



# Staff Report

## Administration – Fire Department

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**Report To:** Committee of the Whole  
**Meeting Date:** March 23, 2021  
**Report Number:** FAF.21.048  
**Title:** 2020 Annual Fire Department Report  
**Prepared by:** Steve Conn, Fire Chief

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.048, entitled “2020 Annual Fire Department Report” for information.

### B. Overview

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This report presents the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department 2020 Annual Report.

### C. Background

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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

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The 2020 Blue Mountains Fire Department Annual Report is attached. The report contains statistics and analysis of key fire service performance indicators. Highlights include

- A slight increase in emergency calls for service, and a total fire loss of \$\$1,784,400 between 8 fire events. Of these fire events 1 was in the Municipality of Meaford, within the automatic aid agreement area, with a loss of \$1,000,000.
- Fire Prevention commercial inspections and short-term accommodation license renewal inspections were stopped during COVID-19. Complaint inspections continued with Fire Department staff attending with PPE and COVID protocols in place for the safety of the inspectors and the business or homeowners.
- Training for the volunteer and the recruitment class of 2020 significantly changed under COVID. Online training was implemented, and this was an opportunity to complete many theory and competencies required for job performance objectives for NFPA 1001 (Standard for Firefighter professional qualifications).
- For recruit training we now have a possible class of 8 recruits to hopefully start later this year provided COVID numbers continue to decrease and vaccine roll out continues.

- An emergency was declared provincially on March 17, 2020 and for the Town on March 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Management program requirements for 2020 changed as training and emergency exercise requirements were exempt, and the Emergency Management Program achieved certified compliance through Emergency Management Ontario, as required by the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **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**

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

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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None at this time.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Fire Department Staff – All Divisions

Shawn Everitt, CAO

## **I. Public Engagement**

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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](mailto:firechief@thebluemountains.ca).

**J. Attached**

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1. The Blue Mountains Fire Department 2020 Annual Report

Respectfully submitted,

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