

Town of Pelham Quarterly Report

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Subject: Quarterly Report for the Reporting Period: January, February, March 2026

Department: Fire and By-law Services

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Q1-2026 Fire and By-law Services quarterly report for information.

Department Overview and Statistics:

Fire Prevention

Fire prevention will be participating in various fire-related activities in 2026.

Over the past 3 months, several local organizations have submitted requests for the fire department to participate in events during 2026.

Residents have been consistent with renewing recreational burn permits.

Pelham residents have been requesting home inspections since January 1, 2026, due to changes to the Ontario Fire Code requiring carbon monoxide alarms. Every building that contains a residential occupancy or a care occupancy is now legally required to have a working CO alarm:

- Every building which has a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or a storage garage.
- On every storey of your home (including basements).
- Outside all sleeping areas (adjacent to bedrooms).

With the changing of the clocks this past month, a reminder to all residents to test your smoke and CO alarms and change batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Stay safe, everyone.

Training

Recruit training continued with recruits completing rescue apparatus review, ground ladders, portable extinguishers, ropes and knots, overhaul and salvage, IMS100 course,

forcible entry, ventilation, search and rescue, and the MSA U 4-Gas monitor course, as well as the Hazmat Awareness course

Fire Hose introduction and Hose operations and streams. Recruits also completed the Hazmat Awareness written certification testing under NFPA 1072.

Department completed the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Safety Training course instructed at Niagara College

Department Pump Ops course completed with all members successfully passing the skills and written testing. Certifications to be issued

By-law

The bylaw department received 61 Bylaw complaints in the First Quarter of 2026. (January 14, February 21, March 26).

Bylaw received (23) Cannabis Odour complaints, 20 from Pelham residents and 3 from Welland. 20 of these complaints were from repeat complainants, and 3 were from new complaints.

A total of (5) *Administrative Monetary Penalty Notices (AMPS)* were issued (between both cannabis facilities) for violations of the odour management bylaw in the first quarter.

A total of 55 parking citations were issued. Noting: in March, we could not issue any penalty notices until the traffic and parking bylaw – Schedule A - was passed.

16 property standards and/or clean yards complaints submitted, investigated, and closed.

12 animal control complaints investigated by bylaw and/or SPCA. 6 dogs at large, 5 for excessive barking, and 1 for no cleanup.

Emergency Management

Pelham is now part of a Shared Service Agreement with the Town of Lincoln, the Township of West Lincoln and the Township of Wainfleet for Emergency Management Services with Cathy McGrath taking the lead role.

Suppression

In the first quarter of 2026, incident responses were at normal levels.

Projects:

Rebuilding Fire Station One is progressing.

Grants, RFPs, Agreements:

A grant in the amount of \$52,821.07 has been approved through the OFM Fire Protection Grant program. These funds will be used to purchase an SCBA washer for Station 2 and structural gloves for firefighters.

An additional grant application has been submitted to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, with a decision expected in mid-April.