



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2024-09-12
Subject: Monthly Report for July, August 2024

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the Monthly Fire report for July, August 2024, from Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief, for information purposes.

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on fire department activities in the months of July and August 2024.

Background:

Emergency Responses

Fire – Vehicle	1
Fire - Grass	1
Burn Complaint	1
Alarms Sounding	5
Public Hazard	1
Power Lines Down/Arcing	1
Vehicle Collison (MVC)	6
Medical Assist	14
Human – Perceived Emergency	2
Pre-fire conditions	1
TOTAL	33

Training & Meetings

Department topics included incident review, vehicle stabilization, auto extrication, and pumper operations.

Members are attending NFPA 1072 Hazardous Materials Awareness, NFPA 1035 Public Information Officer, and Fire Code Parts 2 & 6, all online.

Fire chief attended County Chief meetings, JHSC Certification Refresher.

Fire Prevention

No new inspections.

Public Education was provided at Canada Day celebrations at Miller Park, Fishing Derby at Port Glasgow Marina, St Mary’s Vacation Bible School, Lakewood RV Resort, Port Glasgow Trailer Park Family Day, Early On Children’s Festival, the Bo Horvat Arena Renaming Ceremony, and the Kiwanis Club Car Show.

Other Activities/Information

Recruitment for probationary firefighters is active, with interviews planned for late September.

The Fire Prevention Officer position has been filled, with the Training Officer position yet to be filled. Vacant District Chief and Captains positions are to be posted this fall.

Staff have applied for the Provincial Fire Protection (FP) Grant. Year 1 of the 3-year FP Grant will be allocated proportionate to the number of active fire stations in a municipality, with WEFD expected to receive between \$16,000 to \$20,000, with a focus on cancer prevention and minor infrastructure modernization. The WEFD grant application focuses on creating properly ventilated laundry rooms at both stations, to contain the existing extractors (bunker gear washers), and provide a suitable working area for proper decontamination of PPE and equipment.

The County Fire Chiefs are discussing options regarding Hazardous Materials response agreements, as there are currently no formal agreements within Elgin County.

A draft automatic aid agreement for WEFD’s response area south of Wardsville has been sent to Southwest Middlesex Fire for review.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Policies/Legislation:

None.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin’s infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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