



Municipalité de Clare

Report

September 4, 2024

July 31, 2024

To Municipalité de Clare Council,

March - June Call Totals (193)

Havelock 24	Hectanooga 5	Little Brook 35	Meteghan 106
Fire 14	Fire 5		Fire 56
Medical 10	Medical 0		Medical 50
Saint Bernard 58	Salmon River 23	Southville 17	
Fire 30	Fire 16	Fire 8	
Medical 28	Medical 7	Medical 9	

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to sit before you for a few minutes tonight. The spring kept us busy with a significant uptick in structure fires of a suspicious nature. Our chief officers are working closely with the Office of the Fire Marshal and the RCMP with the investigations. We are doing our best to protect life and property in Clare with the operational we have.

In June we had 27 members from 5 fire departments in Clare attend the Fire Department Information Conference (FDIC) training event at Acadia University. Havelock 4, Little Brook 8, Saint Bernard 10, Salmon River 3, and Southville 2. We are thankful for the \$7500 investment in training the municipality provides for departments to send members to this excellent training event. Many of the members attending have less than 5 years in the fire service. This provides much needed training for our newer members to learn tactics and techniques to best serve the public and to keep them as safe as possible while performing their duties.

The fire service review interviews were conducted in July. A few items of concern have been raised. The chief officers would have found it helpful to have had the required list of information earlier. There was a lot of data that needed to be collected without adequate time to do so. It was also mentioned that it created employment disruptions for our chief officers to have to leave work to meet with the fire service review company. All of our chiefs have full-time jobs and provide incredible service to our community on a completely volunteer basis. Our local employers support our fire service well and we do not want to take advantage of the support we are grateful to have. In future it would help if any meetings or interviews happen in the evenings. Lastly, summer created some challenges for scheduling. We recognize anytime can be a struggle to get so many people together. Going forward could these types of things not happen in the summer when there are many with vacation plans? Overall once the chiefs worked through challenges of meeting with the fire service review company, it was a very positive experience and we are looking forward to the review.

Thank you for your support in purchasing high volume supply hoses for Saint Bernard Fire Department. Saint Bernard Fire Department took possession of a new to them $\frac{3}{4}$ ton utility truck. It will be in service in a few weeks once upgrade work is complete. This will reduce wear and tear on larger vehicles for medical calls and when assistance is needed off the main roads. Havelock Fire Department took possession of their new tanker. It will enhance their ability to cover the almost 400 km² in their district and provide mutual aid assistance to Southville, Saint Bernard, Little Brook and Hectanooga.

During CMA 2024 several CFFA department's members provided hundreds of volunteer hours. We are grateful for our firefighters that stepped up to go above and beyond for this important event in our region. We had a few members attend the Nova Scotia Guard consultation meetings in Digby and Yarmouth. We are learning how this program will work in conjunction with EMO. Our new provincial TMR radios are due to arrive at stations this fall. This will greatly enhance our ability to communicate with other agencies and provide encrypted communication for the safety of our members and the public.

It continues to be an honour to serve as your CFFA Executive.

Respectfully Submitted,

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