

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

QUARTERLY UPDATE

DATE: November 7, 2023

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Mike Williams, Director of Protective Services

SUBJECT: Protective Services Quarterly Report – Q4

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

In September, the Fire Department accepted applications for Volunteer Firefighters. Eleven candidates were interviewed in October and the successful recruits will undergo their training, including NFPA 1001 Level 1 & 2 and NFPA 1072 Hazmat in the new year.

The Fire Department had a busy quarter, participating in numerous community events, including but not limited to: providing medical support at the RCMP Musical Ride and North Lanark Highland Games, setting up the trucks at the Children's Resources on Wheels Annual Sprinkler Party at the Mill of Kintail, an end of season Pakenham soccer party and Mississippi Mills daycare touch a truck event, running a kid's combat challenge at the Almonte Fair, giving out information at Mississippi Mills At A Glance, and the Associations raising funds at the Almonte Lions Club Duck Race and the Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive.



This year's Fire Prevention Week (October 8 – 14) theme was cooking safety. The Fire Department received a generous donation of a Fire Prevention Week-in-a-Box kit from Wes Zacharuk, Financial Advisor/Owner of Co-operators in Carleton Place. The materials were distributed at Levi's Home Hardware, the 'A Meal for All' community breakfast and to three kindergarten classes at R. Tait McKenzie public School who received a visit from firefighters. During Fire Prevention Week, over 500 smoke and carbon monoxide alarm testing brochures were delivered to mailboxes in Ramsay and Pakenham wards, and visits were made to every business on Mill Street. Fire drills were also completed at all the elementary schools in the municipality.

In October, over 30 staff from the Almonte General Hospital participated in fire extinguisher training with the new prop, purchased using a grant from the Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Since the previous quarter, a trailer has been delivered to Station 1 for the Lanark County Paramedics to use as their break space, freeing up the Station's training room for meetings and classroom space.

Fire Department KPIs

In the fourth quarter, MMFD responded to 53 incidents, conducted 60 comprehensive fire inspections, including 96 apartment unit inspections 5 school fire drills, performed 6 fire plan reviews, carried out 14 public education sessions, and successfully administered 2 full training courses at the training center.

ACTIVITY	ACTIVITIES PER QUARTER			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Incident Response	39	66	66	53
Fire Inspections	48	32	20	60
Fire Safety Plans Review	0	1	7	6
Public Education Events	7	2	14	14
Regional Training Centre	3	3	3	2

Below is a summary of incident types presented in the chart. The cumulative staff hours dedicated to incidents during the fourth quarter (Q4) amounted to a total of 571 hours.

RESPONSE TYPE	RESPONSE TYPE PER QUARTER			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Property Fires/Explosions	8	7	11	5
Overpressure Rupture/Explosion (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
Pre Fire Conditions/No Fire	1	5	1	3
Burning (Controlled)	2	2	7	2
False Fire Calls	11	12	19	21

CO False Calls	3	4	3	2
Public Hazard	4	13	3	5
Rescue	5	8	10	5
Medical/Resuscitator Call	1	3	0	2
Other Response	4	12	12	8
Total Calls	39	66	66	53

The chart below provides a breakdown of incident locations based on areas within our municipality or with mutual aid/automatic aid areas.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	INCIDENTS PER QUARTER			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Clayton	0	2	2	1
Ramsay	10	28	16	9
Almonte	16	24	30	31
Pakenham	7	8	8	4
Beckwith	0	2	2	0
Lanark Highlands	4	0	3	4
Carleton Place	2	2	4	4
Ottawa	0	0	1	0
Total	39	66	66	53

During the fourth quarter, the MMFD organized 16 internal training sessions and as well as 2 officer meetings, resulting in a combined duration of 93 hours for sessions and a total of 810 work hours for staff.

Training Activities	
Lithium Ion Batteries	Scenario Response to Hospital
Air Quality Monitoring	Scenario Response to Mill Fall
Agricultural Rescue	Building Pre-Planning
Rescue Airbag Training	Driver Training
Live Fire training	Officer Development

Bylaw Services KPI'S

In the fourth quarter, there has been a decrease of 90 bylaw complaints when compared to the third quarter. There were 11 fines issued this quarter compared to 23 fines in the third quarter.

