

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

Date: April 2, 2024

Subject: Fire Department Month End Report, March 2024

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

Code	Description	Number of Calls this Period	Year to Date
AOA	Assist other Agency	2	6
BC	Burning Complaint	1	1
CO	Carbon Monoxide Alarm	1	1
FAL	False Alarm		4
FRD	Dumpster Fire		1
FRS	Structure Fire	1	2
FRV	Vehicle Fire	1	1
MVI	Motor Vehicle Incident	3	10
INV	Investigation no Fire		1
PS	Public Service	4	6
EH	Electrical Hazard	1	1
TOTALS		13	33

- FRS -3 **March @ 14:32**– Report of a structure fire. Upon arrival of Chief 1 it was noted that the structure was on fire. Crews were required to extinguish the structure before returning to the Hall.
- AOA -4 **March @ 18:22**– 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.
- PS -5 **March @ 08:00**– Report from a concerned citizen that there was smoke down by Bell Place towards the industrial area. Chief 2 identified the smoke as steam from the Co-Gen plant and returned to the hall.

- PS - 5 **March @ 08:55**– Report of alarms activated at a business. The business was performing an alarm test and had already informed the fire department that the alarm was coming in.
- MVI - 9 **March @ 12:22**– Requested to support Chetwynd Rescue with an MVI in their Area. Crews were successful extricating a person and handed off to another Agency to bring up an embankment.
- AOA - 11 **March @ 18:48**– Requested to assist with accessing a resident. Crews then assisted packaging patient before leaving the scene.
- EH -13 **March @ 05:36** – Report that a logging truck pulled overhead powerlines down one of the trailer parks. Crews blocked the roads until BC Hydro can isolate the power.
- MVI - 13 **March @ 21:09**– Report of a MVI in the north of Powder King. Dispatch confirmed this was outside response area. Mackenzie stood down.
- BC - 17 **March @ 19:02**– Report of a unattended recreational fire. Upon arrival, crews did locate the unattended fire. They extinguished before clearing the scene.
- MVI - 18 **March @ 05:49**– Report of a MVI around the Bijoux Falls area. Ambulance updated and confirm no entrapment. Crews stood down.
- CO - 19 **March @ 20:41**– Report of a CO alarm activated at a resident. Upon arrival the homeowner had already evacuated their home. Crews waiting for fortis to arrive where they turn the scene over to them and cleared.
- FRV - 26 **March @ 22:09**– Report of an ATV on fire at one of the Trailer courts. Crews extinguished the fire and confirmed with the thermal camera.
- PS - 28 **March @ 12:00**– Report from a concerned citizen that their neighbor was using wood for a bracket to hold a chimney pipe. Upon arrival there was a wood used to hold a chimney for a new install. Fire Department did talk to resident and they were planning on removing the wood before ignition.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING NIGHTS SCHEDULE:

5 March – 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

12 March- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members conducted hit and run scenarios.
- b. All Probationary members participated in Fire Behavior lecture.

19 March- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Senior members continued with hit and run scenarios.
- b. Probationary members participated in forward lay and hose handling training.
- c. New Probationary members participated in PPE training.

26 March- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Firefighters and Probationary members participated jointly in hit and run scenarios.
- b. New Probationary members trained with SCBA inspection, cleaning, bottles changes and maintenance.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

8 fire safety inspections were conducted in the month of March.

FIRE FIGHTERS SCHEDULE:

March 5-19 – Mackenzie Fire Department held an internal posting for two Engineer positions to be filled

March 8 – Mackenzie Fire Fighter Association hosted a retirement party for one of their members

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

March 2 – Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, and Assistant Emergency Program Coordinator attended a meeting with Mackenzie Community Services to plan an Emergency Preparedness Day in May.

March 18 & 19 – Assistant Emergency Program Coordinator and two district employees attended an Information Officer course put on in Prince George by EMCR.

March 20 – Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, and Fire Smart Coordinator attended a planning meeting with BC Wildfire Personnel in Mackenzie.

March 21 – Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, and Assistant Emergency Program Coordinator attended a Community Evacuation drill planning meeting in McLeod Lake.

FIRE SMART

March 4 – Fire Smart Coordinator began application paperwork for the 2024 CRI grant application through the UBCM.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP:

Position	Allocation	Actual
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
Total Fire Fighting Force	38	21
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:

Category	Vendor	Expense to date
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	\$ 4,654,315
FF&E	Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 184,118
Construction Management Fee	JenCol Construction	\$ 27,590
Miscellaneous*	Various	\$ 280,649
	Overall Budget Expense	\$ 5,822,698

*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 = \$5,822,698

Total Budget Remaining = \$ 677,302

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer