



FIRE AND BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Monday, April 19, 2021

Reporting Period: Fire and By-law Enforcement
Department Quarterly Report for the period: Quarter 1
(one) January – March 2021

Recommendation:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Q1/2021 Fire and By-law Enforcement
Department Report be received for information.**

Department Overview and Statistics:

By-law

January 2021 5 Cannabis odor complaints were received for the month of January 2021 (4 from Pelham, 1 from Welland).

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. **46** odour tests were completed for the month, which resulted in no violations of the Towns industrial odorous control by-law.

Covid complaints and inquiries continued to be received by the By-law Department. One warning was issued by the By-law Department to a Pelham Business in regard to not controlling the number of patrons permitted into the establishment at one time as per Covid restrictions.

February 2021 12 Cannabis odor complaints received for the month (9 from Pelham and 3 from Welland). By-law department continued random cannabis odor testing at the property lines of the known Industrial Cannabis Growing Facilities in Pelham. Pro-active testing was in addition to the re-active tests completed based on citizen complaints. **30** Random odour tests were completed for the month, which resulted in no violations of the Towns Industrial Odorous Control By-law.

Covid inquiries continued to be received by the By-law Department in February. No violations were issued.

March 2021 16 Cannabis odour complaints were received for the month of (**6** new complaints and **10** repeat complaints). By-law Department continues to perform random cannabis odor testing at the property lines of the known industrial cannabis growing facilities in Pelham. Pro-active tests were in addition to the re-active tests completed based on citizen complaints. **41** Random odour tests were completed for the month, which resulted in no violations of the Towns industrial odorous control By-law.

Covid complaints and inquiries continued to be receive and dealt with by the By-law Department in March.

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention has been busy over the last three months. With spring arriving a little earlier than normal this year many property owners have been starting there spring clean up increasing agricultural brush burns this year. Fire department responded to multiple grass fires, as conditions have been dry this year. There also has been an increase with residents inquiring & receiving recreational burn permits (back yard fire pits). Due to current travel restriction with Covid, more people are staying home and enjoys there yards. With permit increases, fire department has not seen an increase in burning complaints.

Fire prevention has teamed up with Public Health inspector to start inspection of Migrant worker housing. So far, inspections have gone very well and living quarters have been fire safe for workers.

With the help of fire department co-op student, we have been keeping up on inventory and distribution of PPE and cleaning supplies for all town buildings. fire department still has a very health stock of PPE and cleaning products.

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.

Town of Pelham has received their 2020 compliance from the province for emergency management.

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

Fire equipment is being 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 quarter one: issuance of RFP for new SCBA air system and a new By-law enforcement policy was developed and approved by council.

Constituent Concerns and Issues Arising:

Ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

Employee Updates:

Pelham fire department along with HR have been testing, interviewing & completing practical testing for a new training officer. Successful candidate was by-law officer Greg Young.

Since receiving promotion to training officer, by-law department along with HR have conducted interviews for new full-time by-law officer. Melissa Grodesky will start her new position April 19/21.

Hiring of seasonal by-law position has been completed Cerara Obdeyn will start May 1st.

Continuing with in person firefighter training at all stations, maintaining social distancing and cleaning procedures of all areas and equipment. Pelham firefighters were able to receive vaccines as part of emergency services department.

Grants, Concerns, RFPs, Agreements:

Pelham fire department has been awarded \$8800.00 through the Ontario fire marshall, fire safety grant.

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