

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Fire Department

**Date:** November 1, 2023

**Subject:** Fire Department Month End Report, October 2023

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:**

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	1	33
FAL	False Alarm	3	25
FRC	Fire Chimney	1	1
FRS	Structure Fire		6
FRV	Vehicle Fire		1
GSL	Gas/Spill Leak	1	2
FRW	Wildland Fire		3
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	3	26
INV	Investigation no Fire		1
BC	Burning Complaint	1	23
CO	Carbon Monoxide Alarm		1
EH	Electrical Hazard		2
PS	Public Service		2
<b>TOTALS</b>		10	126

- FRC - 1 **October @ 18:31**– Report of a Chimney fire on Finlay Forks. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that the fire was contained in the chimney and was easily put out by crews. Chief 1 had crews check for fire extension before returning to the Hall.
- MVI - 10 **October @ 15:55**– Report of a semi tractor trailer rollover on Hyw 97 north of the junction. Upon arrival of crews it was noted that the semi tractor was on fire and the lone driver was in BCAS's care. Crews confirmed no entrapment. Rescue crews returned to the Hall.

- MVI - 12     **October @ 16:16**– Report of a single vehicle rollover on Highway 97. An update came in during response and BCAS confirmed no entrapment. Rescue crews stood down.
- AOA - 12     **October @ 16:52**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to assist BCAS with moving a patient into an awaiting ambulance before returning to the Hall.
- FAL - 18     **October @ 07:00**– Report of a wildfire near Conifex Road. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that there were several piles of brush on fire in the East Fraser Log Yard. The owner had a burn permit and was slash burning. Crews returned to the Hall.
- FAL - 18     **October @ 16:04**– Report of alarms activated at Camp David. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that the alarms were false due to water leaking into the building. Chief 1 had the Property Rep reset the fire panel and informed them to have the system looked at by an electrician before returning to the Hall.
- BC - 24      **October @ 11:35**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that they could see a fire in the ditch in the Firth Crescent area. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that a resident had a fire in an appropriate fire ring. Chief 2 returned to the Hall.
- FAL - 25     **October @ 10:38**– Report of alarms activated at the High School. Upon arrival of Chief 2 it was noted that the alarms were false due to an issue in their air handling system. Chief 2 had the Property Rep reset the fire panel and informed them to have the system looked at by maintenance before returning to the Hall.
- MVI - 30     **October @ 08:22**– Report of a single vehicle rollover on Hwy 39 south of Mackenzie. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that the occupants of the vehicle were out of the vehicle. Crews returned to the Hall.
- GSL - 30     **October @ 20:46**– Reports from several concerned citizens that there was a strong smell of natural gas around Stuart Drive and Fraser Boulevard. Upon arrival of the crew, it was noted that there was a strong smell of natural gas. Crews along with Fortis Gas searched the area and could not find anything. The smell eventually went away, and crews returned to the Hall.

## **VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:**

### **3 October** – 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

### **10 October**- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in over the bank training.
- b. Probationary members participated in ropes and knots training.

### **17 October**- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. All members participated in live fire training.

### **24 October**- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. All members participated in a live fire scenario.

### **31 October**- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. All members participated in the annual Halloween firework show.

## **FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:**

6 fire safety inspections were conducted in the month of October.

## **FIRE FIGHTERS SCHEDULE:**

October 31 – The Fire Department set up and set off the annual Halloween firework Show.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**October 3** - Tested the airhorn system on the new Firehall. Minor adjustments were made but the system was in good operating condition.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Fire Chief	1	1
Deputy Fire Chief	1	1
Assistant Chiefs	2	1
Training Officers	2	1
Captains	4	2
Lieutenants	4	3
Engineers	4	1
Fire Fighters	20	9
<b>Total Fire Fighting Force</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>
Fire Fighters (Probationary)		4
Fire Fighter (Junior)	4	1
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:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Expense to date</b>
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	\$ 4,654,315
FF&E	Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 177,204
Construction Management Fee	JenCol Construction	\$ 27,590
Miscellaneous*	Various	\$ 279,149
	<b>Overall Budget Expense</b>	<b>\$ 5,724,284</b>

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

Project works to date are as follows:

- Building is nearing substantial completion.
- Final Painting inside has started.



**Total Project Budget** = \$6.5 million  
**Total Expenses To Date** = \$5,724,824  
**Total Budget Remaining** = \$ 775,716

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services  
**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer