

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council
Report From: Jeff Wormington, Fire Services Manager/Fire Chief
Meeting Date: April 28, 2025
Subject: Q1 Report

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receives this report for information.

Report Summary:

General:

- The Goderich Fire Department has received an additional \$361.73 from the Fire Protection Grant. These additional funds will be used in addition to the previous grant funding of \$8,230.45, for the purchase of an in-house extractor for bunker gear cleaning as part of our Cancer prevention program.
- New Ready Rack bunker gear storage lockers have been purchased and installed with donations received from Trillium Mutual Insurance and Capital Power.
- Annual ladder testing has been completed.
- Resignation letters have been received from 3 members. Chad Shanahan – 13 years of service, Brad Powell – 14 years of service, and Dan Masse – 3 years of service. With life commitments and current employment, it was becoming difficult for them to commit to the levels required. We thank all three (3) members for their years of service and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Fire Chief:

- Three (3) County Chief's meetings attended
- Five (5) Pre-Consult/Planning meetings
- Transcaer Training
- Seven (7) Residential Smoke alarm inspections requested and completed.
- Eight (8) inspections completed for Community Living.
- Compliance Inspection completed at Benmiller Inn and Spa. Deficiencies noted and repaired.

Training:

- Six (6) Department training sessions were completed in Q1, with 80% attendance.
- County-wide Recruit Training Program has been held monthly at various locations. Goderich will provide the training in April.

Calls For Service:

Goderich Fire responded to thirty-eight (38) calls for service in Q1 2025, compared to twenty-four (24) Calls in Q1 2024.

The 58% increase in calls for service in 2025 is primarily linked to the inclement weather experienced during the winter. The adverse weather conditions have led to various emergencies requiring immediate response, including:

- Increased motor vehicle incidents due to slippery and hazardous road conditions
- Weather-related property damage leading to structural fire calls
- Increased medical emergencies related to weather exposure

Linkage:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

No financial impact is associated with this report.

Approved By:

Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer

Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk