



**MCKENZIE
CLEARWATER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Report

May 13, 2023

Our department had a busy year again in 2022 as we attended many fires, MVC's and ambulance assists. We had our pancake breakfast and annual Firefighters' Dinner and Auction at Ash Rapids that set new heights for fund raising totals.

This year we will again have our pancake breakfast on May 20th from 9am till noon, so stop in for a free breakfast. This year our annual Firefighters' Dinner and Auction will be held at the Zig Zag Yacht Club on the 29th of July. See our web site for tickets. This event always sells out fast so get your tickets soon.

We have hired Owen Loney to implement the road mapping project. We are about 25% finished and have ordered our first batch of signs and should start putting them up in June. We still are short of our goal to finish this massive project so if you can help us bring this project home with a tax-deductible donation please do. Thanks for all who have donated to this project so far. See you at the pancake breakfast and the Dinner and Auction.

— Rick Suche

Pancake Breakfast!

Don't miss the season kickoff Pancake Breakfast, happening on May 20 from 9:00am until noon at the Firehall.

Can't wait to see you there!



Response report from MCFD in 2022

The department has increased its ability to help with potential forest fire protection by having a quick response vehicle equipped with newly purchased forest fighting equipment, hose and nozzles, assorted hand tools, and pumps including the iconic, Waterax MARK-3.

The volunteer contingent stands at 20, down a net of two from 2022. The newest member is Tyler Stotts. Thanks to three whose service with us is over as they have moved out of the area: John Pries, Ari Benarroch, Chloe Henwood.

New volunteers are always needed! For more information contact Fire Chief Dale Charbonneau by email: clearwaterrescue@bellnet.ca.

2021	17	23	16	0
	ACTIVE FIRES	PRACTICE	FALSE ALARMS	RESCUE CALLS
2022	8	16	3	0
	HWY/VEHICLE EXTRACTION	MEDICAL CALLS	DAY BURNING COMPLAINT	PUBLIC EDUCATION
2021	11	22	22	0
	ACTIVE FIRES	PRACTICE	FALSE ALARMS	RESCUE CALLS
2022	15	24	3	5
	HWY/VEHICLE EXTRACTION	MEDICAL CALLS	DAY BURNING COMPLAINT	PUBLIC EDUCATION

Channel the FLANNEL

» join us for the «

FIREFIGHTERS' DINNER & AUCTION

McKenzie Clearwater Fire Dept

SAT. JULY 29/23



COCKTAILS 5:30 P.M.

Zig Zag Yacht Club,
Fisherman's Island

100 Tickets available @ \$250 ea
www.mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca

Firefighters' Dinner & Auction

Our Annual Firefighters' Dinner & Auction **is in need of volunteers.** If you are interested we are looking for your help:

- » Set up 12 noon - 4 p.m. at ZigZag, Fishermen's Island, decorating and auction set-up
- » Selling auction tickets at the door, 5 - 8 p.m.
- » Take down of decorations, 10-11:30 p.m.
- » Boat transportation of auction items, caterer, and volunteers: noon, 7:30 p.m. and at the end of the event.

2023 Calendar:

Saturday, May 20

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Season kickoff Pancake Breakfast at the Firehall

Sunday, June 25 10:30 a.m.

MCFPC Annual General Meeting

Attend at the Firehall or on Zoom.

Topic: McKenzie Clearwater Fire Protection Corporation, Annual General Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting: bit.ly/mcfd2023

Meeting ID: 648 392 6515

Passcode: xs0GQK

Saturday, July 29 5:30 p.m.

Annual Firefighters' Dinner & Auction

Tickets available only online.



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Signage Project

Project Chair David Reid

The McKenzie Clearwater Mapping Project is in full force. The project will see signs being ordered and put up in five different groups with the end goal of having all ~2000 signs up by fall.

The roads and properties that will get the first batch of signs are **Deception Bay Rd, McCallum Point Rd, McCallum Point BR01 through BR08, Olafson Dr, McConnell Lake Rd, McConnell Lake Dr, Peninsula Rd, Peninsula Dr, Rockeries Rd and Rockeries Rd W.**

We are planning for the first batch of signs to be put up in early June. If you have any questions about road names or anything else regarding the mapping project, feel free to email Owen at signs@mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca or phone him at (204) 999-3274.

Please see the website for ongoing progress: mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca/projects-3



Owen Loney

Owen Loney is working for the MCFPC as a project coordinator to speed along our mapping and signage project. His task is to complete the residential verification process, assist property owners in naming unnamed roads, secure signage and coordinate the installation of signs. Owen will be graduating this spring from the U of M, with a double major in entrepreneurship and small business management and marketing. His work experience includes managing the Cloverleaf grocery in Emo. Owen is living at Lake of the Woods for the summer. Along with our volunteer firefighters, you may see his friendly face along the roads handling the new property address signs.

Get involved!

Do you or someone you know wish to serve this unique community of McKenzie Clearwater in one of the most diverse and challenging of fire and rescue services?

Imagine training for building fires, ambulance assists, vehicle accidents, water rescue, and almost any imaginable emergency in-between.

Do you have more than just a desire to give back to your community but the willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges.

Fire and rescue is not for the meek or timid, nor those who lose control of their emotions during times of crisis. Volunteer firefighters perform hot, sweaty, dirty and strenuous work, often in uncertain and hazardous environments.

Contact: clearwaterrescue@bellnet.ca.

Who's Who... and looking for more!

Current MCFPC Board members are:

Dale Charbonneau

Dean Irvine

Gord Pritchard

Ted Sherritt

Dorothy Chase

Lynn McAughey

David Reid

Rick Suche

Jason Cousin

Ailbe Prendiville

Liz Ricklefs (Sec.)

Fire permits required

NO DAY BURNING, APRIL 1 – OCTOBER 31.

By law, you need a fire permit to burn wood, brush, leaves and grass outside during the fire season (Apr 1 – Oct 31) unless you follow all the rules outlined below and:

- » Conditions allow it to burn safely until extinguished;
- » You take all necessary steps to tend, control and extinguish the fire;
- » You are not having an open fire in a restricted fire zone.

If you don't burn safely or burn material without a permit when one is needed, you can be fined and held responsible for the cost of putting out the fire and for any property damage.

See where fires are restricted in Ontario: bit.ly/fire-zones

Follow the RULE OF 2:

To burn woody yard debris always follow the Rule of 2:

- » Light your fire no sooner than 2 hrs before sunset.
- » Your fire must be out no later than 2 hrs after sunrise.
- » Keep your fire 2 m away from all combustibles.
- » Your fire can be no wider than 2 m.

Spring Cleaning Checklist

- Check fire extinguishers.
- Check extension cords. Replace if needed.
- Make sure windows open and close properly for safe exit.
- Clean filters above stove.
- Vacuum or dust refrigeration coils.
- Clean stairs and landings for safe evacuation.
- Take out old newspapers, magazines, and junk mail.
- Properly store household chemicals.
- Practice your fire escape plan.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Replace or change batteries if needed.
- Ensure your emergency kit is stocked.

Is your fire alarm in good working order?

The MCFD has responded to 22 false alarms this year. Homeowners may need to check if their contract with their alarm company is current.



2023 Donation by Mail Form

Donations can be made at mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca or cheques payable to:

MCFPC can be mailed to MCFPC, P. O. Box 20, Clearwater Bay, ON P0X 1S0

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Location: _____ Water access only: Yes No

Donation for Rescue & Training: \$ _____

Donation for Mapping signage: \$ _____

Total Donation: \$ _____



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