

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: May 31, 2023

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, May 2023

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency		17
FAL	False Alarm		12
FRS	Structure Fire		1
FRV	Vehicle Fire		1
FRW	Wildland Fire	1	1
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	4	13
BC	Burning Complaint	5	7
CO	Carbon Monoxide Alarm		1
EH	Electrical Hazard		1
PS	Public Service	2	2
TOTALS		12	56

- MVI - 5 **May @ 1400**– Report of a single vehicle rollover around the Kerry Lake area. An update came in during response and BCAS confirmed no entrapment. Rescue Crews stood down and returned to the Hall.
- FRW - 15 **May @ 21:06**–With the Heavy smoke coming into Townsite, crews went out to Gantahaz area to look around. They were looking for any signs of fire within the District of Mackenzie. They did not locate any fire. They also contacted PG Fire Centre and received a report that there were no fires in the area at that time. Crews stood down and returned to the Hall.
- PS - 18 **May @ 1600**– A resident was concerned that their neighbor hung up a piece of Plywood with a Furnace Filter near the port of their air conditioner exhaust. They thought it was a fire hazard. Chief 2 checked it out. There was no melting evident or any burning and this was confirmed with a Thermal Imaging Camera.

No issues so Chief 2 returned to Hall.

- BC - 20 **May @ 17:53**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor had a recreational fire going. They were unaware of the fire ban in place. Chief 2 got them to extinguish the fire. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- MVI - 22 **May @ 13:38**– Report of a single vehicle rollover south of Whisker Point Park on highway 97. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that a vehicle had flipped over, and it was in the ditch near the lake. Another Fire Crew already extricated the patient out of the vehicle. Crews set up ropes and pulleys to get the patient up and out of the ditch and into the awaiting ambulance. Crews then loaded patient into the air ambulance when it arrived on scene. Crews cleaned up and returned to the Hall.
- BC - 24 **May @ 13:40**– Chief 2 received a call from Bylaw that while on patrol they saw a business dumpster on fire. Upon arrival of Chief 2, the business had lit up an old dumpster they use to get rid of pallets. Chief 2 extinguished the fire. Chief 2 noticed a couple of prohibited items in the fire. Chief 2 informed the business that there is a fire ban in place, they also require a burn permit to have any fire of any sort and that they can only burn untreated wood or course woody debris. They apologized and Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- BC - 26 **May @ 08:05**– Chief 2 received a call from a Public Works employee that down at Morfee First Beach there was an unattended fire still burning. Chief 2 attended and extinguished the fire. Public works were going to put some signage up about no Fires permitted at this time. Chief 2 returned to Hall.
- MVI - 26 **May @ 17:11**– Report of a single vehicle rollover on Highway 39. Upon arrival of Chief 1, a single vehicle went off the road and was down in the ditch. Both patients were uninjured. Crews cleared a trail and assisted the patients up the the ditch and into the ambulance to look over them. All units cleared and returned to the Hall.
- BC - 26 **May @ 18:35**– Chief 1 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor was burning. Chief 1 attended and did locate a fire at the residence. Informed them that there was a fire ban in place and got them to extinguish the fire before returning to the Hall.
- PS - 29 **May @ 10:20**– A tenant at a Commercial shopping centre called in an unusual odor. Chief 2 attended and scanned the building with the multi-gas detector. There was no reading given off from the detector. Chief 2 got the tenant to pour water down the drains just in case it was the sewer gas giving off the odor. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.

