

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Fire Chief, Jamie Guise

**Date:** May 2023

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

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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:**

| Code          | Description            | Number of Calls this Period | Year to Date |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| AOA           | Assist other Agency    | 3                           | 17           |
| FAL           | False Alarm            | 2                           | 12           |
| FRS           | Structure Fire         |                             | 1            |
| FRV           | Vehicle Fire           |                             | 1            |
| MVI           | Motor Vehicle Incident | 2                           | 9            |
| BC            | Burning Complaint      | 2                           | 2            |
| CO            | Carbon Monoxide Alarm  |                             | 1            |
| EH            | Electrical Hazard      | 1                           | 1            |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |                        | 10                          | 44           |

- AOA - 1     **April @ 06:39**– Requested by BCAS to assist with gaining access to an apartment building on Centennial Drive. Upon arrival of Chief 1, BCAS had already gained access. Chief 1 returned to the hall.
- FAL - 5     **April @ 01:22**– Report of alarms activated Conifex site 2. Upon arrival of chief 1 it was noted that the alarms were false. The Fire Department stood down.
- AOA - 9     **April @ 19:54**– Requested by BCAS to assist with a sudden death. Crews were required to remove the body from their home into an awaiting ambulance before returning to the hall.
- FAL - 12    **April @ 08:33**– Report of alarms activated 5051 Coquiwaldie Road. While responding, the property rep called stating that a contractor was working on the alarm system and forgot to notify the alarm company. The Fire Department stood down.

- MVI - 15     **April @ 13:10**– Report of a single vehicle rollover south of the junction on highway 97. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that a vehicle had flipped over, and it was in the ditch. Crews assisted BCAS with removing the patient from the vehicle and using a stretcher to get the patient to an awaiting ambulance. Crews were required to establish a landing zone for the air ambulance. Crews then loaded the patient into the awaiting air ambulance. Crews returned to the hall.
- AOA - 19     **April @ 18:49**– 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.
- BC - 20     **April @ 08:30**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that their neighbor was burning and there was a funny smell coming from the smoke. Chief 2 investigated and found the neighbor was burning fence pickets that had paint on them. Chief 2 informed the resident that only clean wood was to be burnt in the fire. Chief 2 returned to the hall.
- EH - 24     **April @ 15:30**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that there was a low hanging wire on Centennial. Chief 2 investigated and found the wire was a Telus line and not electrical. Chief 2 informed Telus of the line and the Telus technician took care of it. Chief 2 returned to the hall.
- BC - 24     **April @ 08:30**– Chief 2 received a call from a concerned citizen that there was a burn barrel smoldering on Osilinka Road. Chief 2 investigated and found the burn barrel was unattended. Chief 2 informed the owner of the lot that the fire should never be unattended and that a burn permit was required. Chief 2 had the owner get a permit.
- MVI - 26     **April @ 13:28**– Report of a two vehicle MVI involving a delivery van and a tractor trailer south of the junction on highway 97. Upon arrival of crews, it was noted that driver of the delivery van was pinned in the vehicle. Crews were required to use the jaws of life to remove the patient from the vehicle. Crews were then required to establish a landing zone for the air ambulance. Crews then loaded the patient into the awaiting air ambulance. Crews returned to the hall.

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

### **4 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

**11 April**– Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Fire fighters participated in Hit and Run Scenarios.
- b. Probationary members continued with Ropes & Knots as well as hoisting tools.

**18 April**- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. Fire fighters continued with Hit and Run Scenarios.
- b. Probationary members continued with ground ladder training.

**25 April**- Firefighter Skills Development

- a. All members participated in Live Fire Training.

**FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS:**

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

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS SCHEDULE:**

April 1-2 – Two members participated in WSPP-115 course in Prince George.

April 15-16 – Five members participated in Task Force/Strike Team Leader course 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                 | 2             |
| Captains                         | 4                 | 2             |
| Lieutenants                      | 4                 | 2             |
| Engineers                        | 4                 | 1             |
| Fire Fighters                    | 20                | 8             |
| <b>Total Fire Fighting Force</b> | <b>38</b>         | <b>18</b>     |
| 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                         | \$ 221,070          |
| <b>Overall Budget Expense</b> |                                 | <b>\$ 5,506,620</b> |

\*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** = \$5,506,620

**Total Budget Remaining** = \$ 993,380

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie Guise  
Fire Chief



Approved for Submission to Council