



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2024-M-140

Memorandum to Council

Subject: Temagami Fire Department Report for August 2024

Agenda Date: September 12, 2024

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby receive the monthly report from the Temagami Fire Department for August 2024.

INFORMATION

7 Activations

- August 5th @ 1:44 PM: Smoke alarm activation – 289 Fox Run – Alarm monitoring system – false alarm. 3 trucks and 5 firefighters responded
- August 9th @ 1:57 PM: report of smoke /possible fire reported – Hwy 11, north of Hornet Lake, – 4 firefighters and 3 vehicles responded – perceived emergency (transport truck tire found in the ditch warm to touch)
- August 10th @ 12:43 PM: Smoke alarm activation – 289 Fox Run – Alarm monitoring system – false alarm. 1 truck and 2 firefighters responded – miscommunication error between monitoring company & home owner regarding alarm notification protocol
- August 15th @ 10:51 AM: request by OPP for stand-by at OPP incident on Lakeshore Drive – 3 firefighters and 1 vehicle attended
- August 19th @ 10:34 PM: report of fire on side of highway – Highway 11, north of Rabbit lake road – person of no fixed address with small campfire on highway right-of-way – 10 firefighters and 3 vehicle responded; OPP requested, discussed concern with individual
- August 21st @ 7:16 PM: report of smoke / possible campfire on side of highway – Highway 11, north of Rabbit lake road – 2 fire department officers responded– Nothing found / observed
- August 22nd @ 12:45 PM: report of forest fire on side of highway – Highway 11, north of Rabbit lake road – 0.1 forest fire on MTO right-of-way, advised MNR Fire, initial attacked fire until transferred scene to MNR fire crews on arrival - 6 firefighters and 3 vehicles responded

Training:

- 3 practices: equipment maintenance, Initial response /"first 5 minutes" drill, hose testing.
- Recruit training weekend – 1 Temagami recruit & 3 Marten River recruits attended

Fire Prevention:

- Uploaded CGIS property data into department's FirePro2 program to provide improvements to the Fire Inspection & smoke alarm programs, enabling improvements in data reporting and tracking of inspections
- Assigned some Fire Chief duties/responsibilities for Fire Prevention to Captain Campbell
- 2 follow-up Fire Inspections, and 1 fire safety plan review outstanding.
- Reviewed 7 lake Temagami Youth Camp fire safety plans and requested reports
- Inspected 5 of 7 Lake Temagami Youth Camps, inspection reports awaiting updating of FirePro2 program.
- 1 inquiry regarding fire extinguishers, 1 inquiry regarding inspection report on file

Fire Education:

- Regular radio “fire safety” announcements on CJTT; monthly community newsletter fire safety messages; Posting Fire safety messages on Fire Department Facebook page
- Fire education committee/team working of Fire education activities for the fall, including a Fire Department Open House on September 28th

Other:

- 1 firefighter resigned – moved away
- Recruit completed training & final review and approved to respond to activations
- Officers meeting August 27th
- Recruitment information package updated and posted on the Municipal website
- Department’s fall recruitment strategy completed with recruitment applications being accepted between September 1 to October 3rd
- 3 members registered for OFM training portal onboarding session September 16th in Englehart
- Pumper 1 sent for repairs to a leaking air tank auto bleeder
- Pumper 1 battery auto-charger failed – new unit purchased, to be installed during annual commercial inspection and vehicle servicing in September.
- Chief attended on-line engagement sessions/webinars for MNR Wildland Fire Management Strategy and the Emergency Management Ontario session on the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act
- Chief attended August 23rd Council meeting
- Chief attended Municipal Fire Chief’s meeting with the CAO on organization review and future needs
- Chief attended meeting with CAO and Emergency Management Ontario officer to discuss the municipalities’ non-compliance status and a path towards achieving compliance
- Chief attended municipal staff training / workshop on the use & benefits of AI software
- Chief enrolled in refresher training to retain CEMC qualifications (as an alternate CEMC)
- Annual Fire department profile submitted to OFM
- Working on Fire Protection Grant application, identifying items aligning with grant objectives, obtaining quotes, data entry in Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) program
- Work on Civic Address numbering (9-1-1) issues has been pushed to the back-burner with fire department workload taking a higher priority. Outstanding workload includes finalizing procedures and proposing a revised *Civic Addressing By-law* for Council’s consideration.
- Prepared a Municipal Fire Prevention Officer bylaw for Council consideration – this appointment will allow the Temagami FPO to obtain Assistant to the Fire Marshal status and conduct inspections in the Marten River Fire administration area of the municipality.
- Working on a False Alarm bylaw for Council consideration, hopefully in October.

Respectfully Submitted
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Temagami Fire Chief