- MVI - 30 **May @ 15:54**– Report of a two vehicle MVI at the intersection of Centennial Drive and Mackenzie Boulevard. Upon arrival only 1 patient needed assistance out of their vehicle. Crews assisted in taking the patient out and into the awaiting ambulance. All units returned to the Hall.
- BC - 30 **May @ 19:02**– A call came in for a recreational fire burning in Woodland’s trailer Park. Chief 2 attended to find a fire in a burn barrel. Recreational fires are permitted currently, however not in a trailer park. Chief 2 got the resident to extinguish the fire before returning to the Hall.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

2 May – Planning and Meeting Night

- a. Occupational Health & Safety Committee
- b. Management Team and Officers Meeting
- c. Monthly Training Plan
- d. Coordinate Work Plan Activities
- e. Complete Apparatus, Equipment and Facilities Checks
- f. Conduct Association Business Meeting

9 May– Firefighter Skills Development

- a. All members participated in a Wildland and Structure Protection power point presentation.

16 May- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. All members participated in Wildland practical training.

24 May- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. All members participated in Structure protection practical training.

31 May- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. All members participated in a Wildland Scenario. Crews had to perform tasks as either an Engine Company or a Structure Protection Crew.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

8 fire safety inspections were conducted in the month of May.



VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS SCHEDULE:

May 1 – Fire Department attended Mackenzie Recreational service annual Fire Drill.

May 2 – Fire Department was out at Conifex Sawmill instructing hydrant operations and hose handling.

May 3 - Fire Department instructed District Administration and Public Works employees on safe operations of Fire Extinguishers.

May 3 - Fire Department instructed Recreational Service employees on safe operations of Fire Extinguishers.

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May 4- Fire Department attended administration annual Fire Drill.

May 5-6 – Mackenzie Fire Department attended the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo alongside with BC Wildfire Services.

May 19 – BCWS put a full fire ban throughout the Prince George Fire Centre. Mackenzie Fire Rescue Department also administered a full fire ban in conjunction with BCWS.

May 5-26- Mackenzie Fire Department sent their Structure Protection Unit and a crew up to Fort St John. Crews conducted structure protection at two different fires throughout the area.

May 26 – Mackenzie Fire Department lifted the fire ban on recreational fires (camp fires) only.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

May 5-6 – Mackenzie Emergency Program was promoting Emergency Preparedness at the Spring Expo.

May 16 – Emergency program coordinator answered several calls regarding District of Mackenzie Evacuation Plan and Emergency Preparedness.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP:

Position	Allocation	Actual
Fire Chief	1	1
Deputy Fire Chief	1	1
Assistant Chiefs	2	1
Training Officers	2	2
Captains	4	2
Lieutenants	4	2
Engineers	4	1
Fire Fighters	20	8
Total Fire Fighting Force	38	18
Fire Fighters (Probationary)		8
Fire Fighter (Junior)	4	3
Leave of Absence		

NEW FIRE HALL BUILD EXPENSES TO DATE

The construction of the new Fire Hall continues.

The District of Mackenzie has expensed the following amounts for the project to date:

Category	Vendor	Expense to date
Design	Field Lievers Architecture	\$ 545,000
Project Management	Colliers Project Leaders	\$ 8,289
Geotechnical	GeoNorth	\$ 25,534
Survey	McElhanney	\$ 7,203
Construction Contract	Southwest Design & Construction	\$ 4,494,730
FF&E	Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 177,204
Construction Management Fee	JenCol Construction	\$ 27,590
Miscellaneous*	Various	\$ 221,370
	Overall Budget Expense	\$ 5,506,920

*Miscellaneous expenses include: Hydro, legal, wages, benefits, minor contracting, and supplies.

Project works to date are as follows:

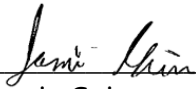
- Building is nearing substantial completion.
- Brick work is done. Concrete board has started
- Flooring & Fixtures are being installed
- Roofing system is complete
- Siding is being installed
- Final Painting inside has started.



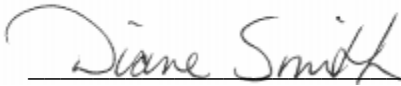
- Windows are still in progress.

Total Project Budget = \$6.5 million
Total Expenses To Date = \$5,506,920
Total Budget Remaining = \$ 993,080

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie Guise
Fire Chief



Approved for Submission to Council