

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

**Date:** May 1, 2024

**Subject:** Fire Department Month End Report - April 2024

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:**

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	4	10
BC	Burning Complaint	6	7
CO	Carbon Monoxide Alarm		1
FAL	False Alarm	3	6
FRD	Dumpster Fire		1
FRS	Structure Fire		2
FRV	Vehicle Fire		1
FRW	Fire Wildland	1	1
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident		10
INV	Investigation no Fire		1
PS	Public Service	2	8
EH	Electrical Hazard		1
<b>TOTALS</b>		16	49

- BC - 1     **April @ 19:00**– Report of a recreational fire. Upon arrival, chief 2 located a couple of juveniles around a fire. Chief 2 informed them that the fire was not allowed. They extinguished the fire.
- FAL - 5     **April @ 17:38**– Report of alarms activated at a Residence. The alarms were false due to cooking.
- FAL - 6     **April @ 13:44**– Report of alarms activated at a Residence. The alarms were false due to cooking.
- BC - 11    **April @ 15:40**– Report of a recreational fire in an empty lot. Upon arrival, chief 2 located a fire that someone was using to clean debris. Chief 2 informed them that the fire was not allowed. They extinguished the fire.

- BC - 13     **April @ 14:46**– Report of a recreational fire in a trailer park. Upon arrival, chief 2 located a fire at a residence. Chief 2 informed them that the fire was not allowed. They extinguished the fire.
- BC - 13     **April @ 21:04**– Report of a recreational fire behind the high school. Upon arrival, chief 2 located a couple of juveniles around a fire. Chief 2 informed them that the fire was not allowed. They extinguished the fire.
- AOA -17     **April @ 19:36**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were called by the 911 dispatcher and not by the BCAS crew. Fire crews were not required and returned to the Hall.
- AOA -17     **April @ 22:14**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were required to assist BCAS in moving a patient from their home into an awaiting ambulance before returning to the Hall.
- BC - 19     **April @ 21:06**– Report of a recreational fire. Upon arrival, chief 2 became aware that the owner was intoxicated and there was no fire. Chief 2 had RCMP come to the scene before returning to the hall.
- PS - 20     **April @ 06:40**– Report of smoke in a home. Upon arrival, chief 2 became aware that the owner was intoxicated and there was no smoke. Chief 2 had RCMP come to the scene before returning to the hall.
- FRW - 20     **April @ 14:43**– Report of a resident burning grass that got out of control and lighting up a shrub. Crews were required to extinguish the fire before returning to the hall.
- PS -21     **April @ 14:00**– Report from a concerned citizen that there was a cat in a tree. Chief 2 informed the caller that the fire department does not respond to cats in trees calls.
- AOA -24     **April @ 20:58**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were called by the 911 dispatcher and not by the BCAS crew. Fire crews were not required and returned to the Hall.
- BC - 25     **April @ 20:36**– Report of a recreational fire behind the high school. Upon arrival, chief 2 located a couple of juveniles around a fire. Chief 2 informed them that the fire was not allowed. They extinguished the fire.
- FAL - 29     **April @ 12:29**– Report of alarms activated at the Rec Centre. The alarms were false due to construction.

AOA -30     **April @ 13:34**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a lift. Crews were called by the 911 dispatcher and not by the BCAS crew. Fire crews were not required and returned to the Hall.

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

#### **2 April** – 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 April**- Firefighter Skills Development

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

#### **16 April**- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members with hit and run scenarios.
- b. New Probationary members participated in utility control and Emergency Scene Traffic control training.

#### **23 April**- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in Live Fire Training at Firehall 2.
- b. New Probationary members participated in water supply training.

#### **30 April**- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members participated in Ladder truck pumping and ladder deployment operations.
- b. Probationary members participated in Hose Handling training.

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

**10** fire safety inspections were conducted in the month of April.

### **FIRE FIGHTERS SCHEDULE:**

April 6-7 – Three members participated in RIT training in Prince George.

April 20-21 – One member participated in Wildland Boots on the ground training at the Wildfire Resiliency Summit.

April 20-21 – One member participated in Staging manager training at the Wildfire Resiliency Summit.

April 20- Six members participated in Engine Boss training at the Wildfire Resiliency Summit.

April 21 – One member participated in large water pumping operations at the Wildfire Resiliency Summit.

April 22-24 – Two members participated in the Wildfire Resiliency Summit Seminars.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

April 4 – Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator and Assistant Emergency Program Coordinator attended a Community Evacuations Drill at IR 1 in McLeod Lake.

April 5 – Assistant Emergency Program Coordinator attended McLeod Lake Indian Band evacuation drill debrief.

April 9 - Assistant Emergency Program Coordinator attended Regional EMCR meeting in Dawson Creek

April 30 - Assistant Emergency Program Coordinator and four members of the Emergency Management team attended a community Evacuations course in McLeod Lake.

### **FIRE SMART**

April 4 – Fire Smart Coordinator conducted a site visit for the 2023 CRI Demonstration project.

April 5 – Fire Smart Coordinator attended an MWAC meeting with Co-Chairs.

April 15 to 18 – Fire Smart Coordinator attended Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Training in Vanderhoof.

April 19 to 24 – Fire Smart Coordinator and Deputy Chief attended the Wildfire Resiliency and Training summit in Prince George.

**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	11
<b>Total Fire Fighting Force</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21</b>
Fire Fighters (Probationary)		10
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:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Expense to date</b>
Design	Field Lievers Architecture	\$ 635,000
Project Management	Colliers Project Leaders	\$ 8,289
Geotechnical	GeoNorth	\$ 25,534
Survey	McElhanney	\$ 7,203
Construction Contract	Southwest Design & Construction	\$ 4,674,637
FF&E	Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 184,118
Construction Management Fee	JenCol Construction	\$ 27,590
Miscellaneous*	Various	\$ 280,949
	<b>Overall Budget Expense</b>	<b>\$ 5,843,320</b>

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

**Total Project Budget** = \$6.5 million

**Total Expenses To Date** = \$5,843,320

**Total Budget Remaining** = \$656,680

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**



Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer