

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: August 21, 2023

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, July 2023

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	4	25
FAL	False Alarm	3	15
FRS	Structure Fire		3
FRV	Vehicle Fire		1
GSL	Gas/Spill Leak		1
FRW	Wildland Fire	1	2
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	5	19
INV	Investigation no Fire		1
BC	Burning Complaint	2	12
CO	Carbon Monoxide Alarm		1
EH	Electrical Hazard		2
PS	Public Service		2
TOTALS		15	84

- FAL - 1 **July @ 18:00**– Report of alarms activated at a residence. Upon arrival at the residents, it was noted that the alarms were false due to cooking. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- AOA - 1 **July @ 20:41**– 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.
- BC - 8 **July @ 22:55**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that there were people sitting around a recreational fire in their backyard in Woodlands Trailer Park. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the fire was a propane fire pit. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.

- MVI - 11 **July @ 02:39**– Report of a single vehicle rollover on highway 97 north of the junction. An update came in during response and BCAS confirmed no entrapment. Rescue crews stood down and returned to the Hall.
- MVI - 12 **July @ 12:20**– Report of a single vehicle rollover on the Parsnip West FSR. An update came in during response and BCAS confirmed no entrapment. Rescue crews stood down and returned to the Hall.
- AOA - 13 **July @ 16:33**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to move the patient from their bathroom into their bedroom before returning to the Hall.
- FAL - 15 **July @ 14:00**– Report of alarms activated at a residence. Upon arrival at the residents, it was noted that the alarms were false due to cooking. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- MVI - 19 **July @ 20:27**– Report of an MVI at the Parsnip East FSR and highway 39. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that a phone had fallen off of a vehicle and the phone called 911 as it had an emergency feature to do so. Rescue crews stood down and returned to the Hall.
- AOA - 20 **July @ 05:36**– Requested by BCAS to assist with entry into an apartment building. Upon arrival of crews BCAS had gained access. Crews returned to the Hall.
- FRW - 21 **July @ 10:30**– Chief 2 received a call from BCWS informing the fire department that there was a fire on the shore of Williston Lake and that they had a helicopter extinguish the fire. Chief 2 was able to get a boat to the site where he confirmed the fire was completely out. Chief 2 informed BCWS before returning to Hall.
- MVI - 22 **July @ 17:08**– Report of a single vehicle rollover on highway 97 south of the junction. An update came in during response and BCAS confirmed no entrapment. Rescue crews stood down and returned to the Hall.
- FAL - 24 **July @ 19:37**– Report of a black plume of smoke near Conifex Power. Upon arrival, it was noted that the smoke was from hot ash being dumped at their ash pit. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- BC - 25 **July @ 14:33**– Chief 2 received a call that someone was having a backyard fire on Blackwater. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the RCMP were on scene and had the homeowner extinguish the fire. Chief 2 informed the homeowner that there was a fire ban before returning to the Hall.

AOA - 25 **July @ 18:08**– Requested by BCAS to assist with an emergency lift. Crews were required to move the patient from their living room into an awaiting ambulance before returning to the Hall.

MVI - 26 **July @ 15:48**– Report of an MVI at the junction of highway 39 and Mill Road. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that an accident had happened between a car and a Semi Tractor Trailer. Rescue crews were required to assist BCAS and isolate spilled liquids before returning to the Hall.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

4 July – 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

11 July– Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in hit and run scenarios.
- b. New Probationary members participated in SCBA training.

18 July- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in pump operations training.
- b. Probationary members participated in SCBA training.

25 July- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in hit and run scenarios.
- b. Probationary members participated in water supply training.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

5 fire safety inspections were conducted in the month of July.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS SCHEDULE:

July 7-21 - Mackenzie Fire Department sent their Structure Protection Unit and a crew up to Burns Lake. Crews conducted structure protection at two different fires throughout the area.

July 28-30 – Pierce Manufacturing conducted an orientation of the new Ladder truck. Went through all its features and how to perform emergency procedures in the event of electrical, hydraulic, or full shut down.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

June 27 – Mackenzie Emergency Team established a cooling/clean air facility at the Mackenzie Rec Centre. This is still ongoing. EMCR approved the cost for the air scrubbers’ rentals, to buy new air filters for the air make up unit.

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	\$ 236,134
Overall Budget Expense		\$ 5,521,684

*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 = \$5,521,684

Total Budget Remaining = \$ 978,316

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer