have started at Chatsworth (Tract 45) and are progressing well.

Camp Oliver Egremont was started during the Christmas break by Moggie Valley and was completed in early January. The spruce plantation was in pretty rough shape but looks much better now.

Inventory for the new management plan has been ongoing.

Year-end Totals 2017

A total of two hundred and ten (210) permits were applied for during the year. A total of eight (8) were refused as they did not meet the requirements of the County Forest Management By-law. The following is a breakdown of year-end totals:

Municipality	Number of Permits Issued
The Blue Mountains	6
Chatsworth	19

Municipality	Number of Permits Issued
Georgian Bluffs	19
Grey Highlands	48
Hanover	-
Meaford	29
Owen Sound	-
Southgate	27
West Grey	62

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