

STAFF REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Report No: FD 2024-01

March 20, 2024

From: Matthew Roy – Fire Chief

RE: 2023 Fire Department Annual Report

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the 2023 Fire Department Annual Report for information purposes only.

Background / Analysis:

Council approved the enactment of a by-law to establish and regulate a Fire Department on December 13, 2021. Sections 14.17 of the North Glengarry Fire Department Establishing By-law (No. 54-2021) require the preparation of an annual report. This report fulfills the legislative requirements, as outlined in the Fire Services Establishing By-law.

North Glengarry Fire Department protects the lives, property, and environment for the residents and visitors to the Township of North Glengarry. North Glengarry Fire Department provides service from 3 stations located across the Township. The North Glengarry Fire Department team is comprised of a full-time fire chief, volunteer firefighters, and administrative, fire inspection, and education personnel.

North Glengarry Fire Department takes a proactive approach to protect our community and recognizes the importance of implementing the three lines of defense and optimizes this philosophy in all its programs. In accordance with the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, the three lines of defense are:

- Line 1: Public Fire Safety Education
- Line 2: Fire Safety Standards and Enforcement
- Line 3: Emergency Response

To meet these objectives, North Glengarry Fire Department implements the three lines of defense through programs that support the following priorities:

- Public Education
- Fire Prevention

Alternatives:

- Fire Safety Standards and Enforcement
- Emergency Response

In 2023, North Glengarry Fire Department continued to protect the residents of North Glengarry with dedication and pride. North Glengarry Fire Department continued to focus on fire prevention, code enforcement and education outreach to reduce the number of fires and ensure residents and property owners are implementing the proper measures to stay safe. Continued investments in our equipment and training, including the NFPA certification of our members also while ensuring mental wellness will ensure that North Glengarry Fire Department personnel are provided with the necessary skills and tools to be successful. Overall, North Glengarry Fire Department is well-positioned to continue to provide effective, efficient emergency services to the residents of North Glengarry, while focusing on continued improvement.

Financial Implications:
Attachments & Relevant Legislation:
Others Consulted:
Reviewed and Approved by:
Sarah Huskinson, CAO/Clerk