

BYLAW 984-15

A BYLAW OF MACKENZIE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMUNERATING VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS WITHIN MACKENZIE COUNTY

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26 the municipality may pass bylaws respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County is committed to supporting volunteer efforts to protect life and property of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Mackenzie County, wishes to establish remuneration for volunteer firefighters within the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Mackenzie County, in the province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. To establish remuneration for volunteers of fire departments for attending fires, fire practices (includes meetings) and training.
2. Remuneration rates in accordance with Schedule 'A'.
3. A vehicle or vehicle allowance will be provided to the Fire Chiefs. If the Hamlet/Rural Fire hall does not have a Fire Chief then the Deputy Fire Chief will receive a vehicle or vehicle allowance.
4. Volunteer fire fighters are allowed to participate in the County monthly cell phone program; however, they must adhere to the County's Electronic Access and Acceptable Use Policy.
5. Each year Mackenzie County will authorize volunteer fire fighters \$50 toward the purchase of wearing apparel that promotes the fire department. The volunteer must attend a minimum of 6 training events in the last 6 months **to be eligible**.
6. Volunteer members are responsible to supply their hourly information to their Fire Chief or designate as soon as practical after the attendance.
7. Upon receipt of documentation, Honorariums will be paid every 3 months to the Fire Chiefs and fire fighters. Fire fighter attendance records must be received by Mackenzie County administration quarterly (Jan-Mar, Apr-June, July-Sept, Oct-Dec).

8. No payment will be provided to any volunteer if they fail to provide the current year information after January 31st of the following year unless a Council resolution authorizes such payment.
9. Municipal employees shall not be paid remuneration when responding to a call during regular scheduled work hours.
10. If the Fire Chief is a municipal employee and engaging in normal Fire Chief duties during regularly scheduled municipal work hours the monthly flat-rate shall be reduced by 50%.
11. The remuneration rates shall be reviewed by Mackenzie County annually or by request. Such a review may result in an amendment to Schedule 'A'.
12. Bylaw 301/02 is hereby repealed.
13. This Bylaw shall come into effect upon receiving third and final reading.

READ a first time this 25th day of February, 2015.

READ a second time this 25th day of February, 2015.

READ a third time and finally passed this 25th day of February, 2015.

(original signed)

Bill Neufeld
Reeve

(original signed)

Joulia Whittleton
Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule 'A'

Volunteer Fire Fighter Remuneration Rates

Fire Chief	Monthly flat-rate	\$250.00
	Practice	\$ 8.50/hr
	Training	\$ 10.00/hr
	Fire call-out / Investigation / Inspection	\$ 25.00/hr
Deputy Chief	Practice	\$ 8.50/hr
	Training	\$ 10.00/hr
	Fire call-out / Investigation / Inspection	\$ 18.00 /hr
Captains and Lieutenants	Practice	\$ 8.50/hr
	Training	\$ 10.00/hr
	Fire call-out	\$ 16.00/hr
Fire Fighters	Practice	\$ 7.50/hr
	Training	\$ 10.00/hr
	Fire call-out	\$ 10.00/hr with increases of \$1 per course to a maximum of \$14.00/hr