BYLAW INQUIRY TYPE	BYLAW INQUIRIES PER QUARTER			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Parking Issues	49	49	56	24
Animal Control	44	43	39	19
Noise	1	6	11	5
Property Standards	7	11	19	9
Garbage/Waste	4	5	5	2
Outdoor Spaces	0	0	1	0
Wildlife	2	1	1	0
Trees	1	0	3	1
Clean Yards	0	0	0	1
Zoning	0	0	0	1
Other	6	20	22	5
Total Bylaw Complaints	115	135	157	67
Total Bylaw Complaints Resolved	115	96	156	65

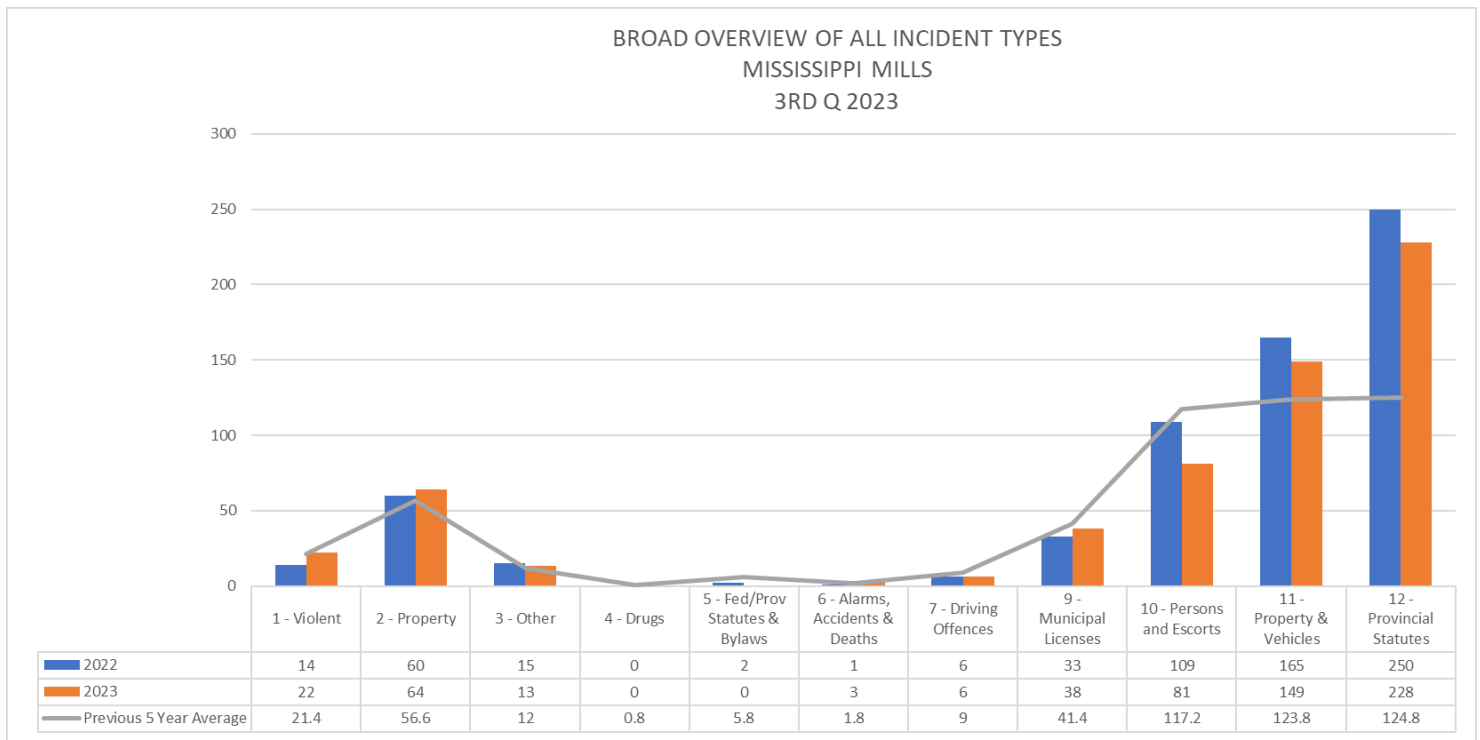
The chart presented below provides a breakdown of the geographic locations of these bylaw complaints.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	BYLAW INQUIRIES PER QUARTER			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Ramsay	43	16	20	7
Almonte	63	109	114	59
Pakenham	9	10	23	1
Total	115	135	157	67

OPP 3rd Quarter KPI'S

In the third quarter, there has been a decrease of activities in OPP responses when compared to the second quarter. As illustrated in the graph below, it is evident that Mississippi Mills has recorded more than 604 response activities by the OPP, surpassing the five-year Q2 average. This data strongly indicates a continuous increase in OPP service calls within our community over the years.

ACTIVITY	ACTIVITIES PER QUARTER			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
OPP Total Responses	539	610	604	



LOOKING AHEAD:

In Q4, the Fire Department will undertake a number of projects and reports such as:

- Continue upgrades to our fire training centre
- Complete the multi-purpose bush truck builds.
- Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan
- Working on a review of our current bylaws and services
- Firefighter Recruitment
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm Campaign
- Establish & Regulate MM Fire Department By-law update.

Respectfully submitted by,

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ATTACHMENTS (if applicable):

1. OPP 3rd Quarter Report