



Staff Report

Administration – Fire Department

Report To: COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services
Meeting Date: April 13, 2026
Report Number: ADM.26.021
Title: 2025 Annual Fire Department Report
Prepared by: Stephen Conn, Fire Chief

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.26.021, entitled “2025 Annual Fire Department Report” for information;

B. Overview

This report presents the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department 2025 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 2025 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 19% emergency calls for service, and a total fire loss of \$1,166,500 between nine (9) fire events.
- Chief Fire Prevention Officer position was realigned to Division Chief to reflect day-to-day responsibilities. The Town welcomed Division Chief Allan Schriver in Q2 of 2025.
- Grant funding application from the province for cancer prevention seen the purchase and installation of a bunker gear extractor and dryer at Fire Hall 1 Thornbury.
- 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 2025 was successful with six (6) firefighters to help bolster the number at both fire hall locations. Seven (7) firefighters resigned from the department for work relocation or personal reasons.

- The replacement aerial apparatus was delivered in Q2 equipped and in service by Q3.
- Training continues to meet the legislated certification requirements for 2026.
- The Emergency Management program requirements for 2025 has submitted compliance documents through Emergency Management Ontario, as required by the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. The annual exercise with Blue Mountain Resort Blue Mountain Village Assoc. OPP and Grey County EMS saw Town Staff work together to mitigate the exercise with lessons learned.
- The Town has seen significant weather events, ice storms in March and heavy rainfall causing localized flooding in June.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

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

2. 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.

3. 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

Adam Smith, 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 Stephen Conn, Fire Chief firechief@thebluemountains.ca .

J. Attached

1. The Blue Mountains Fire Department 2025 Annual Report

Respectfully submitted,

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