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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CDS-02-2019 Community and Development Services 2019 January - June Activity Report



For Consideration by Council in Committee on August 27, 2019

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## OBJECTIVE:

To update Council on the initiatives and activities of the Divisions of the Community and Development Services Department for the first half of 2019.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CDS-02-2019 Community and Development Services 2019 January - June Activity Report be received.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Report CDS-02-2019 has been prepared to update Council on the 2019 initiatives, activities and statistics that have taken place thus far for each of the Divisions within the Community & Development Services Department for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2019 as it relates to development, vibrancy and community safety matters.

## BACKGROUND:

For a number of years the Department has provided regular updates and an annual report as part of ongoing efforts to be able to communicate the activities, initiatives and impact of the Department's programs and initiatives to Council and ratepayers. The semi-annual 'activity' reporting process helps track both the quantity of activity as well as 'what' is occurring for each Division and where possible it compares to past years activity levels to identify trends.

## ANALYSIS:

Please find (Attachment 1) the "2019 Semi-Annual Activity Report" for the time period January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Notable key statistics and highlights of the first half of 2019 are:

- While total building permit volumes and revenues are higher than 2018, this is attributable to the construction of agricultural greenhouse buildings for cannabis production. If one nets this activity our construction levels are comparable to 2018.
- Parking enforcement and other by-law enforcement activity in response to complaints is consistent with the higher service demands experienced in recent years. Property standards issues continue to generate the most complaints.

- The number of community members taking part in the County’s Family Day and March Break activities continues to increase, and in 2019 the number of participants in the free skate programs increased by 1,850 to approximately 7,650 this year as compared to 2018.
- 24 Community Beautification Grants were approved with \$75,325 in County funding leveraging \$199,729 in community initiated projects.
- From an economic development perspective the number of inquiries, engagements and outreach activity in support of business activity is higher than 2018.
- While planning inquiries (development) and applications are below that of 2018, which was a record year, the activity level remains significant in terms of volume. A number of significant development approvals were given as outlined in Attachment 1.
- The Emergency Services Division responded to over 450 fire calls including several major events and over 5,500 ambulance calls during the first half of 2019.

### **FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable.

### **STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:**

Not applicable.

### **REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Community and Development Services 2019 Activity Report (January 01 – June 30).