



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: March 26, 2024

Subject: SRFIRE 24.01. Chesley and Area Fire Board Year End Report

Report from: Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief

Appendices: Appendix "A" 2023 Year End Call Statistics

Appendix "B" Tanker 94 Usage 2023

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that the Chesley and Area Fire Board hereby,

1. Receives the 2023-year end fire report;
2. Approve the recommendation that the Interim Treasurer bring forth a budget plan for the purchase of a new Pumper Truck to Arran-Elderslie and Chatsworth Councils; and
3. Create a sub-committee for the preparation of a RFP for a Pumper Truck to replace the 2005 Pumper 91 in Chesley.

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### **Report Summary**

The intent of this report is to bring the Chesley & Area Joint Fire Board up to date with the status of the Chesley and Area Station 90 for 2023, and to provide information on the purchase of a new Pumper Truck for Chesley Station 90.

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### **Background**

The following information is comprised of Fire Responses, Training, Apparatus Information, Fire Prevention and Public Education completed for the year 2023.

Regarding the replacement of the 2005 Pumper Truck, it should be noted that Chief Bell, prior to Chief Tiernan being hired at the end of 2021, had advised the Fire Board, that, in following the previous plan with replacement of frontline pumper apparatus within the Municipality, a pumper truck would be required in 2025.

In following the replacement plan, this would allow the Municipality to keep their frontline pumpers as graded apparatus with regards to the Fire Underwriters Surveys grading system for Municipal Fire Protection.

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## **Analysis**

Completed analysis of information for January to December 2023, obtained from Chesley Fire Station 90 statistics:

- Sixty-Eight (68) incidents in 2023 compared with eighty-one (81) in 2022
- Fifty-Six (56) Arran-Elderslie, Twelve (12) Chatsworth

The total breakdown of fire calls is identified within "Appendix A"

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## **Summary of Training**

Throughout 2023, training continued to be focused on Mandatory Certification. Firefighters attended Bruce County Fire School which was held in Tobermory.

In 2024, the Bruce County Fire School will be held in South Bruce Peninsula and will focus on all classes being National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certified. This is something the Bruce County Fire Chiefs had asked for moving forward.

The following training was conducted throughout March-December:

- Firefighters completed in-house First Aid and CPR recertification.
- Search and Rescue, Low Angle Slope Rescue.
- Search and Rescue within the "smoked-out" training facility located behind the Arran-Elderslie Municipal Office.
- Propane Emergencies with fire attack.
- Kitchen Fires with set up of Porta Tank system.
- Horizontal and Vertical Hydraulic Ventilation using the new smoke machine.
- Auto Extrication with new Auto Cribbing tools.
- Auto Extrication at a local scrap car compound to utilize hydraulic tools.

Firefighters also continued throughout the year to work on the NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level 1 & 2 skills.

Chesley Fire Station had one (1) firefighter challenge the NFPA 1001 Level 1 & 2 exams and skills testing in Markdale, and successfully completed this exam.

Moving into 2024, the firefighters will continue to train towards NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 & 2 certification, with the goal of having the Chesley Station fully certified to NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level 1 & 2 by the end of 2024.

Emphasis will also be placed on completing their NFPA 1072 Hazmat Awareness and Operations levels as per the mandatory certification.

As part of our succession planning, two (2) firefighters were promoted to the roles of Acting Captains.

Captains attended a NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Level 1 course. Chesley Station 90 hosted the class which was well attended.

### **Tanker Usage**

Tanker usage is identified in Appendix "B".

### **Apparatus Review**

Generally, the apparatus has been performing satisfactorily with no major concerns in 2023.

- A new CET portable pump was purchased for Tanker 94.
- Annual pump testing and ladder testing were completed.
- Annual SCBA flow testing has been completed.

### **Prevention and Inspections**

Fire Prevention inspections continue, especially within the commercial downtown core of Chesley. Request and complaint prevention matters are being addressed as concerns are raised.

### **Public Education**

Public Education continues with our social media sites. Fire department staff continue public education throughout the Municipality, daycares, schools as well as visits to the firehalls.

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## **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

### 6.6 Modernizing Services

Fire Master Plan 2022

### 6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

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## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

Financial Details related to this report have been identified in a separate report dated March 26, 2024 report from the Interim Treasurer.

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Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer