



RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR INQUIRY / SUGGESTION

COUNCILLOR SWENDSEID

Councillor Swendseid inquired regarding the number of tickets written to residents for feeding deer within Town limits and whether any fines have been issued.

Estimated Administrative Time to Respond

Under 4 hours (no motion required)

Over 4 hours (motion required) Estimated Hours: n/a

Motion

n/a

Response

The data below showcases a relatively consistent complaint volume and breakdown of resulting actions related to [Deer and Wildlife Feeding and Attractants Bylaw 28-21](#) from 2022 to 2023. Complaint volume related to deer and wildlife feeding make up less than 1% of total complaints across 2022 and 2023.

Municipal Enforcement will continue to monitor and respond to violators of this Bylaw with deliberate communication and an education first approach. The intent is to ensure voluntary compliance to help reduce human-wildlife conflicts and improve the enjoyment of private property and public health and safety.

Deer and Wildlife Feeding and Attractants Bylaw (28-21)			
Complaint Type	YTD 2024		
Deer Feeding Bylaw Complaints	2		
<i>No Offence Found</i>	-		
<i>Education</i>	2		
<i>Written Warning</i>	-		
Historical Deer and Wildlife Feeding and Attractants Bylaw (28-21)			
Complaint Type	2023	2022	Change
Deer Feeding Bylaw Complaints	12	16	▼ 4 (12.5%)
<i>No Offence Found</i>	4	3	▲ 1 (33.3%)
<i>Education</i>	6	12	▼ 6 (50%)
<i>Written Warning</i>	2	1	▲ 1 (100%)

Source(s): OMNIGO RMS System; 2024-02-14

* Based on the Urban Deer Taskforce report and recommendations in July 2021, the Deer and Wildlife Feeding and Attractants Bylaw 28-21 was passed to regulate the intentional and unintentional feeding of deer and other wildlife on private property. The intent is to lessen the impact of urban deer on private property where intentional and unintentional feeding has caused deer to become habituated and unresponsive to current deer-deterrent measures.

Attachment(s)

n/a

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