

FIRE AND BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Monday, October 18, 2021

Reporting Period: Fire and By-law Enforcement
Department Quarterly Report for the period: Quarter 3
(three) July – September 2021**Recommendation:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Q3/2021 Fire and By-law Enforcement Department Report, for information.

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

July 2021 - Grass and weed complaints continue to make up the majority of by-law complaints for July. By-law department received 2 complaints relating to cannabis odour for the month of July, 1 from Pelham and 1 from Welland. Random testing continued for the month of July resulting in no violations.

August 2021 - Grass and weed complaints continue in August. By-law department received 4 Repeat complaints relating to cannabis odour for the month of August, 3 were from the same person. Bylaw department completed 20 Random Odour tests in the month with no violations occurring.

September 2021 - By-law received a total of 3 cannabis odour complaints in September of which 2 were from repeat complainants and 1 was made in error. The Bylaw Department completed 39 Random Odour tests in the month with no violations occurring.

Covid complaints increased in September with majority being complaints against businesses for not screening patrons correctly or not asking for proof of vaccinations.

Fire Prevention - July, August, and September update

Fire Prevention has kept busy over the last 3 months promoting fire safety in the community.

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). Both new residents and long-term residents who did not know they had to obtain burn permits for fire pits they have used for years prior.

It is good to see this safety message is getting out to the property owners of Pelham.

Weather has cooperated this summer, Pelham fire department has not had to issue a burning ban.

As the new updated Covid regulations have changed so have occupancies for event rooms changed. Fire prevention has been working with town staff and businesses in the community to help them stay current with changing occupancy regulations.

With most of the town staff partially or fully returned to offices from remote work, the fire department has had a few requests for extra PPE and cleaning supplies. There is still a very healthy stock of PPE and cleaning products available for all town staff as they return to there work place.

Training

July - Completed follow-up annual Defibrillation testing for members that could not attend the scheduled test nights.

Thursday morning training sessions began. This additional training time is allotted for members who were not able to attend their normal Tuesday night training session that week.

Attended National Training Management webinar

August - Thursday morning training continues.

Training officer meeting held for all three stations. Different topics were discussed, training plan is being put in place to bring consistency to all training.

Recruit training resumed with 2 dedicated training sessions including structure search where recruits are trained on searching a structure with little to no visibility.

Annual fire hose testing began.

September - Thursday morning training continues.

Recruit training concluded this month after completing the remainder of the probationary training program. This included attending the Niagara Falls Fire Department's training centre to participate in 'Live Fire' training. Recruits were introduced to working in an environment containing live fire, including conducting primary search, advancing charged hose lines and fire attack. Recruits have completed a full year of training. Next step is written and practical testing to be held in mid October.

Attended the Niagara Regional Training Officers Association meeting, held in Lincoln. Training and education for 2022 was discussed and will be presented to the Regional Fire Chiefs.

Attended the Ontario Association of Fire Training Officers (OAFTO) training officer's workshop. A weeklong virtual training session. Training sessions provided by Combat Ready Fire Training, Orange Ambulance, OFMEM, OFC, OMMI, AS&E, Section 21 Committee

Completed the annual hose testing.

First Aid Instructors from all three stations were invited to attend Medical Protocol training hosted by West Lincoln Fire. Niagara Falls Fire provided the training.

Training started two new courses, NFPA 1041 Instructor level II and NFPA 1021 Fire Officer I.

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.

Suppression

Pelham fire department continues to respond to all types of incidents. 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 complement.

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

Projects:

Nothing to report

Constituent Concerns and Issues Arising:

Ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

Employee Updates:

Anniversaries

In the month of July Pelham fire had several anniversaries

July 1 – **20 years** Captain Roy Moffat, Captain Alvin Bearing, Captain Glenn Harrison, Captain Chris Ker & Captain Dave Kszan.

July 23 – **20 years** Lieutenant Edward Slappendel & Captain Pete Wierenga

August 1 – **25 years** Captain Phil Toffolo

September 17 – **20 years** Firefighter Phil Topa

Congratulations and gratitude to all for tenure of service and continued commitment to the community!

Grants, Concerns, RFPs, Agreements:

Nothing to report

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