

**FIRE & BY-LAW SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT****FEBRUARY, 2021****DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW & STATISTICS****By-Law**

**OCTOBER** - As of the end of October 2020 Y-T-D the By-law Department continues to exceed the number of complaints received from the previous year.

The By-law Department continues to perform random cannabis odor testing at the property lines of the known Industrial Cannabis Growing Facilities in Pelham. These pro-active tests were in addition to the re-active tests completed based on citizen complaints. No violations of the Towns Industrial Odorous Control By-law were recorded for the month.

Y-T-D the By-law Department has also issued a total of 8 (eight) non-parking Administrative Municipal Penalties (AMP) for violations of the Town's Dog Control By-law, Pool Fence By-law and Clean Yard By-law.

**NOVEMBER** - As of the end of November 2020 the By-law Department has received 19% more complaints Y-T-D compared to the previous years total.

The By-law Department continues to perform random cannabis odor testing at the property lines of the known Industrial Cannabis Growing Facilities in Pelham. These pro-active tests were in addition to the re-active tests completed based on citizen complaints. A total of 26 Random tests were completed for the month with no violations recorded. Y-T-D the By-law Department has also issued a total of 9 (nine) non-parking Administrative Municipal Penalties (AMP) for violations of the Towns Dog Control By-law, Pool Fence By-law and Clean Yard By-law.

**DECEMBER** - For December 2020 the By-law Department received 23 By-law complaints. The By-law Department received 278 complaints for the year 2020 compared to 209 complaints for the year 2019.

The By-law Department continues to perform random cannabis odor testing at the property lines of the known Industrial Cannabis Growing Facilities in Pelham. These pro-active tests were in addition to the re-active tests completed based on citizen complaints. No violations of the Town's Industrial Odorous Control By-law were recorded for the month. The Department received 4 new complaints and 9 repeat complaints in relation to Cannabis Odour in December. By-law Officers and Fire Prevention Officer were also proactive in distributing over 3500 masks to local businesses in Pelham for the month of December.

**Fire Prevention**

**October** - October has seen a rise in Covid cases. Fire Prevention is monitoring Town's stock on PPE and distributing supply's out to the areas that require them.

Fire prevention is still working with a co-op student, who attends Westlane Secondary School in Niagara Falls. The student has an interest in pursuing Firefighting as a career. The student has spent some time creating social media adds to promote Fire safety in our community.

October has seen an increase in Agricultural Brush burns, due to farmers that are cleaning up their properties and also from our higher than average wind storms throughout month.

**November** - November has seen Covid numbers on the rise across Ontario. Pelham fire department has been taking steps to help control the potential spread of Covid-19 within the departments. This has included lowering numbers at practice nights dividing into multiple nights rather than one. Also, continuous increase of cleaning of equipment and trucks after calls and training.

Fire Prevention has been taking part in various zoom meetings / calls, one in particular this past month was a Beavers meeting. Twelve beavers participated in the meeting including leaders. Fire Prevention went over five different Fire safety topics and drills, feedback from leaders was very positive. Fire prevention co-op student made up fire safety bags with various fire safety learning items in them to be distributed by leaders to each individual child.

Fire prevention is looking at advertising and partaking in more fire safety zoom meeting for community groups in the New Year.

**December** - Once again Ontario has seen a significant rise in COVID numbers across the province. Pelham fire department has been monitoring activities of all 3 stations, trying to keep everyone safe in their daily activities. As 2020 draws to a close fire prevention has been handling most of the cleaning & PPE supply's for the town to assure staff that we have a very healthy stock of all supply's as we go into 2021.

Fire prevention & Bylaw handed out 3500 masks in December to businesses in Pelham. During visits to businesses in Pelham, fire prevention and By-law were able to talk businesses and answer any questions concerning around Covid. Local businesses were very happy to see Town out educating, speaking with and donating to our community. Fire department has issued cancellations of in person learning and training going into 2021, also working on how most training and education will be delivered in 2021.  
Stay safe everyone!

#### **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 & Thursday @ 0900.

#### **Suppression**

The fire department continues to respond to all types of incidents. All fire equipment is cleaned after each use and at least once per week if no responses occur. Fire dept. resources have not been compromised at this time and the Town continues to respond with full compliment.

During this quarter fire responded to a number of structure fires which resulted in large dollar loss, no injuries or loss of life were reported.

## **PROJECTS**

## CONSTITUENT CONCERNS & ISSUES ARISING

Ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Province has gone into State of Emergency effective December 26, 2020. Province of Ontario has also gone into stay at home order effective January 21, 2021.

## PERSONNEL

Pelham Fire Department has hired 15 new recruits as part of 2020 recruitment which started November 1, 2020. Seven (7) recruits for Station 1 in Fonthill, four (4) recruits at station 2 in Fenwick & four (4) recruits for station 3 in North Pelham (Short Hills). Over the next year recruits will be educated, learn & be hands on achieving their firefighter I & II certifications.

The co-op student is currently on hold until restrictions are lifted in 2021.

Due to current lockdown restrictions with schools, Pelham crossing guards are currently awaiting to return to their posts.

In October 2020 Marcel Mooren from Station 2 Fenwick celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary & in November 2020 DC Ben Gutenberg from Station 1 Fonthill celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Pelham fire department.

## GRANTS, CONTRACTS, RFPs & AGREEMENTS

Received a grant for emergency equipment from Enbridge.

## 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