

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: TFD Monthly Report - April 2025

Memo No: 2025-M-115

Date: May 8, 2025

Attachment: None

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-115 as presented.

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Activations

- 1:45 PM, April 3rd – power lines down, arcing on Highway 11, across from 6454 Hwy 11. 1 firefighter and truck sent to investigate, remaining firefighters stood down (no potential for bush fire) – trees online, line down and arcing, OPP on scene, but not willing to remain/secure scene, indicated second car being dispatched. Remained on scene until Hydro arrived Traffic control was requested by Hydro, but not willing to pay User fees; traffic control left to 1 OPP officer. Back in service 3:34 PM
- 2:49 PM, April 26th – report of tree online on fire, Hwy 11, 3.5 Km south of Wilson Lake Road. 2 firefighters and truck sent to investigate; remaining firefighters stood down (limited potential for forest fire). Found location, reported hydro pole # to Dispatch for responding Hydro crews. Limited hazard based on location of downed wires, snow and rain: departed scene before Hydro arrival. Back in service @ 3:51 PM
- 12:08 PM April 28th – Request for assistance from Marten River FD, Structure fire 3327 Hwy 11. All available firefighters (6) & trucks (3) responded, assisted Marten River fire with suppression. First truck & 2 firefighters released @ 2:34; remaining resources released 3:35, back to town 4:07, equipment back in service 5:37pm
- 5:43 PM April 29th – report of trees online, wires down, Hwy 11 1.5 Km north of Spruce Drive. 2 firefighters and truck sent to investigate, remaining firefighters stood down (no potential for bush fire) – trees online, natural line down, no arcing. No potential for bush fire, hydro pole # collected and reported to hydro and left scene (more of hazard remaining on scene). Back at hall, in service 6:14 PM.

Training

- 1 practice cancelled due to weather, 1 meeting for Equipment maintenance, 1 practice on Fire hose tools/appliances, (water application off of ladders),
- SCBA Mask fit-testing on Easter Monday

- testing completed by 4 firefighters who completed quarter 1 of our in-house Firefighter exterior suppression training course towards certification
- Standard First Aid/CPR training – April 26 & 27th – attended by 5 firefighters

Fire Prevention

- 2 Fire Safety Plans received and under review
- Ongoing follow-up on compliance issues noted /identified during a December Fire Safety inspection; outstanding compliance issues past-due, currently working with the property owner.
- FPO Campbell attended multiply meetings with municipal staff regarding fire safety issues within various municipal buildings.
- FPO Campbell investigated a complaint of burning electrical smell in the Municipal boardroom area. Nothing was found, all electrical wiring was room temperature and no hot breakers in the panel. Three Fire Code contraventions noted during the investigation were communicated to town staff to rectify. A fire inspection of the entire municipal office complex will be scheduled based on observations noted.

Fire Education

- Fire education programming for 2025 being finalized.
- Working on details for **FireSmart Community Preparedness Day on July 5th** - MNR supporting the event, offers for FireSmart specialist presentation, & MNR Fire Crew presence, mascots.
- Regular radio “fire safety” announcements on CJTT; monthly community newsletter fire safety messages, & posting fire safety messages on Fire Department Facebook page

Other

- Presentation by MNR Fire Smart specialist at the April 10th Council meeting – Council direction to explore opportunities to develop a **Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan**.
- Water availability concerns noted in the Tulloch's Temagami North Water Improvement Report; requested additional water modelling regarding water availability at key hydrants to identify limitations for fire suppression before impacting water quality security /potential untreated water infiltration into residential drinking water system. Results will help the fire department develop operational rules on hydrant use, including identifying theoretical property losses in the event of a fully involved structure fire with current available resources.
- Preparing for awareness article interview on the benefits of fire smart given the nature of Temagami area and the wisdom of property owners being proactive in protecting their property, small steps that they could take using Fire Smart, recognizing limited fire services, & vulnerability regarding water availability.
- Ladders on Pump 1 tested – done in conjunction with Mask fit testing (Easter Monday)
- **Accepted additional Fire Protection Grant funds that was made available (\$361.73)** by OFM to the municipality for Year 1 of the program – split between both departments
- Finalizing quotes, prioritizing/started purchasing of items requested through the Ontario Fire Protection Grant (helmets, hoods, gloves, cascade air fill line.
- Draft False Alarm by-law prepared for department approval @ May 1st Officers meeting, includes a User Fee component, submitted to the CAO for future Council consideration
- Finalizing list of multiple new User Fee opportunities for Council consideration based on review of what some other Fire Departments have in place.
- Work on User fee opportunity through a service provider (Fire Marquie) – presentation by Fire Marquie & report on benefits of an agreement prepared for May 8th Council meeting.

- No Officer's meeting in April
- Fire department transitioned over to the new Municipal Payroll system
- Provided 60 internal equipment inspection forms for Asset Management Consideration
- 1 SCBA pack sent for warranty service (error code displayed) – 3 week backlog
- Chief attended the April 10th Council meeting
- Continuing to evaluate departmental positions/responsibilities/workloads, prioritizing key accountabilities; determining the department capacity & capability to manage additional municipal workloads in Emergency Management, Civic (911) Addressing, and aligning provincial reporting requirements based on the approved Municipal Organizational chart.
- 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.
- Review of the current Fire Protection & Education By-law #09-847 ongoing; one of three targets identified for year 1 in the Municipal Fire Protection Services Compliance Community Risk Assessment. Requested a liability assessment by our insurance provider on one of the programs previously offered.
- 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.
- Continuing work on the Emergency Plan, including incorporating the Delegation of Authority for Head of Council for emergency purposes in the absence of the head of Council.

