

Mayor's Message:

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

As I'm sitting here thinking of the year that has past and thinking of the new year that is upon us, I am thinking what my new year message address should be. I think about the challenges that together we have faced as a community and the challenges before us as we enter another wave of Covid.

There is a word, an emotion, an action that I have heard often over the last few days; and that word is "hope". Hope is an action of faith, a belief and optimism for the future. Hope can help us manage the stress, anxiety, and adversity of the coming weeks. I truly believe we will come out of this next wave stronger if we work together and support one another.

I know these latest health mandates are difficult and it feels like "groundhog day all over again". I feel the same way. The experts tell us that this may be the beginning of the end of the virus. We can all have hope and faith that this will be the case.

In the meantime, it appears the cold snap will begin to ease over the next few days. Take the opportunity to go for a walk in the woods on one of our many trails. The ski club is so beautiful this time of year if you ski or snowshoe. The walking track will remain open at the Community Centre and of course the toboggan hill at Bob McMeekin Park.

A quote I recall from my childhood:

"And these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love. "

Talk or Facetime with family and friends. We are all going through this together but not everyone has the same support systems. If you can, reach out to volunteer. Let's remember to be kind to one another because together we will get through this as a community, as we always have when the times are challenging. Wishing you all a Happy New Year Hay River.

-Mayor Kandis Jameson



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SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

65% of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms at all or no smoke alarms that work. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Safety Tips

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound

An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.

Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance.

Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace battery right away.

Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use ten year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.

Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

Alarms that are hard-wired (and include battery backup) must be installed by a qualified electrician.

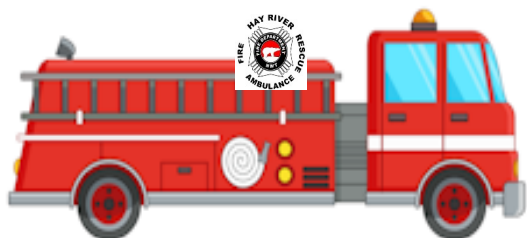
If cooking fumes or steam sets off nuisance alarms, replace the alarm with an alarm that has a "hush" button. A "hush" button will reduce the alarm's sensitivity for a short period of time.

An ionization alarm with a hush button or photoelectric alarm should be used if the alarm is within 20 feet of a cooking appliance.

Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement, in addition to the usual alarm sound, may be helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.

Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These alarms use strobe lights. Vibration equipment can be added to these alarms.

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.



Heating Safety:

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.



be warm and safe this winter!

- * Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove.
- * Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters
- * Never use your own oven to heat your home
- * Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a professional
- * Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed
- * Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heater
- * Test smoke alarms monthly

Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions

or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If

you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately

and call your local fire department or gas company.

FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

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For giving the community a
 chance to go swimming
 and skating this holiday
 season!



Annual Christmas Twinkle Tour Winners:

