



Staff Report

Administration – Fire Department

Report To: COW_Finance_Admin_Fire_Community_Services
Meeting Date: March 18, 2024
Report Number: FAF.24.035
Title: 2023 Annual Fire Department Report
Prepared by: Stephen Conn, Fire Chief

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.035, entitled “2023 Annual Fire Department Report” for information;

B. Overview

This report presents the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department 2023 Annual Report.

C. Background

The Fire Chief provides regular update reporting of Fire Service activities to Council. As per Section 7.3(k) of the Fire Dept. Establishing and Regulating By-Law 2020-10.

D. Analysis

The 2023 Blue Mountains Fire Department Annual Report is attached. The report contains statistics and an analysis of key fire service performance indicators. Highlights include:

- An increase of 7.2% emergency calls for service, and a total fire loss of \$7,404,100 between 13 fire events.
- The position of a permanent full time Deputy Chief position was filled.
- Replacement SCBA Self Contained Breathing Apparatus was completed.
- Fire prevention staff continue to work with building owners to ensure fire prevention compliance is achieved with inspection orders. Prevention staff also seeing success with our alarm for life program by visiting residential homes. By scheduling a visit to audit smoke and carbon monoxide alarms ensuring compliance with fire code while ensuring our residents are safe.
- Paid Per Call firefighters PPC’s recruitment for 2023 was successful with 10 firefighters to help bolster the number at both fire hall locations. 6 firefighters resigned from the department with some going onto full time careers as firefighters and some leaving for job relocations or family commitments.

- The replacement aerial apparatus was anticipated in Q 2 of 2024, is now being scheduled to be received in the fall of 2024.
- The Emergency Management program requirements for 2023 achieved certified compliance through Emergency Management Ontario, as required by the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. The annual exercise seen many municipalities within Grey County work together to mitigate the exercise with lessons learned.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

The Blue Mountains Fire Department implements best practices to ensure limiting environmental impacts as much as possible.

G. Financial Impacts

None at this time.

H. In Consultation With

Fire Department Staff – All Divisions

Shawn Everitt, CAO

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Steve Conn, Fire Chief firechief@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. The Blue Mountains Fire Department 2023 Annual Report

Respectfully submitted,

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