





Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council endorse, as part of this Community Achievement Award, that current and future Recipients' last names be added to The Blue Mountains Street Name Inventory List if not already used for this purpose, unanimously Carried.

### **C.2 The Blue Mountains Fire Department Quarterly Report, January – March, 2009**

CAO Paul Graham then noted Chief Ron Doherty prepared a comprehensive Quarterly Report at the request of the Committee and will continue to do so.

Ron then attended the meeting together with Administrative Assistant Loriena Forsythe and Fire Captain Bryan Lowe.

Ron then reviewed the Report, noting 60 calls had been received in the first quarter, adding recruitment efforts had been a success with a complement of 21 firefighters in Thornbury and 20 at Craigleith.

Ron then noted it was hoped to have a complement of 24 firefighters at each Hall.

Ron then noted a telecorder had been installed in conjunction with the radio system which will track call times, arrival times, etc., adding new software has been sourced that will allow more to be done on computers to assist in operations.

Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Conn then attended the meeting.

Ron then noted discussions have taken place with Collingwood regarding a proposed Automatic Aid Agreement but the existing Mutual Aid Agreement continues.

Ron then noted both Halls respond to structural fire calls, with three Halls responding including Collingwood or Meaford under Mutual Aid Agreements.

Ron then noted discussions were ongoing regarding County EMS expansion in Craigleith.

Ron then reviewed Hall 1 and Hall 2 firefighter response for training and call-outs, noting the call-out response for half the firefighters was just below the Provincial average of 50% with training response at 75%.

Ron then reviewed firefighter years of service, both Halls having less than 50% with three years or less, CAO Paul Graham noting both Halls are called to structural fires to ensure a level of experience.

Ron then reviewed Fire Prevention efforts, including review and approval of Fire Safety Plans, inspections and fire and safety education.

Councillor Martin then questioned a proposed consumer fireworks By-law, Ron noting the subject is being considered for future presentation to Council.

Ron then reviewed training statistics for the first quarter, noting marine rescue operations involved significant training time.

Fire Prevention Officer A.J. Lake then attended the meeting following a fire call.

Ron then noted he would meet with the CAO regarding the currently vacant Deputy Chief position as well as finalization of the Master Fire Plan.

Steve then reviewed Emergency Management efforts over the first quarter.

Ron then reviewed call statistics for the first quarter, A.J. noting the false alarm calls at Blue Mountain are primarily related to the residential component within the Village, partly related to construction activity.

Michael then questioned if intentional fire investigations led to any summons or charges, A.J. noting there is one case before the courts, adding that careless use cause usually involves smoking which is enforced by Grey County.

Councillor McGee then questioned the new server and existing connection to other Town facilities, Ron noting the existing system would be retained for the Hall but if it went down there would be no connectivity to the Town Office or outside agencies.

Michael then questioned the outstanding Deputy Chief position, CAO Paul Graham replying the matter is on hold pending finalization of the Master Fire Plan, adding all required information is now in place and the Plan will move forward, probably in June.

Chair Gamble then questioned status of commercial use fire inspections, A.J. noting he was behind in January and February but all high risk assessments are up to date.

Bob then noted it appeared a recent tender for a proposed Fire vehicle may have been for too high a class vehicle, Ron noting the tenders received were not in strict compliance with specifications and a general type vehicle would be satisfactory.

Bob then questioned status of Blue Mountain Village Association issues, Ron noting discussions are continuing regarding a bollard type entrance and work is continuing regarding addressing false alarms.



