



Staff Report

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TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Steve Byford, Director of Protective Services, Fire Chief, CD
DATE: June 15, 2026
SUBJECT: Protective Services Departmental Update - June 2026

STRATEGIC GOALS & PRIORITIES:

This report complies with the following strategic goals set out by Council:

- Community Engagement

This report meets the above noted strategic goal and priority of Council by ensuring we all continue to provide strong communications at all levels.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

N/A - For informational purposes only.

COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:

Taylor Fire Rescue (TFR)

- Emergency calls for service (at the time of submitting this report) are currently at 94 for 2026. At this time last year, TFR had 82 calls for service.
- TFR has started to host year end school BBQs completing their Fire Prevention education within the community for this school year. The remaining activities scheduled will take place over the next two weeks.
- TFR hosted a First Responder (FR) medical course, further expanding and qualifying our department members capabilities. This training and qualification furthers our teams commitment to the community.
- Driver training for TFR members was conducted to support the continued development and progression of apparatus operators. Complementing this training, TFR has scheduled a Pumps and Pumping course for September 2026, which will provide these members with the opportunity to complete the full training requirements necessary to effectively drive and operate District apparatus.
- TFR has completed its Canada Summer Jobs hiring process with the assistance of the Director of Parks and Facilities. The eight-week Firefighter Apprentice

position has been filled by a District resident who is also a current member of TFR's Junior Firefighter Program. This initiative continues to be a valuable asset to the overall development and succession planning of the Fire Department.

Emergency Management

- Staff met with the Taylor Industrial Mutual Aid Group (TIMAG) executive to coordinate planning for their annual emergency management exercise. As part of a three-year progression toward a full-scale exercise, TIMAG is currently in year two, which involves conducting a "functional" exercise scheduled for this October. A functional exercise is a simulated, real-time operational drill designed to assess an organization's command, control, and coordination capabilities. It evaluates specific functions and multi-agency response processes while simulating field operations, without deploying personnel or actual emergency equipment. This exercise will serve as preparation for the full-scale exercise planned for fall 2027.
- Updates to, and review of, the District's Emergency Plan are ongoing. Regular revisions are undertaken to ensure compliance with current legislation, including the new Emergency and Disaster Management Act here in British Columbia. The updated plan will be presented to this Committee in the coming months for review.
- Monthly Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) training continued, with staff focusing on strengthening their understanding and application of the Incident Command System.

Bylaw Services

- Bylaw complaints to date for 2026 are at 11. At this point last year there were 33 complaints.
- District staff (Corporate Services and Protective Services) continue to refine the adjudication process for contested bylaw enforcement ticket disputes. This work is intended to ensure the District has an efficient and effective procedure in place to manage these infrequent matters.

Occupational Health and Safety (OH and S)

- The Occupational Health and Safety Committee reviewed the District's Confined Space Entry Program as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen workplace safety practices.

SUMMARY & CONCLUSION:

Protective Services staff continue operational and team-based training activities throughout the summer months to support TFR readiness. In parallel, preliminary work has commenced on the 2027 budget, alongside ongoing individual professional development initiatives for staff.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Fire Chief

The District of Taylor's guiding principle is "Safety, Family, then Work."