



Date: Tuesday February 25, 2025

To: Mayor Sherri Senis and Council Members

From: Fire Chief Gord Jopling

Subject: 2024 Annual Report

Status: For Information

Recommendation

That the report from the Fire Chief dated February 25, 2025, regarding the 2024 Annual Fire Department Report be received for information.

Information

The following report provides Council with information on the operational division and major capital expenditures for the Fire Department in 2024.

Incident Calls

Total calls for the year 2024 were 1328 compared to 1470 in 2022, a decrease of 142 calls. Our medical calls account for 60.4% of the year's call volume, down from 67% in 2023. This percentage is down as the tiered medical response was changed this past year. **Table 1** provides a breakdown of 2024 calls

Total Fire calls this past year are down by a large number, at 66 compared to 101 for 2023. Both structure and grass fire type calls were down. Grassfire type calls due to the damper spring, summer and fall weather. **Table 2** details the fire losses in 2024.

Total large fire losses over the last seven years are noted below:

2024 - \$	1,230,000.00
2023 - \$	1,936,000.00
2022 - \$	3,531,000.00
2021 - \$	5,648,520.00
2020 - \$	1,682,000.00
2019 - \$	66,177.00
2018 - \$	2,932,200.00

Motor vehicle accidents increased from the previous year, with 96 calls in 2024 compared to 88 in 2023. False and CO alarm calls mirrored 2023 with 102 to 2024 calls at 100. Other calls are up with 264 compared to 2023 at 229. Other calls take in a

variety of calls from hydro wires down to ice/ water and automatic aid and mutual aid type calls. Medical calls are at 802 compared to 950 in 2023. It is hoped with the coming MPDS (Medical Priority Dispatch System) starting at the CACC centre in March, medical calls will be lowered even more even more.

Table 3 shows the breakdown of the number of calls per fire hall.

Personnel

The Fire Department currently (Jan 29, 2025) has a roster of 88 firefighters plus 4 office personnel, and all Halls currently have a relatively healthy complement of personnel after the recruitment. In Dec 2024 8 individuals were appointed as Township of Selwyn Volunteer Firefighters.

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| • Charlie Donald | Hall #1 | EOETA |
| • Adrienne Warman | Hall #1 | pre service |
| • Keirsten Hamblin | Hall #2 | Rejoined, firefighter |
| • Steve Damphousse | Hall #3 | EOETA |
| • Cohen Breozowski | Hall #4 | EOETA |
| • Samuel Curtis | Hall #5 | Pre Service |
| • John Post | Hall #5 | EOETA |
| • Jordan Silvestri | Hall #5 | pre service |

There were resignations and retirements from the Department in 2024. The following officers and firefighters are no longer with the Department and their service to the Selwyn Fire Department and our community was recognized:

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| • Nitesh Chauhan | Hall #1 | resigned |
| • Holly Wilson | Hall #1 | resigned |
| • John Sanquinetti | Hall #1 | resigned |
| • Dan Fletcher | Hall #2 | resigned |
| • Mitch Picard | Hall #3 | resigned |
| • Brandon Watson | Hall #3 | resigned |
| • Conner Hill | Hall #4 | resigned |
| • Kevin Powell | Hall #4 | resigned |
| • John Crowley | Hall #5 | resigned |
| • Justin Kidd | Hall #5 | resigned |
| • James McIntosh | Hall #5 | retired |

Year twelve of our awards dinner was a go and was hosted on January 10th, 2024. It was nice to get together in-person with both the firefighters and spouses to celebrate.

The following service awards were presented at the event.

10 years Andrew Bowyer, Terry Thomas
15 years Dave Cooke, Bruce McMahon
20 years Mike Cavanagh, Mike Goble, Howard Jinkerson
30 years Greg Frost
35 years Blake Knox
40 years Dave Garrett, Gord Jopling, Jim Rosborough
50 years Paul Murray
Retirement after 63 years of service, Norm Kyle

Five recognition awards for outstanding service were also given at the event:

Mitch Pogue Award – Jessie Villeneuve
Outstanding Service Award – Dan Farrow
Excellence in Training Award – Kirt Jackman
Exemplary Leadership Award – Don Patterson
Dedication to Prevention and Education Award – Terry Thomas

Congratulations to all recipients on their successes.

