

RICHMOND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 23, 2019 7:00 PM

Location: St. Peter's VFD Fire Hall, St. Peter's, NS

Present: Raymond Ferguson, Warden Jason MacLean, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor James Goyetche, Blair Stone, Wallie Owens, Rodney LeBlanc, Don McDonnell, Paul Shears, Quentin Doucette, Cecil Frost, Kelvin MacKay

Departments Missing: L'Ardoise, Framboise-Fourchu, District 10, Loch Lomond

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made around the room.

Review of Minutes from the December 5, 2018 Meeting:

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Rodney LeBlanc. Minutes of December 5th, 2018 meeting adopted as presented.

Items to add to agenda: No items to be added

Moved by Councillor Marchand and seconded by Warden MacLean to adopt agenda as presented.

Business Arising from the December 5, 2018 Meeting:

It was requested that Paul Fraser of Arthur J. Gallagher Canada Limited attend the next meeting and review FD insurance. Carla to contact him.

Fire Marshal's office - new deputy (Martin Page) was appointed which give a full complement for this area.

New Business:

Jason Martell requires FD members covered by Workers' Compensation so he can get paid up.

Individual Fire Departments would like a yearly report of their Accounts. (levy, insurance paid, wcb paid....etc) Motion was made by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Warden MacLean to bring this request to Council. Motion passed.

In the past, Fire Departments would get lists of new residents moving into their areas. This helps in locating addresses for Fire Calls. They would like to continue receiving them. Not sure if Finance or EDPC would supply that information. Motion made by Kelvin MacKay and seconded by Brian Marchand that the Municipality look into this report.

Meetings:

Raymond Ferguson to attend FS Association on Sunday, January 27th, 2019. Major item on the agenda to be discussed is the creation of a Central Dispatch for all fire departments in NS.

Levy money collected by the provincial government goes to FSANS which allows FSANS to put on free courses for its members. Last payout from Provincial Government was November 2017. There is approximately \$350,000 still owed.

FS Association conference will take place from April 13-14 at the Holiday Inn in Truro. The cost is low for this conference and there are always lots of vendors and workshops. Holiday Inn has special rate.

EHS - All ambulances now have new defibrillators. Portable AEDs continue to be rolled out to Fire Departments across the province. L'Ardoise, Louisdale and Isle Madame will be receiving theirs in the next batch.

COURSES:

TMR II - Rodney from IMVFD called to set up a course. His call wasn't returned. Will continue trying.

NAXALONE training will be hosted by Grand River. Anyone interested, please contact Raymond Ferguson.

FULL MODULES - course is coming up in Port Hawkesbury. Reimbursement for this course will be made for 2 students per year from each Fire Department.

NS Power Safety Course - L'Ardoise is looking to host this course. Anyone interested, contact Raymond Ferguson.

MFR - it looks like there are enough firefighters requiring this course to host it somewhere in Richmond.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)- Isle Madame had this course. Said it was worth it.

UPDATES FROM RAYMOND FERGUSON & Round table:

Potlotek has received some new gear.

OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHALL - new deputy (Martin Page) was appointed which give a full complement for this area.

Louisdale FD would like to drop Point Tupper from its area of responsibility. It is still being negotiated.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2019

Adjournment:

There being no further business Warden MacLean moved that the meeting be adjourned, Kelvin MacKay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.