

FIRE & BY-LAW SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT**DECEMBER, 2019****DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW & STATISTICS****Suppression:**

The Department has finished up the fiscal year (November 1 to October 31) responding to a total of 661 incidents. Although there were a number of loss or damage to property incidents, there were no reported fire related serious injuries or fatalities. The department's fire prevention efforts are a clear reflection of the progress and success of the smoke and CO alarm program. Fire prevention and suppression staff will continue to work closely with target groups to continue to educate and promote fire safety.

In late September Niagara EMS started a pilot project which focuses on "life critical" incidents. The project is geared towards specialized units and increased resources for critical incidents, the program also focuses on reducing the volume of non-emergency calls and the reduction of off-load wait times in our hospitals. This new program will result in reduced calls for service for all fire departments across Niagara.

Bylaw:

Year to date By-law complaints continue to surpass the previous year's total. By-law has received 198 complaints compared to 133 complaints received for the entire year of 2018. One Police report was filed in November relating to a *Highway Traffic Act* Violation involving a School Crossing Guard.

The By-law Department continues to work closely with Public Health Tobacco Enforcement Officers to enforce the Regional Smoking By-law in regard to Marlene Stewart Streit Park (skate park), the MCC and all public properties in Pelham.

Winter Parking enforcement will now be a top priority in an effort to keep the streets clear of vehicles to assist operations in plowing and sanding during winter events.

By-law and operations have installed new no alcohol signs in all parking areas of the Town, there have been a few minor incidents involving the public drinking out of the back of vehicles. By-law is working closely with the NRP to police these areas.

Fire Prevention:

Over the past few months fire prevention has been very eventful.

The week of October 5 – 13 was fire prevention week. Town of Pelham firefighters participated in many activities throughout the Town to promote fire safety of residents. Following fire prevention week there have been many calls to the Pelham Fire Department for information about fire safety related items.

The Town of Pelham has been awarded Project Zero from Enbridge Gas. Project Zero is a public education campaign that works to improve home safety and bring fire & carbon monoxide related deaths to zero. Enbridge Gas has awarded Pelham Fire Department with 126 Kidde 10 year, worry free combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to be distributed to residents in the Town. The alarms have a retail value of approximately \$7558.00. The fire department is working hard to have the alarms distributed by the January 15, 2020 deadline set out by Enbridge. Pelham fire department would like to thank Enbridge Gas for this very generous donation towards the safety of residents.

In November the Town of Pelham Fire Department was renewed for tanker shuttle accreditation from Fire underwriters insurance company for Superior Tanker Shuttle service. This accreditation is good for 5 years and helps residents with their house insurance rates, if they live in a non- fire hydrant area. Certification can be found on Town of Pelham website, (search under “tanker”).

PROJECTS

The Town’s winter control program is now in effect. Information to residents was on the web site, town info screens and warnings were handed out during the first snow fall. Bylaw officers will be serving citations for any violations during future winter events.

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS & ISSUES ARISING

None identified

PERSONNEL

The department recognized 3 fire fighters for long service, Wutske and Racz from station two and Beckett from station three received a 25 year medal from the province. George Popko from station two recently retired from active duty serving more than thirty years with the Pelham fire department.

Human resources has posted the new position of full time by-law officer, the current part time officer is scheduled for 20 hours per week, with the recent approval by council the part time officer position will be moving to full time which schedules 35 hours per week.

GRANTS, CONTRACTS, RFPs & AGREEMENTS

The department received 126 combination smoke and CO alarms from Enbridge gas, Pelham was one of a number of fire departments who received alarms as part of Enbridge's project zero program. These alarms will be distributed throughout the town to target areas.

MEETINGS

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Mayor
Region of Niagara medical committee
Regional fire coordinators
Regional Chiefs
Region of Niagara emergency management group
NRP