

RICHMOND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 18, 2019 7:00 PM

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

Present: Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor Jason MacLean, Mr. Raymond Ferguson, Mr. Blair Stone, Mr. Trevor Snowdon
Mr. Terence Terrio, Mr. Douglas Morrison, Mr. Paul Shears, Mr. Kelvin MacKay, Mr. Aaron Marchand, Mr. Evan Marchand, Mr. Quentin Doucette.

Absent: L'Ardoise, Loch Lomond, District 10.

Call to Order:

Chairperson, Raymond Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and asked if there were any items to be added.

Items Added:

1. Levy standardization.

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

Review of Minutes: May 14, 2019

Moved by Terrence Terrio, seconded by Kelvin MacKay, that the minutes of May 14, 2019 be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Heavy Rescue Course will take place in late October. Victoria, Inverness and Richmond to split cost. \$5000 per county. Contact Raymond if interested.

New Business

- Investigation is ongoing into the fire extinguisher that caused the fatality at the fire school. Business is continuing as usual at the Fire school.

- Discussion re: standardizing levies across the county, no fund raising for fire departments, letting the County have more input and make more decisions.
- Money has been put aside for a consultant to do a plan for the county.
- Suggested that dry hydrants be addressed asap since it can only be done before cold weather.
- New Emergency Management Coordinator for the county. Adam King.
- FDIC Conference - NS Power safety demo. Offered to come in to do demo for our departments.
- Fire Marshal online reports was up and running but security hacks have required a double check on the website.
- FSANS - Change of Directors & Executive. Annual meeting takes place in October in Waverly. President Jim Roper - term is up. Daniel Gaudet will be the new president.
- FSANS Conference in Truro - May 2019 had a record number of attendees. Next year it will take place on May 2-3, 2020 in Truro. New venue may be required.
- Insurance Levy is working well now to cover cost for free courses at the fire school. Visit their website to see what courses are coming up. <https://fireschool.ca/>. There is currently \$400,000 in the levy reserve.
- A Vehicle Extrication Course is being held at ST Peter's Fire Dept on Sept 7 & 8. Covered by FSANS.
- The North American Vehicle Rescue Competition will be held on Aug 20-24 at Dartmouth Crossing. New Vehicle Tech, Best practices, \$30 per person (contact Raymond)
- Emera is sponsoring stuffed animals as comfort for accident victims. Pick them up at St P FD. Keep a few in your vehicle.
- Water Relay Mutual Aid June 22-23- Port Hastings
- Fire Marshal assist course June 1 in Inverness.
- Letter of Recommendation re Dispatch to be sent to municipal affairs.

Items Added to the Agenda - was discussed during the meeting.

Next Meeting:

It was the consensus of the Committee that the next meeting date be scheduled for September 11, 2019.

Adjournment:

Moved by Kelvin MacKay, seconded by Brian Marchand that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Carla Martell