

**FIRE & BY-LAW SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT****JULY, 2020****DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW & STATISTICS****By-Law**

**April** - For the month of April 2020 the majority of By-law complaints received related to COVID-19. Complaints included concerns relating to lack of social distancing, non-essential business remaining open, gatherings of more than 5 people, and the use of public parks and recreational facilities. All investigations relating to these matters resulted in full compliance from individuals and businesses concerned. By-law officers issued no provincial fines or charges in this regard.

**May** - For the month of May 2020 the majority of all By-law complaints received related to COVID-19. Complaints included concerns relating to lack of social distancing, non-essential business remaining open, gatherings of more than five people, and the use of public parks and recreational facilities. All investigations relating to these matters resulted in full compliance from individuals and businesses concerned. By-law officers issued no provincial fines or charges in this regard.

Complaints received about cannabis odour totaled four for month. No greenhouse light complaints were received in May.

**June** - For the month of June 2020 the majority of all By-law complaints received related to long grass and weeds.

Complaints received about cannabis odour totaled 2 for the month. No greenhouse light complaints were received.

**Fire Prevention**

**April** - April has seen an increase in inquiries about burning permits as well as permits for Agricultural brush burns. With people being home the past few months, the fire department has received increases in new fire pit inspections. Residents are happy that we have passed the new Burning Bylaw to extend the hours that people can have a recreational fire in there back yards.

Fire Prevention has been helping with emergency management tasks that need completion after the groups meetings, as well as supporting Bylaw with their patrols and day-to-day activities.

With the cancellation of weekly practice for the firefighters, weekly zoom meetings and online training have been occurring. Fire prevention has taken on the role of keeping the Fire equipment tested, checked and ready to use.

**May** - In May requests have continued to increase for burning permits and for Agricultural brush burns.

Fire Prevention has been helping with the distribution of cleaning supplies and PPE for all departments & buildings, as well as assisting Bylaw in their day-to-day activity of patrolling town playgrounds and trails.

Weekly training for fire fighters did not restart in May due to COVID related restrictions still in place, however depending on Provincial announcements are likely to resume in June with the social distancing in place.

Fire Prevention is continuing to keep the Fire department equipment tested, serviced and ready to use when needed.

**June** - June has been an interesting month with businesses starting to open up and the lifting of many restrictions surrounding COVID.

Fire Prevention has started to complete some building inspections at the request of organizations and businesses. Inspections are being performed with all COVID recommendations addressed and followed by both party's involved in the inspection. The inspections have been going very well, people are very cooperative with regard to all the guidelines and requirements related to COVID 19.

There has been an increase in the requirements of PPE and cleaning supplies throughout the town buildings mainly due to the amount of activities taking place.

June has been very dry, as a result vegetation and ground cover has become very dry. The Pelham Fire Chief has instated a burn ban for all of Pelham until further notice. Even though there has been rainfall near end of month, the ban remains as conditions continue to be very dry. Let's all be Fire safe this summer.

### **Emergency Management**

The Town of Pelham remains in a declared state of emergency and the EOC is in partial activation. The emergency control group meets virtually Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 0900.

### **Suppression**

The fire department continues to respond to all types of incidents with the exception of some modified medical responses. The modified medical responses are to:

1. Reduce risk to firefighters to relating to COVID-19
2. To preserve personal protective equipment as the equipment inventories are low.

All fire equipment is cleaned after each use and at least once per week if no responses occur. Resources are not compromised at this time and the Town continues to respond with full compliment.

### **PROJECTS**

Projects completed in second quarter were AMP non parking by-law, Clean yards, open air burning, sign by-law,

### **CONSTITUENT CONCERNS & ISSUES ARISING**

Ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

## PERSONNEL

In person firefighter training resumed June 2/20 at all stations, keeping social distancing and cleaning procedures of all areas and equipment.

Pelham Fire Department will be conducting volunteer recruitment in starting July 2020 for all three stations; advertisements placed in the paper as well as the Town's web site and social media.

The department expects a very large applicant pool to draw from.

## GRANTS, CONTRACTS, RFPS & AGREEMENTS

## MEETINGS

SLT (senior leadership team), EOC (emergency operations centre), MEG (municipal emergency group), REOC (regional emergency operations centre), MAC (medical assist committee), DC (district chiefs), JHSC (joint health & safety committee), regional chiefs, mayor, council, cannabis control committee