

**RICHMOND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2019 7:00 PM**

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

Present: Warden Jason MacLean,  
Mr. Raymond Ferguson, Mr. Blair Stone,  
Mr. Don MacDonnell, Mr. Terence Terrio,  
Mr. Paul Shears, Mr. Darryl Johnson  
Mr. Scott Magdy

Regrets: Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor James Goyetche

Absent: Isle Madame, Louisdale, L'Ardoise, Grand River, Framboise/Forchu,  
Loch Lomond. Chapel Island.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Mr. Peter Fraser of Arthur J. Gallagher Canada Limited reviewed the 2018 Fire Department Insurance Program. It was noted that another date for review would also be scheduled due to the number of missing members. The following were additional insurances options available to the departments:

- Storage Tank Liability Coverage (not currently addressed under the program)
- Directors/ Officers Liability Insurance
- Cyber Liability Insurance

Call to Order:

Chairperson, Raymond Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked if there were any items to be added.

Items Added:

There were no items added to the agenda.

Moved by Paul Shears, seconded by Warden MacLean that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

## Review of Minutes: January 23, 2019

Moved by Blair Stone, seconded by Warden MacLean, that the minutes of January 23, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

### Business Arising Minutes:

It was noted that MFR training continues and that the Isle Madame Fire Department is currently being trained on a new AED. It was also noted that next Tuesday, February 26, 2019, ZOLL Training will take place in L'Ardoise in addition to 2 modules of MFR. (Other departments are welcome to attend).

### New Business

- Isle Madame Fire Department is continuing to look for a TMR2 course in the area;
- Fire Services Association meeting was held in Brookfield at the end of January 2019 and discussions revolved around establishing a standardized dispatch system across the province so that all dispatchers read from the same book;
- Fire Department members are taking the full MFR Course and the department is not a recognized agent of EHS. The modules being put on by the Province are not being recognized;
- Medical Control Doctor, Andrew Travers will attend the next mutual aid meeting to explain why the MFR modules are not being recognized;
- April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn in Truro and there are a block of rooms held under FSANS with a \$119/night rate;
- Applications for the Conference should be out by the end of the month;
- EHS Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2019 in Dartmouth;
- The Municipal CFO, Jason Martell will release the levy's once the information is received by all fire departments;
- Grand River Fire Department paid WCB in 2017 but not in 2018;
- Louisdale, District 10, Loch Lomond and L'Ardoise pay WC;
- Workers Compensation is costly but is now offering benefits for PTSD which is beneficial for first responders. Changes to the Act were made in October 2018 recognizing this as a workplace injury;
- The question of the Public Works Budget paying for minor maintenance on fire hydrants instead of individual departments was raised;
- The fire hydrant off of the Lower River Road and one in McNabb's are not functioning properly;
- Dry hydrants need to be accessible year round.

It was noted that Yvonne would speak to the Director of Public Works, Chris Boudreau regarding the possibility in attaining a regular fire hydrant near the sewer plant in Lower River. It was also noted that the Church and Hall are there and there is no water on that side of the river and the closest one is quite a distance away towards the Old Evanston Road.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Next Meeting:

It was the consensus of the Committee that the next meeting date be scheduled for April 17, 2019.

It was noted that on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2 PM there would be a Search and Rescue Meeting held at the Monastery Search & Rescue Hall.

Adjournment:

Moved by Blair Stone, seconded by Terence Terrio that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

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