



By-law Enforcement Services

Special Constables employed with the Municipality of West Hants will not normally respond to after-hours calls or complaints unless the call involves an event which meets the description of an emergency or an event involving a dog as described below as a non-emergency. For an emergency call 911.

Definitions:

Regular hours are defined as hours occurring inside of the 8:30am-4:30pm time frame, Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

An emergency is defined as a serious, unexpected and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.

Non-emergency is defined as an event which involves an injured dog or abandoned dog due to the hospitalization, incarceration or evacuation of the owner of the dog which occurs outside of regular hours.

Designated material is defined as tires, railway ties, painted wood, other treated wood, rubber, plastic, garbage, food products, animal or human remains, used oil and waste dangerous goods as defined in the Dangerous Goods Management Regulations pursuant to the Environment Act, stats. N.S., 1994-1995, C. 1 and amendments thereto.

Type of complaints:

Found dog- If you find a dog outside of regular hours, a Special Constable will pick it up the next regular business day. You may want to contact local veterinary hospitals to see if the owner has contacted them or monitor various social media sites where lost and found animals are sometimes listed.

Dog complaints - Instances where a dog has been alleged to have been involved in a serious incident resulting in injury to person or other animal **AND** the dog is under effective control, **at the request of the Police**, a Special Constable may attend the scene to remove the animal or make arrangements for the animal to be removed and cared for.

If requested by a Policing Agency, a Special Constable may also respond to assist in the removal of the dog for non-emergency items, but only as long as the policing agency is in control of the scene, upon the arrival of the Special Constable.

Dangerous or Unsightly Complaints - Regular hours only. Please call 902-798-8391 or email rparker@westhants.ca to report a concern with a property. A civic address is very helpful. The Municipality does not release any information about who complains or where a complaint comes from.

Illegal dumping - Regular hours only. If illegal dumping is in progress, please contact your local policing agency. Windsor Rural RCMP non-emergency telephone number is 902-798-2207. For illegal dumping on Municipal Watershed Property please email watershed@westhants.ca. This is a monitored email.

Illegal Burning - Regular hours only. If occurring outside of regular hours, designated materials are being burnt and it is believed to be an emergency, call 911 or Department of Environment afterhours number at 1-800-565-1633. The Municipalities authority only extends to the determination of designated material being burnt or not.

Province of Nova Scotia domestic brush burning restrictions- During the wildfire risk season (March 15 to October 15) all domestic brush burning and campfires must adhere to daily Nova Scotia burning restrictions. Please visit novascotia.ca/burnsafe or call 1-855-564-2876 for daily updates on restrictions of burn times. Always check before you burn.

For further information on by-law services, please call during regular hours at 902-798-8391.