Fire Prevention Division - Andrew Bowyer, FPO

Selwyn Fire Department was the recipient of the Project Assist Grant. Partnering with the Fire Marshall's Safety Council and Enbridge Gas Inc. the department was provided with \$5000 worth of training and educational materials so they can continually learn, improve, and protect the vibrant and healthy community they call home.

September 28, 2024, was the Provincial Smoke Alarm Test Day. During the "Saved by the Beep" campaign, Selwyn Firefighters went door-door inspecting, testing and installing where needed smoke alarms throughout various areas in the community. In total 171 homes were visited.

During Fire Prevention Week (Oct.6 – 12, 2024), the Selwyn Fire Department presented at local schools on fire safety, with the theme "Smoke Alarms; Make Them Work for You!". 854 students were presented to in classrooms, as well as 93 students from private home schools or groups and received gift bags containing fire safety messages. The Department also had booths set up at both the Ennismore Shamrock festival and the Lakefield Sidewalk Sale. Firefighters were able to discuss and provide literature for fire safety, as well as safety subjects related to boating, water, seniors, and babysitting for community residents.

Selwyn Fire Department was also involved in Swim to Survive – a program to help instruct grade 3 students about water safety. Students were provided with 3 in-class and

3 practical in-pool lessons on swimming safety. In 2024 169 students from Selwyn Township participated in this program.

Selwyn Township's 2 Vulnerable Occupancies, Lakefield Extendicare and The Lakefield Regency, successfully completed their mandatory annual fire drills for 2024.

186 inspections were conducted on residential or commercial properties within Selwyn Township in 2024.

Apparatus and Equipment

There were no major additions/replacements to the truck fleet in 2024. The radio system is still in a hold pattern, as waiting on hardware to finalize the upgrade and repeater addition for better radio coverage to our northern border along the river. All hardware was purchased in 2024 capital budget.

Training Division

With mandatory certification for all firefighters being implemented on July 1, 2022, Howard continues to compile and update the personnel training list for our department. This will help in reducing further firefighter training for those who were hired before July 1, 2022.

To meet certifications for those firefighters hired after July 1, 2022, and any technical rescue for all personnel, the training and operations budget would continue to see substantial increases in future years. Options with respect to the delivery of technical rescue services in particular will be further reviewed in 2025.

We are catching up on all firefighters being certified to the levels of Firefighter #1 and #2 and hazmat certified, and are getting our officers trained up as well.

Strategic Plan Reference

Achieve excellence in governance and service delivery.

Financial Impact

None related to this report.

Environmental Impact

None related to this report.

Attachments

- Table 1, breakdown of calls 2024
- Table 2, OFM breakdown call numbers and fire losses.
- Table 3, breakdown of the number of calls per fire hall

Gord Jopling

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Incident Count		2024			Table 1		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Fires</u>	<u>MVA,s</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>FALSE Alarms</u>	<u>Co Alarms</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Monthly Totals</u>
Jan.	3	8	90	4	1	21	127
Feb.	3	10	70	8	4	24	119
March	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>111</u>
1st Q	12	24	238	19	7	57	357
April	9	5	80	4	4	13	115
May	1	14	56	7	0	22	100
June	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>105</u>
2nd Q	15	23	205	16	5	56	320
Total All	27	47	443	35	12	113	677
July	7	10	61	7	4	32	121
Aug.	6	8	73	7	1	34	129
Sept.	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>99</u>
3rd Q	21	27	190	18	6	87	349
Total All	48	74	633	53	18	200	1026
Oct.	7	5	68	4	5	21	110
Nov.	5	9	49	7	7	22	99
Dec.	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>93</u>
4th Q	18	22	169	16	13	64	302
Total All	66	96	802	69	31	264	1328

2024	2023
<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
127	102
246	218
357	332
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472	465
572	573
677	726
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798	883
927	1020
1026	1121
1026	1121
1136	1250
1235	1346
1328	1470
1328	1470

