

RICHMOND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 14, 2019 7:00 PM

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

Present: Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor James Goyetche, Councillor Jason MacLean, Mr. Raymond Ferguson, Mr. Blair Stone, Mr. Trevor Snowdon, Mr. Terence Terrio, Mr. Douglas Morrison, Ms Sarah Morrison, Mr. Paul Shears, Mr. Rodney LeBlanc, Mr. Kelvin MacKay, Mr. Don McDonnell

Absent: Louisdale, L'Ardoise, Framboise/Forchu, Loch Lomond, District 10, Chapel Island.

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:

1. Dry Hydrants.
2. Maps.

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

Review of Minutes: February 19, 2019

Moved by Rodney LeBlanc, seconded by Kelvin MacKay, that the minutes of February 19, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Business Arising Minutes:

Paul Shears noted that it's been 3 months since hydrants were requested for the Sewer plant in Evanston. Paul sent letter as requested, with his list of needed dry hydrants. He has not received any reply. Dry Hydrant request for Cleveland

New Business

- Investigation is ongoing into the fire extinguisher that caused the fatality at the fire school. Meanwhile, that type of fire extinguisher has been taken out of service at the fire school.
- The fire marshal has sent info packs to all fire chiefs. If your department has not received it, please notify Raymond.
- New Chief in Louisdale: Aaron Marchand, Deputy: Evan Marchand.
- Online list of departments and contacts needs to be updated.
- Local assistant course (4hr) will be held in Guysborough and Pictou (June 1). Bring copy of fire act of NS.
- Municipal Affairs is being contacted by FSANS to lobby for a Dispatch standard resolution.
- Emergency Services Provider Fund
- First responder organizations can apply for funding from the Emergency Services Provider Fund (ESPF) to buy emergency response equipment. The fund provides up to 75% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$20,000. Organizations can only receive funding once every 3 years. You can apply until 21 June 2019 for 2019 to 2020 program funding. Put link on the website.....<http://www.richmondcounty.ca/services/fire-department/fire-department-documents-minutes.html>
- Heavy Rescue Course - Lyle Donovan from Victoria County. Any Richmond County fire departments who are interested in attending, contact Raymond. This will be a joint training with Victoria, Inverness and Richmond. To take place in late October.
- Fire services association is concerned that RCMP are looking to move their Emergency Call Centre from Truro to Burnside (Dartmouth). FSANS feels that putting two centres (Halifax Regional Police call centre) in same location is dangerous in case of an outage in that area. FSANS sent a letter to RCMP opposing that move.
- EHS steering committee meeting (April 9). Extra large blood pressure cuffs are coming. Defibrillators are still being distributed.
- Patient Care Reports - Changing for items that don't have to be included will make them easier to fill out. EPI pens are being carried in some departments. Only 9 out of 210 calls that were audited for Cardiac Arrests had PCRs that were complete.
- First responders are not to do lift assists for patients coming back from hospital.
- Next FSANS meeting - 26 May 2019
- Water Relay Mutual Aid June 22-23- Port Hastings
- Fire Marshal assist course June 1 in Inverness.

Items Added to the Agenda

Dry Hydrants and who should pay for them was discussed. Warden Marchand is looking for suggestions on how to pay for them. He suggested using some of the \$750,000 collected through the fire levy. That was met with some resistance. The dry hydrant in Cleveland is not working.

Carla to check if any funding available for dry hydrants.

Warden Marchand brought up the fact that area rates vary widely across all the fire departments. Some fire departments have to fund raise while other fire departments don't need to, and that is not acceptable.

The cost of new equipment, training etc is prohibitive for some departments. ie Grand River has been saving money to replace equipment that is over 40 years old. It was noted that they can come to the Municipality for a letter of guarantee for a loan any time.

Old equipment should be shared with other departments.

MAPS: Blair Stone pointed out a map on the wall that shows St. Peter's area. He got it from EDPC. Wanted to let other departments know that they can get maps there as well.

Next Meeting:

It was the consensus of the Committee that the next meeting date be scheduled for June 18, 2019.

Adjournment:

Moved by Rodney LeBlanc, seconded by Paul Shears that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:
