



**MCKENZIE  
CLEARWATER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

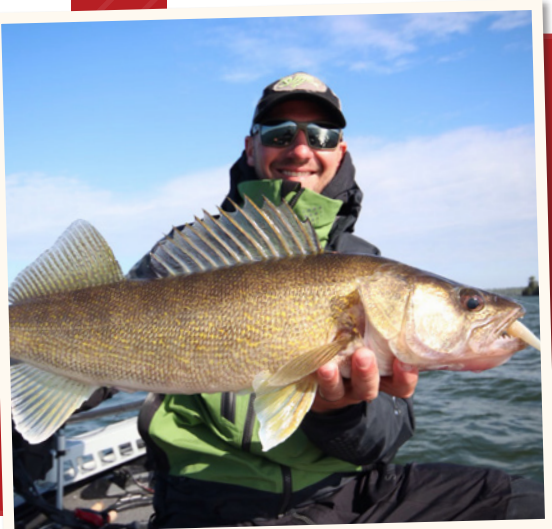
# SPRING NEWSLETTER

## Signs of the past & future

The fire road signs that you may see posted to trees are part of a legacy system that dates back to the 1960s in our area. They were useful to firefighters as guideposts to cottages along unnamed roads. They served a purpose in a general way.

Today, all areas surrounding the McKenzie Clearwater fire district have much more specific signage. There is one number that represents one property only, pinpointing locations in a specific and accurate way. These are the small white-on-blue signs that you see when travelling highways in the region.

This kind of specific signage will be just one aspect of a mapping project that is currently underway. The major multi-year project is in its first phase of execution. The McKenzie Clearwater Fire Department will require major ongoing support to carry the project to completion.



## Win a guided fishing trip with Jeff Gustafson!

Jeff Gustafson, local resident of Inglis Lake, has donated a guided fishing trip on Lake of the Woods. Jeff is a professional bass fisherman, a leading angler in the Bass Master Elite Series, recognized as the highest level of tournament angling in North America. Jeff grew up on the shores of LOTW and has been a guide since he was a teenager.

**Sign up for the MCFD's email list at [bit.ly/mcfd21](https://bit.ly/mcfd21) for your chance to win! Or make a minimum \$100 donation (see back page) and receive 5x the entries!**

*\*If you have a current email address on file with us you'll automatically receive one entry for your chance to win.*

## Volunteers are needed!

Our department consists of 22 volunteers across all age groups and capabilities. Volunteer firefighters and support represent approximately 85% of the fire service.

### There's a job for everyone

- » Fire Fighter
- » Driver/Operator
- » Support Services
- » Health & Safety Officer
- » Maintenance
- » Public Education
- » Media Rep.
- » Administration
- » Board of Directors

For more information contact **Fire Chief Dale Charbonneau** at (204) 797 8387 or email [clearwaterrescue@bellnet.ca](mailto:clearwaterrescue@bellnet.ca).

## Make a difference

We understand that volunteering can take up a lot of time and you might not be able to help when the call goes out. Any amount of time is beneficial—"Many Hands Make Light Work"

2019	<b>7</b> ACTIVE FIRES	<b>25</b> PRACTICE	<b>11</b> FALSE ALARMS	<b>1</b> RESCUE CALLS
	<b>17</b> HWY/VEHICLE EXTRACTION	<b>25</b> MEDICAL CALLS	<b>14</b> DAY BURNING COMPLAINT	<b>7</b> PUBLIC EDUCATION
2020	<b>5</b> ACTIVE FIRES	<b>33</b> PRACTICE	<b>14</b> FALSE ALARMS	<b>3</b> RESCUE CALLS
	<b>15</b> HWY/VEHICLE EXTRACTION	<b>8</b> MEDICAL CALLS	<b>5</b> DAY BURNING COMPLAINT	<b>3</b> PUBLIC EDUCATION

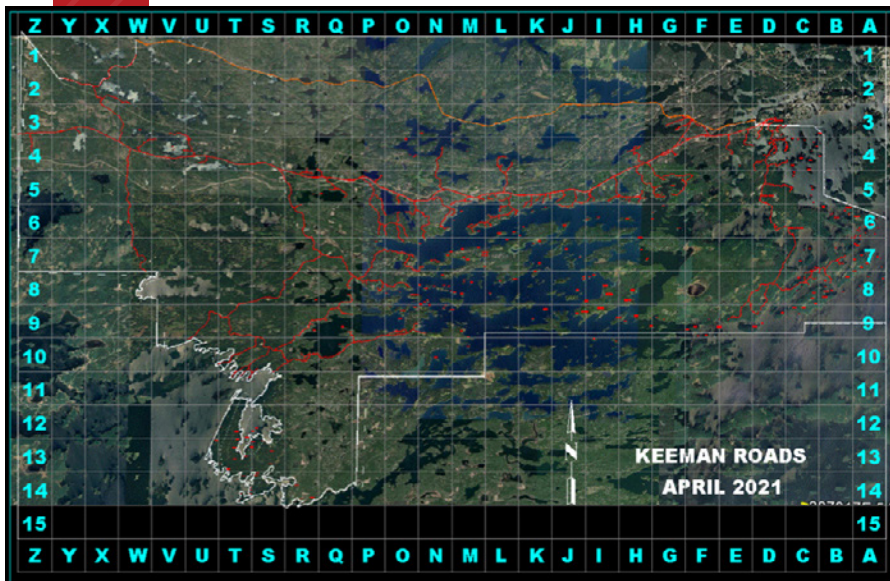
## CFD Mapping Project

The McKenzie Clearwater Fire Department has one of the largest areas to cover for any Fire Department in Canada. The area mainly consists of roads that are private and semi-private, of which few have official record of their existence, and properties have no identifiable address. This makes it difficult for someone calling for Emergency Service to articulate their location accurately and easily. Without an accurate location, Emergency Services can be severely delayed.

The Firehall Board has spent many years raising money for the purpose of mapping the roads and identifying properties so that the public can better articulate their location enabling Emergency Services to arrive at the location as soon as possible.

The Firehall Board has contracted an expert in GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Mapping. Our contractor is nearing the completion of phase I, which is to identify and address all properties and roads in the MCFD catchment area. This includes island properties and properties that are not accessible by road. Addressing follows the Bell Canada standard and is used widely in Ontario.

**To date, 143 roads have been identified with 1,827 properties. 100 roads have been mapped with 43 remaining. The map below shows the roads and properties.**



Phase II will be ground verification. This phase requires us to visually verify every road, record distance to every property entrance, and validate each road name. We expect to start this phase in May with completion in August. We will be using our Firefighters to accomplish this effort. Once this is complete, we will produce digital and paper maps for our Emergency Services.

Some roads have a name, that is, there is a name sign. Many roads have no name, in which case we will name the road with the owner's last name of the last property on the road, unless informed otherwise. We will make our best attempts at contacting property owners, but this is quite difficult as we have no access to property owner contact information. Roads with no name,

can be named by the majority of property owners on the road. We encourage property owners do to this and provide this information to the Firehall—[info@mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca](mailto:info@mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca).

Phase III is the deployment of signs for roads and properties. We will be reaching out to property owners, road associations, and road corporations for support in this endeavour. We will start this phase this fall.

The Firehall Board would like to thank all our donors to the Mapping Project. Your financial support will, without a doubt, help save lives and property.

— David Reid, Chair of the Mapping Project Committee



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## Come out & join us!

**All our practices are open to the public and start at 7:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Bay Fire Hall.** McKenzie Clearwater Fire follows the IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting Curriculum.

### Date Training Schedule 2021

April 12	Chapter 16 – Fire Streams
April 26	Chapter 9 – Structural Search, Victim Removal, and Firefighting Survival
May 10	Water Craft SOG
May 17	Chapter 14 – Water Supply
Jun 7	Chapter 16 – Fire Streams, Chapter 15 – Fire Hose
Jun 21	Chapter 05 – Fire Behaviour
Jul 12	Chapter 12 – Ground Ladders
Jul 26	Chapter 07 – Portable Fire Extinguishers
Aug 9	Chapter 04 – Building Construction
Aug 23	Chapter 17 – Fire Control
Sep 8 – 12	Fire Con Thunder Bay
Sep 13	Chapter 18 – Loss Control
Sep 27	Chapter 10 – Scene Lighting, Rescue Tools, Vehicle Extrication, and Technical Rescue
Oct 18	Auto Extrication GodBouts
Nov 1	Vehicle Operations, Driving Skills
Nov 6	Chapter 03 – Fire Department Communications
Nov 19 – 21	Ice Water Rescue Tech Training 3year
Dec 4 & 5	CPR BLS Training
Dec 20	Chapter 21 – Fire and Life Safety Initiatives
Jan 3, 2022	Chapter 18 – Loss Control

## Check out our new ride!

Last fall, our funding came through from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Northern Fire Protection Program! The MCFD is now the proud owner of this brand new Fire Truck! Quick Fact: the pump, tank and storage compartments are twice as big! With a 1050-gallon pump and 800-gallon tank, pushed by a 300 hp Diesel Automatic Transmission, this fire truck makes our volunteer fire fighters a happy crew!

## Annual Meeting at the Firehall

**Sunday, June 27th at 10:30 a.m.**

MCFD Annual Meeting—open to all residents!  
If public gatherings are NOT permitted, join us by Zoom at [zoom.us/j/91632136141](https://zoom.us/j/91632136141)

Meeting ID: 916 3213 6141

There will be an update following the meeting by your Keeman Local Services Board.



## Donate and help train a volunteer firefighter

In January, 2021, MCFD Board of Directors passed a motion to support one Volunteer Firefighters' training program at Fire College: Level 1 & 2 are offered as a twelve week program. Tuition costs approximately \$5,500, and travel and accommodation for this training is included.

We're succession planning for future positions such as Deputy Chief, Captain and Fire Chief.

Your donations make a difference—visit [mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca](https://mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca) or use the form on the next page!



## Fundraising 2021

Our two major fundraisers for this year have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus. Our Keeman LSB only funds the department for firefighting. Our fundraising efforts cover the cost of highway rescue, for example: jaws of life, water rescue, and first response service, ice rescue and snowmobile rescue. This costs the department approximately \$25,000 a year. Without your donation this year we will not be able to operate these services.

We are also in a major fundraising campaign to support new GEO mapping of all the roads and properties in our area. We have raised approximately \$79,000 for this project at this time. We have had many large donations with several donors' donations over \$10,000 each. McKenzie-Clearwater Fire Department will have all of our 450 roads mapped and have started visually proofing every property on roads and islands. We will then contact all road associations for them to help us name their roads that are not currently named. We are continuing to fundraise for the next major step in putting up road signs and property identification signs.

We ask all non-government road associations to email: [lynnandscottmcaughey@gmail.com](mailto:lynnandscottmcaughey@gmail.com) with a contact for your road.

If you have in the past purchased two tickets for our Annual Barbeque Fundraiser, your cost would have been \$300, with \$140 charitable donation tax receipt. If you donate \$300 you will receive a tax receipt for the full amount. Donations for our mapping project are fully tax deductible. You can donate by filling out this form and mailing in your cheque or go to the McKenzie Clearwater site at [mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca](http://mckenzieclearwaterfire.ca) and donate online with PayPal, debit or credit card.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Water access only:                      Yes                      No

Donation for Rescue & Training: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for Mapping: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Donation: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## Donate now & virtually "fill the boot"

We are a private not-for-profit corporation that can provide you with a tax receipt for any donations we receive. Please help us provide the service that you deserve!



I wish to thank the fine volunteer fire fighters who battled a fire along Rush Bay Rd yesterday afternoon. The call was made to the fire department by a passerby who spotted smoke. As a cottage owner for the past 22 years I appreciate your time and your service in keeping our forest, cottages and family safe. Just a reminder to cottagers and especially visitors to please respect all fire bans & DO dispose of your cigarette butts appropriately. DO NOT throw them out in the brush along the roadways.

My family and I appreciate all that you do. Thanks again and stay safe!

– Louise Braconnier (April 20, 2021)



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