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To: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Robert Grossman, Fire Chief
Subject: 2018 Second Quarter Fire Department Report

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PURPOSE

To provide Council with a summary of the activities of the Pemberton Fire Rescue Department for the Second Quarter of 2018.

BACKGROUND

The Village of Pemberton Fire Rescue is a volunteer department that provides service to the residents of the Village of Pemberton (Village of Pemberton Bylaw No. 807, 2016). In addition, the existing Fire Service Agreement with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) establishes that fire protection services are provided to Pemberton Meadows (SLRD Bylaw No.1082, 2008), Pemberton Heights (SLRD Bylaw No. 1083, 2008) and the Pemberton Fire Protection Specified Area as defined within the Agreement. Pemberton Fire Rescue provides Road Rescue Service to the entire SLRD Electoral Area C covering 5,570.39 square kilometers pursuant to SLRD Pemberton Fire Rescue Contribution Service Conversion and Establishment Bylaw No. 715-2001.

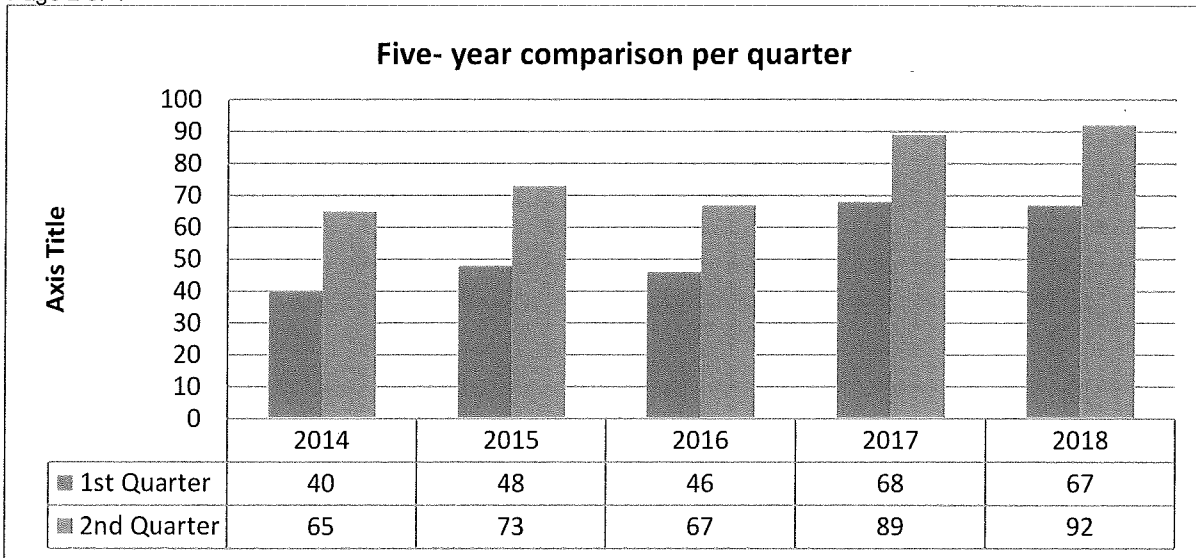
Service is also provided to Lil'wat Nation through a separately negotiated Fire Service Agreement which was established in 2017.

This report is provided by the Fire Chief as an update to the Pemberton Fire Rescue activities for the Second Quarter.

DISCUSSION & COMMENTS

Incidents:

Pemberton Fire Rescue has been very active and as of the end of the second quarter has responded to ninety-two (92) incidents. A comparison chart by Quarter over five (5) years is shown below.



Types of Responses:

As set out in the Fire Department Establishment Bylaw No. 807, 2016, Pemberton Fire Rescue responds to a number of different types of incidents.

