

Fire & By-law Enforcement Quarterly Report

Monday, April 11, 2022

Reporting Period: Fire and By-law Enforcement Department
Quarterly Report for the period: Quarter 1 (one), January – March
2022

Recommendation:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Q1/2022-0092 Fire and By-law
Enforcement Department Report be received for information.**

Department Overview and Statistics:

By-law, January – March 2022

The bylaw department performed 164 random cannabis odour tests in the first quarter of the year with no violations recorded.

34 winter related parking tickets were issued in the first quarter.

No police reports filed.

Fire Prevention, January – March 2022

Fire prevention has started conducting more in person inspections with covid restrictions being lifted, which has been well received by the local businesses.

Fire prevention officers in Niagara region have returned to meeting in person.

With the nicer weather, agricultural burns have increased, as well as an increase in recreational burn pit permits - both new and renewals.

The Department continues to monitor PPE stock, inventory remains healthy.

Training

January 2022

With COVID restrictions still in place the active department remains meeting and training in the virtual environment.

February 2022

The department returned to in person training, with enhanced cleaning and safety taking place.

The training officer started a new OFC course on legislation, which is a month long course involving different legislation and regulations that pertain to the fire service. Process started with the OFC to set up a learning contract to hold a NFPA 1002 pump ops course in pelham.

Several province wide meetings discussing the proposed mandatory certification for firefighters. The new Ontario regulation under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* will take effect on July 1, 2022.

The new O/Reg will create an increase in training hours and course attendance by fire fighters, this will have an overall impact on the operating budget moving forward.

Started the process of file reviews to prepare Pelham fire for the proposed Mandatory Certification.

March 2022

Continued working on the creation of lesson plans and presentations for annual core competency training. Training officers from each station met to review to the completed lesson plan on accountability.

New in depth, training will be rolled out to all fire fighters.

Emergency Management

On Tuesday, March 15, 2022 @ 12:01am, the town of Pelham along with the Niagara region & surrounding municipalities officially ended the declared states of emergency which had been in place since April 3, 2020.

The ECG (emergency control group) has ceased the weekly virtual meetings.

The emergency management committee continues to meet virtually &/or in person Mondays @ 0900.

Pelham's EM committee met virtually with GTA emergency management consultants Inc who were the successful bidders on the contract to review the towns existing emergency plan. The Town of Pelham's current emergency

management plan was approved by council in 2019. There has been a number of legislative changes indicated in the report since the approval, the emergency management committee is reviewing the old plan and will be revising the document to meet the new requirements and recommendations, document revisions should be completed in late April or early May, 2022.

Pelham fire department continues to conduct rapid covid testing for town employees who have been experiencing covid related symptoms.

Suppression

Pelham fire department continues to respond to all of incidents without interruption of operations. Fire equipment continues to be cleaned after each use. Resources are not compromised at this time and the town continues to respond with full a compliment.

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

Projects:

Not applicable.

Constituent Concerns and Issues Arising:

Residents occasionally indicate dissatisfaction with cannabis odour, however no levels high enough to constitute a bylaw violation were detected in Q1.

Employee Updates:

Fire Department Anniversaries

20 years Firefighter John Lockey

By-law Department Retirements

By-law department crossing guard Violet Steingart retired after 22 years from her post on Haist Street at AK Wigg School.

Replacing Violet's post is crossing guard Tim McAurthur, who has moved from his Haist Street & Pancake Lane post & replacing Tim is new crossing guard Steve Bujacz.

Congratulations and gratitude to all guards for their service and continued commitment to the community!

Grants, Concerns, RFPs, Agreements:

Not applicable.

Meetings:

Members of the Department participated in at least 3 meetings per week (frequently more) pertaining to Covid-19. Staff eagerly look forward to any opportunity to return to normalcy and the traditional focus of their positions.