

Richmond County VFD Chief Meeting @ St. Peter's Fire Hall

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 @ 1900hrs

Meeting Minutes

In attendance	Richmond County EMO/ESC – Steve Marcellus St. Peter's - Blair Stone, Louisdale - Aaron Marchand, West Bay - Paul Shears, Framboise/Fourchu - Douglas Morrison, Sherry Morrison, Chapel Island - Quinton Doucette, Isle Madame – Cody Forest, Grand River – Kelvin MacKay, Loch Lomond – Lorne Budden, Dave Mayich, Red Islands – Scott Magdy, SAMAA – Mark Skinner Guest – Jim Prince VFIS
Regrets	St. Peter's - Marvin MacLean, Louisdale – Brendon Landry, West Bay – Evan Fougere, Chapel Island – Wayne Johnson, Isle Madame – Nathan Boudreau, Rodney LeBlanc, Grand River – Wayne Collet, Loch Lomond – Colin MacPherson, L'Ardoise – Stanley Sampson, David MacLeod, Red Islands – Scott Magdy, Peter Campbell

1. Call to Order – 1903hrs
2. Guest – Jim Prince VFIS Coverage
 - a. Spoke about a change from the current coverage \$300/\$700 and \$100000 Death Benefit to a \$300/\$300 and \$150000 Death benefit.
 - i. Take back to members and let Steve know of the potential change
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to adopt by Lorne Budden, 2nd by Paul Shears
4. Old Business
 - a. Insurance Renewal
 - i. Please ensure that these documents are sent in either to me or direct to Peter Fraser
 - b. St. Peter's boat launch proposal info/history?
 - i. **This item is to be moved to the Fire Protection Services Committee Meetings for continuation.**
 - ii. Follow up with Blair Pardy (902) 733-3500 – Field Unit Superintendent, Parks Canada - Baddeck
 - c. Automatic Aid for tankers
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 - ii. This needs to be discussed with Dispatch (CANSO, CBRM)
 - d. Contact Info update
 - i. Share dept list in whatever format you can. Steve is looking to put together a list by dept on who has what and what skills they have (both inside the depts and outside for regular work)
 - e. Asset Lists
 - i. Asking for each dept to share their updated info with me?
 - ii. Apparatus, etc. (anything that is a major item)
 - iii. Apparatus Maintenance Logs/Pump testing
 - iv. SCBA Certifications
 - v. Planned Replacements and expected life cycles?
 - vi. CFO may have this?
 - f. Committee Meetings?

- i. What Committees are there and what Committees should there be?
 1. Fire Chief Meeting (3rd Wednesday each Month)
 2. Fire Protection Services Committee (FPSC) (Chair Councilor Diggdon)
 3. Fire Chief Coordinating Committee?
 4. ***EAC – Emergency Advisory Committee?
 5. MEMAC – Municipal Emergency Management Advisory Committee
 6. MEMPC – Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee
 - a. MEMAC and MEMPC should be joined?
- ii. How often should they meet?
- iii. Who should sit on them, etc.?

5. Funding

- a. This item is to be discussed at the Fire Protection Services Committee Meetings as well.
- b. Fire Levy
 - i. Equal rate? What could it be (range from \$0.10 to \$0.16)
 - ii. Place \$0.01-\$0.02 from the more populated areas aside for assistance of the less fortunate? What would this mean?

6. Standing Items (Discussion points)

- a. **Recommendations
 - i. How do we look after / assist one another?
 - ii. How to overcome hurdles (what stands in the way?)
- b. Training
 - i. What is needed and who usually provides it?
 - ii. Let me know when you are training and if you want me to attend. That goes for meetings as well.
- c. Safety
 - i. Ensuring equipment is tested, inspected and ready for use.

7. Round Table Discussion

- a. Steve
 - i. NSEMO Session – follow up from FIONA
 - ii. Unama'ki Emergency Managers Gathering (5 Indigenous Communities)

8. Next meeting date - January 18th, 2023

9. Motion to adjourn by Lorne Budden, 2nd by Aaron Marchand