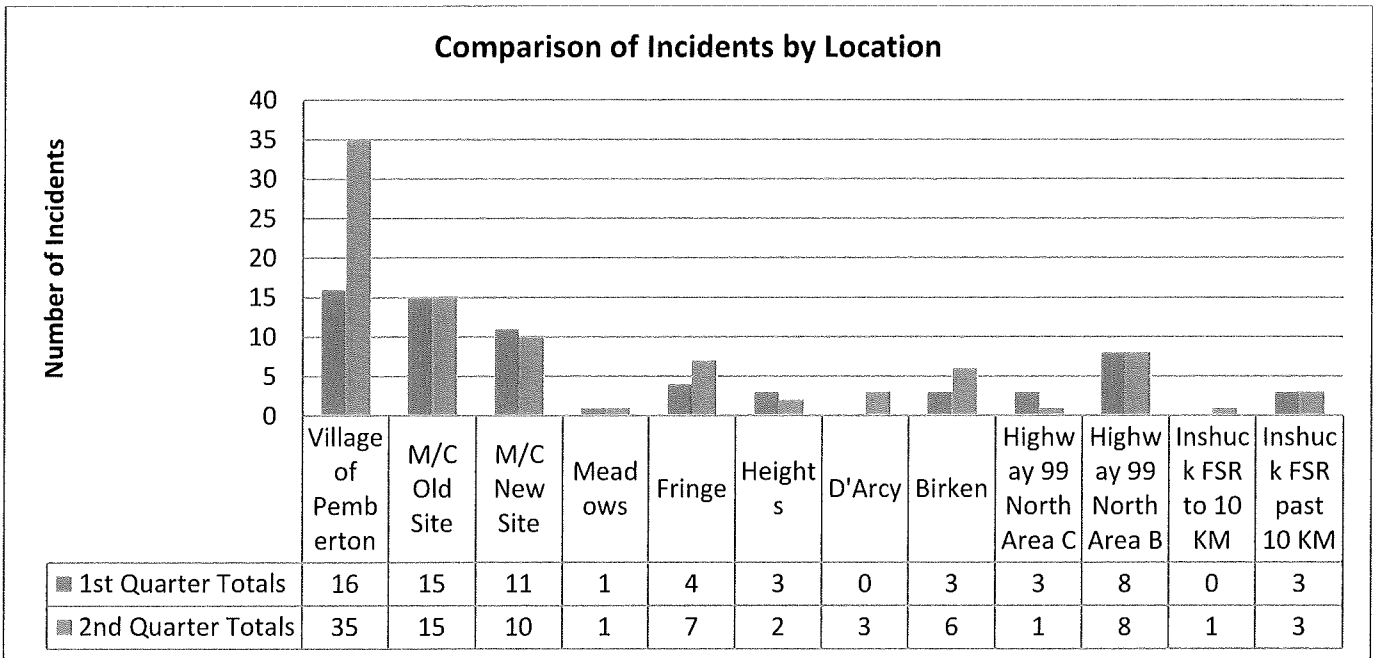
The table below summarizes of the number of callouts per type of incident attended for the Second Quarter as compared to last year for the same quarter.

Response Type	2nd Quarter	
	2017	2018
Alarms	8	6
Assist due to flooding		1
Burn Complaint	1	4
Chimney Fire		4
Rubbish Fire	1	1
Structure Fire	1	1
Fire Unclassified	1	1
Vehicle Fire	4	1
Hazardous Material	2	2
Hydro Assist	12	
Medical Aid	38	36
Motor Vehicle Accident	10	20
Public Service		1
Rescue & Safety	1	1
Smoke Sighting		3
Wildland Fire	10	10
Total Number of Responses	89	92

Responses by Location

Pemberton Fire Rescue attends incidents in locations as identified in the Service Agreements with the SLRD and Lil'wat Nation.

The breakdown of the incident reports is categorized into the following regions: Village of Pemberton Boundaries, Lil'wat, Fire District Service Areas and Regional District (or outside the Fire District zones including north of Mount Currie, north of The Heights and south of the Village Boundaries).



Membership and Training

In the second quarter, Pemberton Fire Rescue had three (3) members retire. One member moved to Vancouver due to career change, one member could not find housing in Pemberton and moved to Whistler closer to work. Another member stepped down due to the commitment requirements of training and attending incidents required by paid-on-call Firefighters.

Training is moving along well. The in-house trained Firefighters are progressing through the Exterior Firefighter Program as laid out in the Office of the Fire Commissioner's minimum training requirements or "Playbook".

Fire Officers have completed two of six weekends required training to complete the Fire Officer 1 training that has been put in place to ensure compliance with the "Playbook".

The two hundred (200) plus Firefighter skills that ensure required competencies have members training weekly (up to twenty 20 hours per month).

Fire Prevention:

This Quarter the following fire prevention initiatives were completed:

- Two (2) new business application review and fire inspections
- Two (2) Fire Extinguisher training seminars for businesses in Pemberton
- Assisted the First Nations Emergency Services Society of British Columbia in providing Cadet Fire Training at the Mount Currie Fire Department.

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COMMUNICATIONS

This report does not require a communications element.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal, legislative or regulatory considerations at this time.

IMPACT ON BUDGET & STAFFING

The preparation of Quarterly reports is done in-house and is a component of the yearly work plan for the Department.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL

There are no interdepartmental impacts or approvals required.

IMPACT ON THE REGION OR NEIGHBOURING JURISDICTIONS

The activities of Pemberton Fire Rescue, such as increased fire prevention awareness activities, recruiting additional personnel and firefighter training, improve upon the current level of service to the Village and those areas within the Fire Service District Service Area which both benefit and positively impact the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and Lil'wat Nation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There are no alternative options for consideration.

POTENTIAL GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

The services of the Pemberton Fire Rescue Department and Fire Prevention are in keeping with Strategic Priority Theme Three: Excellence in Service by ensuring that the Village continues to *deliver the highest quality of municipal services within the scope of our resources.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the 2018 Second Quarter Fire Department Report be received for information.

Submitted by:	Robert Grossman, Fire Chief
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