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Chief Mainprize recognized the first team of the Communications Branch comprised of Sharon Phillips-Laidlaw, Ryan MacDonald and Melissa Deneau that were nominated by himself and Deputy Fire Chief Beilby for their efforts associated with a large structure fire on Little Avenue in April, 2018. He described that this fire incident had a large influx of people reporting the emergency, including that people were trapped and required rescue and that the Communications Team had to address many requests from commanding officers throughout the duration of the incident.

Deputy Fire Chief Dawson recognized the second team from the Communications Branch comprised of Ryan MacDonald, Ashlee Hebner and Melissa Deneau who were nominated by the Tay Township Fire Department for their work and assistance at a house fire in January, 2018. She described the fire incident and indicated that six people were in the house and that two were rescued by fire fighters. Deputy Chief Dawson noted that the team worked closely with the Tay Township Fire department to provide support throughout the event.

Chief Mainprize advised that he was pleased to announce that Ryan MacDonald, Communications Officer had received the 2018 Communicator of the Year Award. He indicated that Ryan was nominated by two of his peers who noted that Ryan is someone that you want to work with, that he is very proficient and professional when emergencies take place. Chief Mainprize described two emergency calls that took place in 2018 in which Ryan was a key member of the team dealing with the situation, and noted the amazing job he provided in speaking with a family member to collect valuable information that led to a successful rescue.

Chief Mainprize, Deputy Fire Chief Dawson and Mayor Lehman congratulated Ryan MacDonald on his Award and the Teams for their achievements.

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