

FIRE AND BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Monday, July 26, 2021

Reporting Period: Fire and By-law Enforcement
Department Quarterly Report for the period: Quarter 2
(two) April – June 2021**Recommendation:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Q2/2021 Fire and By-law Enforcement Department Report, for information.

Department Overview and Statistics:**By-law**

April 2021 - 10 Cannabis odour complaints were received for the month (**4** new complaints and **6** repeat complaints). Pelham 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.

12 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 received and dealt with by the By-law Department in April.

May 2021 - Grass and weed complaints have ramped up this month. 2 cannabis odour related complaints received in May. 11 random cannabis odour tests completed with no odour readings detected.

June 2021 - Grass and weeds complaints continue to be received. Five cannabis odour complaints received in June from citizens who have lodged repeated complaints. No Cannabis Odour readings detected. Covid related complaints have dropped off significantly.

Fire Prevention

April, May, June 2021 - Fire Prevention has been busy over past three months. Many inquiries from residents about fire safety and back yard fire pits. Advertising in "The Voice" & Fire Department social media sites has most definitely brought an increase of new recreational burn permits (back yard fire pits), not only from new residents but also residents who did not know they had to obtain burn permits for fire pits they have used for years prior. Good to see our message is getting out to the property owners of Pelham.

As we start to enter drier time of the year, fire prevention has been monitoring weather and hopefully will have enough precipitation to prevent a fire ban for the Town of Pelham.

As Covid restrictions slowly start lifting, fire prevention has been dropping by business to answer any questions about fire safety as businesses start to reopen their doors. The Fire Department still has a healthy stock of PPE and cleaning products for Town of Pelham employees.

Training

May 2021 - Training has been busy with the start of the newly created position. Networking with other municipality Training Officers and getting goals and programs in the works. Fire Department training continues for all members of the department. Annual Defibrillation certification testing completed at Station 1 and 2.

Training of the new recruits continued. Recruits are approximately half way through their yearlong training program.

Training assisted Fire Prevention with inspections of recreational burn fire pits with the increase number of residents looking to enjoy their backyards.

June 2021 - Training assisted HR with the creation of the Emergency Response Plan and provided Town Staff on the new Emergency Response Plan throughout the month. Station 3 completed the annual Defibrillation certification testing.

The Training Officer has completed personal fall protection equipment competent inspector program held at Fort Erie Fire.

Annual Flow Testing of all Department SCBA packs and masks completed with all units passing.

Recruit training has had a few sessions that have been rescheduled due to COVID restrictions. Dates selected for recruits to complete their NFPA 1001 FF I and II

written and practical testing. This will be a busy weekend for all completing the testing.

Emergency Management

Town of Pelham remains in a declared state of emergency and the EOC is in partial activation. The emergency control group meets virtually Monday @ 0900. Town of Pelham has received their 2020 compliance from the province for emergency management.

Suppression

Pelham fire department continues to respond to all types of incidents with the exception of some modified medical responses. Fire equipment continues to be 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.

Constituent Concerns and Issues Arising:

Ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

Employee Updates:

Pelham Fire Department has had some interdepartmental promotions over past few months' successful candidates below:

Station 1 – firefighter Shawn Ireland, promoted to lieutenant

Station 2 – firefighter Ben Damm, promoted to captain

Station 3 – lieutenant Chris Ker, promoted to captain. lieutenant & acting captain Alan Van Maanen, promoted to captain. firefighter & acting lieutenant Darcy Baker, promoted to lieutenant. firefighter Terry Beckett promoted to lieutenant.

Retirements

On behalf of Pelham fire department, congratulations and thank you to Henry Wutzke for his years of service to the department and association. Henry started on July 25, 1994 and officially retired on June 30, 2021 from STN#2 in Fenwick.

Anniversaries

On April 11, Captain Terry Metler from Station #1, celebrated 40 years with Pelham fire department. Terry stated with fire department on April 11, 1981. Terry's father was also a long time standing firefighter in Pelham. Congratulations on your tenure with department and your continued commitment.

On April 19 /21, Melissa Grodesky started with Town by-law department, also on May 1/21 Cerara Obdeyn by-law's summer student also started. Both have been a great addition to by-law department.

Firefighter training sessions continued at all 3 (three) stations, continuing with maintaining social distancing and cleaning procedures of all areas and equipment.

Grants, Concerns, RFPs, Agreements:

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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