Selwyn Fire Department - 2024 Fires

Incident #	Date	Type of Fire	Total Loss Estimate
24-0000284	11-Mar-24	Structure Fire - Shed	\$15,000.00
24-0000356	31-Mar-24	Structure Fire - Living area	\$550,000.00
24-0000581	02-Jun-24	Structure Fire - Basement	\$275,000.00
24-0000655	23-Jun-24	Structure Fire - Porch	\$20,000.00
24-0000708	09-Jul-24	Vehicle Fire	\$25,000.00
24-0000916	29-Aug-24	Vehicle Fire - Farm Tractor	\$40,000.00
24-0000994	20-Sep-24	Vehicle Fire	\$40,000.00
24-0001033	02-Oct-24	Vehicle Fire - RV	\$65,000.00
24-0001278	11-Dec-24	Structure Fire - Commercial/Residential	\$200,000.00
			\$1,230,000.00

Vehicle fires	\$130,000.00
Agricultural Fires	\$40,000.00
Residential Fires	\$860,000.00
Hydro Poles	
Commercial Fires	\$200,000.00
	\$1,230,000.00

Calls Per Hall 2024

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total 1st	April	May	June	Total 2nd	Total All	July	Aug	Sept	Total 3rd	Total all	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 4th	Total All	
Hall #1																				
Fires	1	2	2	5	2	0	2	4	9	3	3	3	9	18	2	0	1	3	21	
MVA	6	5	4	15	3	8	1	12	27	6	5	3	14	41	0	6	3	9	50	
MED	21	10	6	37	13	10	9	32	69	12	20	10	42	111	8	8	11	27	138	
Alarms	0	4	3	7	1	3	1	5	12	3	1	2	6	18	1	3	4	8	26	
CO	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	2	4	4	4	0	8	12	
Other	3	2	4	9	2	2	3	7	16	7	9	2	18	34	5	6	2	13	47	
Totals	31	23	19	73	22	23	17	62	135	32	38	21	91	226	20	27	21	68	294	
Hall#2																				
Fires	2	0	2	4	7	0	1	8	12	2	2	2	6	18	4	2	3	9	27	
MVA	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	3	6	3	0	2	5	11	4	1	0	5	16	
MED	22	21	21	64	28	17	21	66	130	15	6	13	34	164	13	19	16	48	212	
Alarms	2	3	2	7	3	2	2	7	14	1	4	2	7	21	1	2	0	3	24	
CO	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	5	0	1	0	1	6	0	1	1	2	8	
Other	12	15	3	30	5	12	13	30	60	18	17	10	45	105	10	9	9	28	133	
Totals	38	43	30	111	45	33	38	116	227	39	30	29	98	325	32	34	29	95	420	
Hall#3																				
Fires	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	
MVA	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	3	3	7	
MED	3	2	4	9	4	3	4	11	20	4	4	3	11	31	7	3	1	11	42	
Alarms	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Other	1	0	0	1	2	2	3	7	8	3	5	5	13	21	2	1	3	6	27	
Total	5	2	4	11	6	7	7	20	31	8	11	8	27	58	9	6	7	22	80	
Hall#4																				
Fires	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	4	
MVA	1	1	1	3	0	2	2	4	7	0	0	2	2	9	0	2	2	4	13	
MED	22	23	23	68	17	14	24	55	123	16	28	14	58	181	23	11	15	49	230	
Alarms	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	3	6	
CO	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	4	
Other	1	2	0	3	3	2	0	5	8	2	2	2	6	14	1	3	3	7	21	
Total	24	27	25	76	20	19	28	67	143	20	31	18	69	212	27	19	20	66	278	
Hall#5																				
Fires	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	4	2	0	3	5	9	1	1	2	4	13	
MVA	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	5	1	1	2	4	9	1	0	0	1	10	
MED	22	14	24	60	18	12	11	41	101	14	15	16	45	146	17	10	9	36	180	
Alarms	2	0	2	4	0	1	1	2	6	2	2	0	4	10	0	0	1	1	11	
CO	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	1	6	
Other	4	5	5	14	1	4	2	7	21	2	1	2	5	26	3	1	4	8	36	
Total	29	24	33	86	22	18	15	55	141	22	19	23	64	205	22	13	16	51	256	
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