

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: July 18, 2023

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, June 2023

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	4	21
FAL	False Alarm		12
FRS	Structure Fire	2	3
FRV	Vehicle Fire		1
GSL	Gas/Spill Leak	1	1
FRW	Wildland Fire		1
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	1	14
INV	Investigation no Fire	1	1
BC	Burning Complaint	3	10
CO	Carbon Monoxide Alarm		1
EH	Electrical Hazard	1	2
PS	Public Service		2
TOTALS		13	69

- EH - 5 **June @ 23:50**– Report of a possible electrical fire at a residence. The resident could see arcing coming from their electrical outlet. Chief 2 checked it out. There was no melting evident or any burning and this was confirmed with a thermal imaging camera.
- BC - 8 **June @ 18:11**– Chief 1 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor was burning. Chief 1 attended and did not locate a fire at any residence. Chief 1 Informed the caller that there was nothing found before returning to the Hall.

- GSL - 9 **June @ 07:43**– The contractor on site of the new firehall project reported that he struck a gas line out front of the new Firehall. Crews were required to secure the area until Fortis Gas could respond from Chetwynd to fix the damaged line.
- AOA - 9 **June @ 16:33**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to move the patient from their living room into their bedroom before returning to the Hall.
- BC - 10 **June @ 23:58**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that there were people sitting around a recreational fire in the Rec Centre parking lot. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the fire was a propane fire pit, and the group was there camping for the swimming event. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- FRS - 14 **June @ 03:49**– Report of a structure fire on Ospika Crescent. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that a detached garage was fully involved in fire. Crews were required to extinguish the fire. During the size-up of the fire it was noted by Chief 1 that there was smoke coming from inside the house. Upon investigation of the smoke, Chief 1 found several lit fires inside the home. Crews were required to extinguish those fires also. Chief 1 informed RCMP of the arson and the scene was turned over to RCMP for investigation.
- AOA - 14 **June @ 07:10**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to move the patient from their living room into an awaiting ambulance before returning to the Hall.
- MVI - 16 **June @ 08:36**– Report of a bus rollover on Firth Lake FSR. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that the bus had flipped over, and it was in the ditch. Emergency Crews from the nearby camp already extricated the patients out of the vehicle. Crews assisted BCAS and medics to get the patients sent out to the Prince George hospital VIA the awaiting ambulances. Crews cleaned up and returned to the Hall.
- FRS - 23 **June @ 03:33**– Report of a structure fire at Century Trailer Park. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that a trailer was on fire. Crews were required to extinguish the fire. During the mop-up of the fire, it was noted by Chief 1 that there was evidence of arson. Chief 1 informed RCMP of the findings and the scene was turned over to RCMP for investigation.
- AOA - 23 **June @ 14:02**– Requested by BCAS to drive and assist with a call. Crews were required to move the patient from their living room into an awaiting ambulance and drive the ambulance to the hospital before returning to the Hall.

- INV - 24 **June @ 00:11**– Reports of smoke and yelling kids at Morfee Elementary School. Chief 2 attended and found nothing. There was smoke in the air from the fires across the lake. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- BC - 29 **June @ 23:32**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that there were people sitting around a recreational fire in their backyard on Nation Avenue. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the fire was a propane fire pit. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- AOA - 30 **June @ 11:00**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to assist in moving a deceased patient from an Emergency Transport Vehicle into an awaiting ambulance before returning to the Hall.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

6 June – 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

13 June– Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in stocking the New Fire Apparatus
- b. New Probationary members participated in Orientation.

20 June– Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in Hit and Run Scenarios
- b. Probationary members participated in communication training.

27 June– Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in live fire training.
- b. Probationary members participated in PPE training.



FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

7 fire safety inspections were conducted in the month of June.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS SCHEDULE:

June 2 – Fire Department with RCMP and BCEHS assisted Morfee Elementary with their annual bike to school event.

June 3 – Mackenzie Fire Fighter Association held a trap shoot and BBQ. They hosted RCMP, BCEHS and past members.

June 4 – A member attended the RCMP appreciation dinner hosted by the Legion.

June 7- Fire Department accepted the delivery of their new Ladder Truck.

June 8 – 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.

June 8-9 – Sales rep of the Ladder truck hosted an orientation of the new Ladder truck and all its features to the Fire Department members.

June 5 -9 - Mackenzie Public Works and Fire Department had the annual FireSmart clean-up event in the Mackenzie town site.

June 12 -16 - Mackenzie Public Works and Fire Department had the annual FireSmart clean-up event in the Gantahaz sub-division.

June 27 – Mackenzie Fire Department assisted in the Soak a Six fundraiser at Morfee Elementary.

June 7-17- Mackenzie Fire Department sent their Structure Protection Unit and a crew up to Dawson Creek. Crews conducted structure protection at two different fires throughout the area.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

June 6-11-A cooling centre was established at Mackenzie Rec Centre.

June 24 – Emergency Program Director secured space for the BCWS Incident Management Team for the Omenica Region.

June 26-28 – A faller was brought in to assess and fall danger trees in public use areas around the Mackenzie townsite.

June 27 – Mackenzie Emergency Team establishes a cooling/clean air facility at Mackenzie Rec.

June 29 – The Deputy Emergency Program coordinator held a meeting with Northern Health Representatives about gathering crucial information from Mackenzie vulnerable population in the event of an evacuation.

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	\$ 221,670
	Overall Budget Expense	\$ 5,507,220

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

Project works to date are as follows:

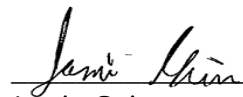
- Building is nearing substantial completion.
- Brick work is done. Concrete board has started
- Flooring & Fixtures are being installed
- Roofing system is complete
- Siding is being installed
- Final Painting inside has started.
- Windows are still in progress.

Total Project Budget = \$6.5 million

Total Expenses To Date = \$5,507,220

Total Budget Remaining = \$ 992,780

Respectfully Submitted,



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Fire Chief



Approved for Submission to Council