

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: TFD Monthly Report - March 2025

Memo No: 2025-M-078

Date: April 10, 2025

Attachment: None

Prepared By: Jim Sanderson - Temagami Fire Chief

Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-078 as presented.

Contents

Activations	1
Training	2
Fire Prevention.....	2
Fire Education	2
Other	2

Activations

- 10:35 PM, March 9th - Multi 3 commercial vehicle collision, Hwy 11, 1 Km north of Hornet lake; Fire dept stabilize scene, provide advance traffic warning for South Bound traffic to prevent additional collisions. 7 firefighters & 3 vehicles responded; 2 vehicles and 5 firefighters released/back in service 11:58 PM, 1 truck & 2 firefighters remained to provide advance traffic warning – back in service at 12:57 AM.

Training

- 5 practices in March, EMS equipment familiarization, Air monitoring, Incident Command, skills signoffs, practical exercises to demonstrate session 1 skills competency in a simulated response scenario.
- Fire fighter J Bell completed legislation 101 on-line training course.
- Chief Sanderson & Fire Prevention Officer Campbell attended North Eastern Fire Educational Conference in Huntsville (March 28-30th).

Fire Prevention

- 1 fire investigation completed, issued a Fire Safety Plan addendum to improve contractor fire mitigation requirements, no charges laid.
- Ongoing follow-up on compliance issued noted /identified during a December Fire Safety inspection; outstanding compliance issues past-due, working with owner that appears to have little interest in timely resolve, considering issuing Inspection Orders (1st step to implementing enforcement actions).

Fire Education

- Fire education programming for 2025 being finalized; plans include an open house / Wildfire Community Preparedness Day to promote Wildfire Preparedness & Fire Smart initiatives (receiving a \$500 grant, and promotional materials from Fire Smart Canada).
- Regular radio “fire safety” announcements on CJTT; monthly community newsletter fire safety messages; Posting Fire safety messages on Fire Department Facebook page.

Other

- Lights at the Fire Hall switched over to LED (grant funded).

- Working on obtaining quotes, prioritizing purchases, for the Ontario Fire Protection Grant, (Cascade air fill line, 2 helmets, gloves & carcinogenic particulate blocking hoods).
- Draft False Alarm bylaw – awaiting comments from By-law before bring to Council.
- Exploring number of “User Fees” for Council consideration related to charging for Fire Services, including updating current fire inspection fees for requested inspections, and invoicing insurance companies for response to structural fires, MVC’s involving residents.
- 2 Officer’s meeting in March.
- Fire department on boarded with the Municipal Payroll system (March 20th).
- Chief attended March 13th Municipal training: reintroduction to e-mail management.
- Chief attended the March 13th Council meetings.
- Chief & CAO met with Temagami Forest Corporation manager regarding Fire Smart initiatives.
- Implementing internal restructuring of departmental positions, responsibilities, and workloads, while prioritizing and delegating key accountabilities; identifying the department capacity & capability to manage additional municipal workloads in Emergency Management, Civic (911) Addressing, and Municipal compliance reporting pressures with the Municipal Organizational reporting structure and Temagami Fire Department current staffing structure (roles & responsibilities).
- Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) reviewing our FUS insurance rating for the Municipality, ongoing discussions, providing data requested; gaps in Water distribution data may require some data collection of hydrant water supply volumes used in calculating the FUS municipal fire insurance ratings.
- Annual Verification of OFM Standard Incident Response (SIR) records completed.

- Reviewing current Fire Protection & Education By-law #09-847 for updating; one of three targets identified for year 1 in the Municipal Fire Protection Services Compliance Community Risk Assessment required under Ontario Reg 378/18 (O. Reg. 378/18).
- Civic (911) addressing: Outstanding workload includes finalizing procedures and potentially drafting a revised Civic Addressing By-law to address current and future issues associated with new lot creation for Council's consideration remains a high priority.
- Emergency Management Program Committee met March 19th, reviewed EMO comments on the annual submission, gaps in the Emergency Plan and identify 2025 targets, including a corrective action work plan for 2025 using the 2024 After Actions Report.
- Council approved a change for the Emergency Response Plan regarding the Delegation of Authority for Head of Council for emergency purposes in the absence of the head of Council. Working on changes, with anticipated update for Council's consideration in May.