

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: September 19, 2023

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, August 2023

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	5	30
FAL	False Alarm	3	18
FRS	Structure Fire	2	5
FRV	Vehicle Fire		1
GSL	Gas/Spill Leak		1
FRW	Wildland Fire	1	3
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	2	21
INV	Investigation no Fire		1
BC	Burning Complaint	5	17
CO	Carbon Monoxide Alarm		1
EH	Electrical Hazard		2
PS	Public Service		2
TOTALS		18	102

- BC - 3 **August @ 19:00**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that there were people sitting around a recreational fire in their backyard during the fire ban. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that there was a fire, and the owner was unaware of the fire ban. Chief 2 had the owner extinguish the fire before returning to the Hall.
- FRS - 4 **August @ 15:45**– Reports of a structure fire in the Century Trailer Park. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that the trailer was fully involved. Crews were required to extinguish the fire and check for hot spots before returning to the Hall.

- FRS - 7 **August @ 21:08**– Reports of a structure fire at Kirby’s Villa on the cross-country ski trail. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that the cabin was fully involved. Crews were required to extinguish the fire and check for hot spots around the area before returning to the Hall.
- AOA - 9 **August @ 12:30**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to move the patient from the bushes behind the hospital back into the hospital before returning to the Hall.
- BC - 10 **August @ 11:00**– Chief 1 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor had a recreational fire going in their backyard during the fire ban. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that there was a fire, and the owner was unaware of the fire ban. Chief 1 had the owner extinguish the fire before returning to the hall.
- MVI - 15 **August @ 05:58**– 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.
- AOA - 16 **August @ 18:14**– Requested by BCAS to provide a driver for a lone BCAS responder. Chief 1 was required to assist BCAS with the patient and drive the ambulance to the hospital before returning to the Hall.
- MVI - 18 **August @ 11:11**– Report of a single vehicle rollover on highway 97 north of the junction. Rescue crews drove to the northern border and did not find an accident. Crews returned to the Hall.
- AOA - 25 **August @ 13:55**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to move the patient from their home into an awaiting ambulance before returning to the Hall.
- AOA - 25 **August @ 14:49**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to move the patient from their home into an awaiting ambulance before returning to the Hall.
- BC - 25 **August @ 20:46**– Chief 1 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor had a large recreational fire going in their backyard and was not outside with the fire. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that there was a fire, and the owner was in the backyard and had a garden hose at the fire ready to use if needed. Chief 1 told the owner to keep the fire within the fire ring and ensure they were always monitoring it. Chief 1 returned to the Hall.

- FAL - 29 **August @ 16:23**– Report of alarms activated at the Rec Centre. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the alarms were false due to a faulty pull station. Chief 2 had the crew stand down and return to the Hall.
- FRW - 30 **August @ 03:58**– Reports from 911 that there was a fire on the tree line of Pine Crescent. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that there was a fire in the bushes behind a residence house. Crews were required to extinguish the fire and mop up the hot spots before returning to Hall.
- FAL - 30 **August @ 10:00**– Report of alarms activated at the Rec Centre. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the alarms were false due to a faulty pull station. Chief 2 had the crew stand down and return to the Hall.
- AOA - 30 **August @ 19:03**– 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.
- BC - 31 **August @ 13:00**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor had a recreational fire going in their backyard during the fire ban and was not outside with the fire. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that there was no fire. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- FAL - 31 **August @ 15:43**– Report of a panic alarm activated at a residence. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the alarm was accidentally set off by a family member. Chief 2 had the crew stand down and return to the Hall.
- BC - 31 **August @ 17:00**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor had a recreational fire going in their backyard during the fire ban and was not outside with the fire. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that there was an unattended fire. Chief 2 informed the occupant that there was a fire ban and that fires need to be monitored all the time. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

1 August – 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

8 August– Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in Driver Training.
- b. New Probationary members participated in Forward Lay and Reverse Lay training.

15 August- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in Driver Training.
- b. Probationary members participated in Drafting set up, FDC connection, set up and use of ground mount monitors.

22 August- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in the Annual Driver Competency course.
- b. Probationary members participated in Hose Rolls, Carries and Loads.

29 August- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in the Annual Driver Competency course.
- b. Probationary members participated in Hose Handling and Forward Lay training.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

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

FIRE FIGHTERS SCHEDULE:

August 11 – Campfire and Recreational Fire Ban has been lifted.

August 18-26 - Mackenzie Fire Department sent both Structure Protection trailers and a crew down to Willowbrook near Penticton. Crews conducted structure protection.

August 29- Mackenzie delivered one of the Structure Protection Trailers up to Germanson Landing.

August 30- Campfire and Recreational Fire Ban reinstated in the District of Mackenzie

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

August 4 – Emergency Management provided Emergency Support Services for an individual in town. Services were provided for 72 hours.

August 18 – BC Declared a Provincial State of Emergency due to the wildfires and drought throughout the Province.

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	3
Engineers	4	1
Fire Fighters	20	8
Total Fire Fighting Force	38	19
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	\$ 274,269
	Overall Budget Expense	\$ 5,559,819

*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 = \$5,559,819

Total Budget Remaining = \$ 940,181

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer