



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## Information Report

Meeting Date: April 22, 2024

Report From: Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief

Subject: SRFIRE 24.02 Fire Department Year End Report for 2023

Appendices: Appendix "A" Year End Fire Statistics 2023

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### **Report Summary**

The intent of this report is to update Council on the Arran-Elderslie Fire and Emergency Services Operations and Statistics for the year end of the Operational Period of 2023.

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### **Background**

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

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### **Analysis**

A completed analysis of information and total year calls for each station was prepared from the information received from the Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services. Statistics and are identified in Appendix A – Year End Fire Statistics 2023.

## **Department News**

Several grants were successful in 2023 which total \$33,908.21:

- Firehouse Subs - \$16,409.83 for radio modernization of fire apparatus.
- Power Workers Union - \$9,500 for forcible entry prop and K12 cut tree.
- Fire Marshall Public Fire Safety Council - \$5,000 grant for training materials.
- Fire Marshalls Public Fire Safety Council - \$2,998.38 for modernization training materials

## **Incident Response**

Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services responded to 168 calls for service in 2023.

In 2023 there was a reduction in calls for service from 202 in 2022 to 168 in 2023. This was mainly due to a reduction in calls across all three (3) stations.

In **2023 there was a total of 168 calls** for service up to year end.

Tara 42  
Paisley 58  
Chesley 68

In **2022 there was a total of 202 calls** for service up to year end.

Tara 51  
Paisley 70  
Chesley 81

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

## **Summary of Training**

Eleven (11) new firefighter recruits have completed their basic recruit training and are now responding to emergencies.

With the continuation of mandatory certification, the Training Committee continues to meet to discuss on-going training. Seven (7) firefighters have been successful in completing their NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 & 2 in Markdale.

The first stage of the Live Fire Training Container is now operational and are being used by all three (3) stations.

Firefighters from all three (3) stations attended Bruce County Fire School (held in Tobermory) and firefighters also attended Bruce Power for live fire and propane training.

Seven (7) officers completed their NFPA 1021 Fire Officer 1 course, while six (6) firefighters completed their NFPA 1006 Auto Extrication Technician course.

Firefighters continue to train towards NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level 1 & 2 certification with attest date set for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

“Cognito Forms” are now standardized and now being used in all three (3) firehalls.

### **Apparatus and Equipment Review**

The following maintenance and inspections were completed in 2023:

- New Portable pump purchased for Tanker 94 Chesley
- New Dry Hydrant has been installed in Dobbinton.
- Pump Tests completed on all apparatus.
- Ladder Testing completed.
- MTO inspections completed.
- All Municipal Defibrillators have been serviced/tested.

### **Prevention and Inspections**

Inspections of commercial businesses through requests and complaints are ongoing throughout the Municipality.

The Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services Facebook and Instagram accounts have been created to share safety messaging as well as promoting our fire service and what we are currently working on.

Public Education Activities for the year include the following:

- On-going school visits to the firehalls continue for public education.
- Farmers Market public education booth at the downtown park in Chesley.
- Chesley Fall Fair Junior Firefighter Olympics and public education booth.
- School; visits in Chesley, Paisley and Tara
- Chesley Water Festival

Monthly news articles are also published in the Paisley Advocate paper and our social media sites.

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

Fire Masterplan, 2020

Corporate Strategic Plan:

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

6.6 Modernizing Services

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## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding**

There are no financial implications at this time resulting from this report.

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