Corporate: West Point First Nation

Best Yard Display: Lynne & Al Buth

Most Traditional: Curtis & Kara King

Best use of lights: Dan & Janine Kipling

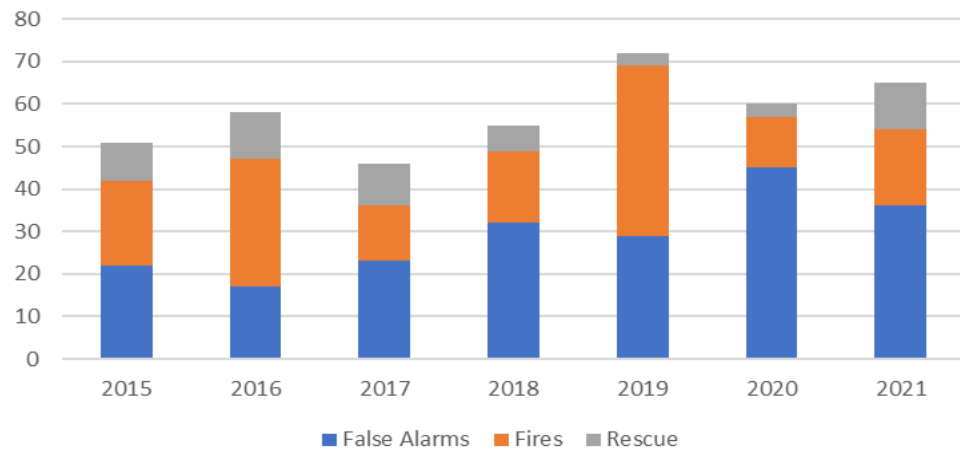
Town by the numbers

December operational statistics report to

Council

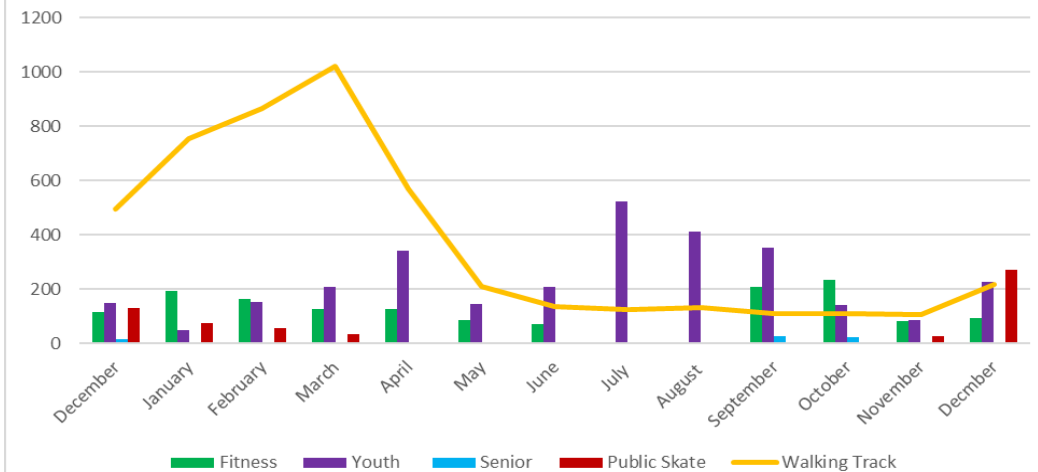
Protective Services

FIRE YEAR TO DATE

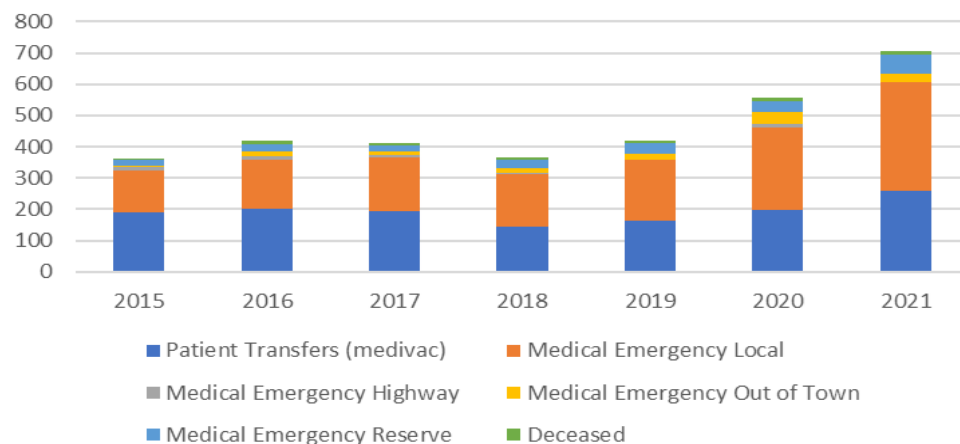


Recreation Department

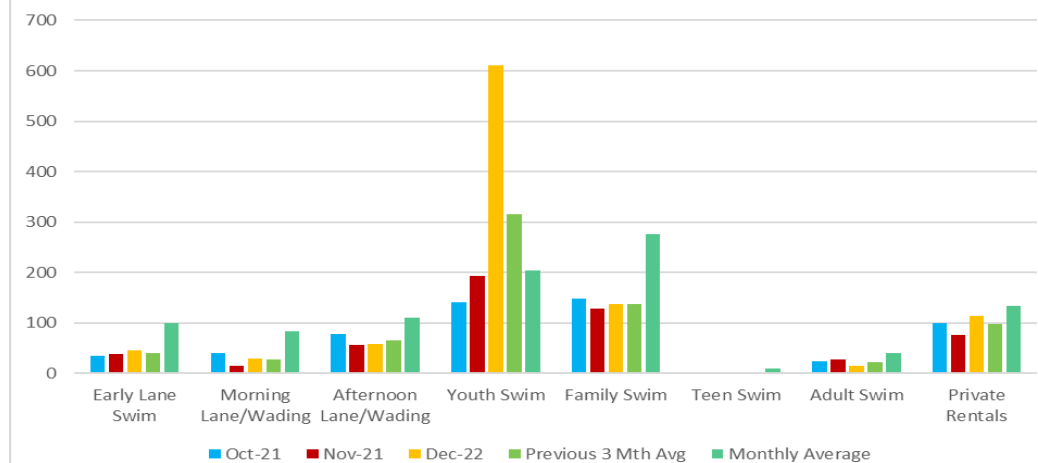
Program Attendance



EMS YEAR TO DATE



Monthly Swimmer Statistics by Schedule Blocks





January 2022



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