

Fire & By-law Enforcement Quarterly ReportWednesday, July 26, 2023

Reporting Period: Fire and By-law Enforcement Department Quarterly Report for the period: Quarter 2 – April, May, June 2023.

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Q2/2023-0162 Fire and By-law Enforcement Department Report be received for information.

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

The Bylaw Department performed 61 random odour tests for cannabis in the second quarter of 2023 with no violations being recorded. The Town received 16 complaints relating to cannabis odour for the months of April/May/June 2023 with no violations being recorded.

The most frequent complaint for this quarter related to long grass and weeds. A total of 80 by-law complaints were investigated during this quarter.

Fire Prevention

The fire prevention group have been busy for the last few months, with two fires, which resulted in large loss of property, no injuries occurred.

June was a hot and dry month; Chief Lymburner issued a total burn and fireworks ban which lasted just over one week. Department is continuing to monitor weather conditions through out the summer months.

Residents have been consistent with renewing recreational burn permits.

Fire prevention is still monitoring and distributing Town employee supplies of masks, wipes, and hand sanitizers.

Hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy the summer and stay safe.

Training

Recruits attended live fire training held at Niagara Falls Fire training tower. This was the recruits first exposure to interior structural fire fighting.

The firefighter recruits completed NFPA 1001 FFI testing in April. All recruits were successful with the practical testing, completing their 6 months of FFI training. Starting in May, recruits started their NFPA 1001 FFII training, recruits completed FFII testing in June.

Defibrillator recertification training and testing for all three stations during current quarter.

Camp Molly, a camp to encourage young women to consider careers in firefighting, was held in Niagara Falls at the training tower for 35 young females aged 15 to 18. There were several females from Pelham who took part in the 4-day fire fighter training camp.

Pelham Station 1 hosted a demonstration for an electric vehicle plug which is utilized to shut down an electric vehicle in the event of an emergency. demonstration was provided by dependable emergency vehicles.

Attended Town pool to provide a review/refresher on the proper use of the AED and the BVM to the lifeguards.

Training with our Coop student continued during quarter 2.

Emergency Management

The fire chief is a member of the regional emergency management control group and is participating in the planning for the solar eclipse event, which is set to occur next spring in April. Niagara is in the path of total solar eclipse and large volumes of visitors are expected to attend here in Niagara to view this natural phenomenon.

Suppression

Incident responses are at a normal level, 2 structure fires resulted in large property loss, no injuries to report.

Projects:

New heavy rescue 2 in arrived in June.

New pumper/tanker 3 has been ordered with an estimated delivery date of summer of 2024

Constituent Concerns and Issues Arising:

None

Employee Updates:

Pelham fire department station 1 Fonthill, continues to host events through 2023 to celebrate 100 years of service to the community.

2022/23 firefighter recruits have completed there FFI test in May and FFII testing in June.

Fire Dept. Anniversaries - April

Firefighter Shawn Litalien – 20 years

Fire Dept. Anniversaries - May

Captain Alan Van Maanen – 20 years

Fire Dept. Anniversaries - June

Firefighter Brian Zanuttini – 25 years

Retirements

Firefighter Colin McCann

Grants, Concerns, RFPs, Agreements:

Fire house sub grant has been submitted

RFP for the new fire station conceptual design has been awarded.

Meetings:

Regional chiefs

Regional emergency management committee

Eclipse 2024 working group

Regional fire coordinators

Council

Health and safety committee

SLT