



# Staff Report

## Administration – Fire Department

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**Report To:** Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** March 29, 2022  
**Report Number:** FAF.22.028  
**Title:** 2021 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.22.028, entitled “2021 Annual Fire Department Report”; for information

### B. Overview

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This report presents the Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department 2021 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 2021 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 \$8,384,000 between 6 fire events.
- Fire Prevention commercial inspections were stopped due to COVID-19
- Short-term accommodation license renewal inspections and 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 2021 continued in smaller platoons and online. The 2021 class of recruits tested, and 5 candidates are now responding to emergency classes. A new class of 8 volunteer Firefighter candidates were hired in December 2021.
- Award of the Fire Master Plan to Emergency Management Group.
- Declared emergency continued for the Town due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Management program requirements for 2021 reverted back to normal

regulatory requirements 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 2021 Annual Report

Respectfully submitted,

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