

**Reporting Period:** Fire and By-law Enforcement Department Quarterly Report for the period: Quarter 2 – April, May, June 2024

**Recommendation:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Q2/2024-0099 Fire and By-law Enforcement Department Report be received for information.**

**Department Overview and Statistics:**

**Fire Prevention**

Fire prevention department along with Town Communications Specialist created “Pelham Be Prepared” trifold brochure which was mailed to Pelham residents and is also available at all Town buildings. Outlined are Emergency preparedness plans, risks and how to build and store emergency kits.

Also outlined in the brochure, is the option for residents to call or email to “Schedule free, in-home smoke and carbon monoxide detector checks”. Fire prevention has been consistently assisting residents with checks, resulting in replacing of batteries or replacement of detectors, the detectors are free of charge because of the Community Emergency Preparedness grant.

Although it has been a hot, dry summer thus far, there has been enough precipitation to prevent a ban on burning. The department will continue to monitor conditions throughout the Town.

Residents have been consistent with renewing recreational burn permits.

Fire prevention continues to manage inventories of medical masks, wipes, and hand sanitizers so all employees have adequate safety PPE.

## **Training**

Recruits completed their NFPA 1001 Firefighter level I & II certification testing which consisted of both a written knowledge test and several practical skill tests.

Recruits also completed their NFPA 1072 Hazmat Awareness certification testing.

EMS conducted the annual Defibrillator Train the Trainer sessions at Pelham Station 1 for all Niagara Region Fire Departments.

Driver training was conducted for Town of Pelham seasonal employees.

A NFPA 1072 Hazmat Operations course was completed within the department with 14 members completing the certification written test and practical skills testing.

First Aid course was completed for Town staff.

Annual Flow Testing was completed on all department SCBA packs and masks.

## **By-law**

The bylaw department received 113 complaints in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024.

16 Cannabis Odour complaints were received for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024 of which 15 of those complaints were from residents who had previously filed complaints in the past.

Bylaw completed 82 Random Cannabis Odour tests with no violations recorded.

A total of 45 parking infractions were issued for April/May/June 2024.

## **Emergency Management**

Chief Lymburner along with firefighters from all three stations participated in staffing equipment during the solar eclipse event, which occurred on April 8, 2024. Niagara was in the path of totality; large volumes of visitors were expected to travel to Niagara to view this natural phenomenon.

Pelham fire staffed and staged at different locations for the event:

- Pump 1, 4 firefighters staged at the MCC.
- RTV 3, 2 firefighters staged at the MCC.
- Rescue 1, 4 firefighters staged at station one.
- Pump 2, 4 firefighters staged at the airport.
- Rescue 2, 4 firefighters staged at station two.
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April 2, 3 & 4, Pelham fire department hosted an IMS300 (Incident Management System) course at station 1, taught by Emergency Management Canada. 27

participants from around Niagara Region participated, which included 10 Town of Pelham employees.

### **Suppression**

Incident responses were normal volumes, approximately \$290,000.00 in fire losses this quarter, which involved residences, vehicles and property.

### **Projects:**

Pumper 3 is in production with an expected delivery date of November 2024

Utility / Service 3 is on order with delivery set for July 2024

Rescue 1 was delivered, outfitted and put into service June 18.

Station one repair / replacement is continuing with staff reports regarding council options for the proposed project.

### **Constituent Concerns and Issues Arising:**

Nothing to report.

### **Employee Updates:**

In quarter 2, Pelham fire department celebrated two (2) anniversaries.

- 15 years, lieutenant Joe Kita, from Pelham station 3
- 20 years, firefighter Chris Van Tuyl, from Pelham station 2

Station 1 held practical testing and interviews for two Lieutenant positions. Firefighters Chris MacLeod and Mark Schneider were promoted to position with a start date of June 1.

9 firefighter recruits completed their NFPA 1001 Firefighter level I & II certification testing which consisted of both a written knowledge test and several practical skill tests. Graduation will take place early October.

### **Grants, Concerns, RFPs, Agreements:**

A Community Emergency Preparedness grant for EOC equipment and informational materials was awarded to Pelham fire department this year. As a result, fire department received \$49,998.46 which was used for all three fire stations.

- \$26,694.00 - Capital equipment (3 EOC interactive screens, 3 iPads, 3 laptops)
- \$15,304.46 - Operating equipment (3 chainsaws, 3 leaf blowers, 10 extra batteries, 200 carbon monoxide/smoke alarms, educational materials)
- \$6,500.00 - Services (Direct mailer to residents, magnets, other print materials)

- \$1,500.00 – NFPA 1072 training

Submission was made to Wise Guys Charity Fund, which was not approved.

**Meetings:**

Regional chiefs

Regional emergency management committee

Eclipse 2024 working group.

Regional fire coordinators

Council

Health and safety committee

SLT

Medical assist committee