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Town of Shelburne reviews first quarter report on bylaw activities

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Shelburne's Bylaw Department remained heavily focused on parking enforcement, proactive patrols and property standards during the first quarter of 2026.

A report presented to Shelburne council on Monday, May 25, shows Bylaw Enforcement responded to 38 service requests between January and March, while also completing 333 patrol and operational activities across the community.

Parking-related issues continued to generate the highest number of complaints, accounting for nine calls, or roughly 24 per cent of all service requests during the quarter. Another nine complaints were categorized as ?other,? while clean yard complaints accounted for seven calls, and property standards issues accounted for five.

The report notes that complaints about clean yards and property standards together represented nearly one-third of all calls received by the department, highlighting what staff described as ongoing concerns about neighbourhood upkeep and maintenance standards. Animal-related complaints, including dog-at-large calls and one reported animal bite incident, made up about 11 per cent of service requests.

While complaint numbers remained relatively modest, enforcement staff carried out a far greater volume of proactive work throughout the quarter.

Parking patrols dominated operational activity, with officers conducting 146 parking patrols ? about 44 per cent of all Bylaw Enforcement activity recorded in the first three months of the year. Park patrols accounted for another 58 activities, while school zone patrols made up 45.

The report also highlighted 24 inspections and eight re-inspections related to ongoing compliance matters, alongside clean yard patrols, animal investigations, court appearances and sign removals.

Town staff noted that proactive patrols in parks and school zones continued to form a significant part of enforcement efforts, which they said was part of an ongoing focus on community safety and visibility.

Bylaw Enforcement said it maintained a balance between responding to complaints and carrying out proactive enforcement initiatives throughout the quarter.

According to the report, the most consistent enforcement priorities in early 2026 included parking compliance, traffic concerns, property maintenance, clean yard enforcement and compliance monitoring through follow-up inspections.

The continued concentration of parking complaints and patrol activity suggests that demand for bylaw presence remains high in busy, community-sensitive areas across Shelburne, particularly around schools, parks and high-traffic zones.

Upon the completion of the report from Bylaw Enforcement, council had no comments, and the document was received without further discussion.