

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

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 1900hrs

## Meeting Minutes

<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Richmond County</b> – Steve Marcellus <b>St. Peter's</b> - Blair Stone, Marvin MacLean, <b>Louisdale</b> - Aaron Marchand, <b>West Bay</b> - Paul Shears, <b>Framboise/Fourchu</b> - Douglas Morrison, <b>Chapel Island</b> - Quinton Doucette	<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Grand River</b> <b>L'Ardoise</b> <b>Loch Lomond</b> <b>Red Islands</b> <b>Isle Madame</b>
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1. Call to Order – 1900hrs
2. Introductions
  - a. Steve Marcellus introduced himself
3. Expectations
  - a. Partnership is a two-way street; Steve will communicate as much as possible and in return expects follow up from the group, so everyone is on the same page.
  - b. If there are problems, bring helpful solutions.
  - c. Ask for help when needed and don't expect miracles overnight.
4. Outstanding Items
  - a. St. Peter's Boat launch
    - i. Still looking for a letter of support for launching on the Ocean side of the canal.
    - ii. Steve looking for the history of the request. Parks Canada had letters sent, hoping Blair can provide some info.
    - iii. Bottom of Toulouse Street was location identified.
  - b. Automatic Aid for tankers
    - i. Confirmed Structure fire or brush fire, the tankers from all surrounding areas should be automatically sent.
    - ii. Dependent on area (hydrants on water mains vs. dry hydrants vs. the need to draft)
5. Contact Info update
  - a. 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)

## 6. Insurance Renewal discussion

- a. Group policy is probably the best for the best rate. A little late to shop it around as Steve doesn't have all dept info.
- b. Plan is to shop it around to more brokers by Q2-Q3 2023 to get the best rate with all combined. Framboise/Fourchu and L'Ardoise are the only ones opting out now. St. Peter's has a separate boat insurance policy.
- c. I will follow up with

## 7. Post FIONA follow up

- a. Communication post storm/event when out in the area, either just out and about or running calls, what do you see, any issues that need to be dealt with?
- b. Communities are great they just rally and pitch in and get assistance to those who need it.
- c. Very little has come my way for issues, financial assistance forms are available both hard copy and electronic on a variety of sites.

## 8. Dept Needs (these will be a standing item for discussions)

- a. Future directions/Sustainability
  - i. Recruitment/retention
    1. Enticing the youth and getting the return on investment.
  - ii. Training
    1. Levels needed (what is the minimum to be effective?)
      - a. Qualified vs. certified
    2. Costs
      - a. From start to finish for a new firefighter?
      - b. Maintenance?
      - c. Additional/above the minimum?

## 9. Recommendations

- a. How to overcome hurdles (what stands in the way?)
  - i. Council
  - ii. Funding
  - iii. Area of response (travel times)
- b. How can we assist one another?

## 10. Asset Lists

- a. Need accurate lists to know what and when replacements are needed.

- 11.Planned Replacements and expected life cycles?
- 12.Bulk buying power
  - a. Fuel oil
  - b. PPE
  - c. Apparatus?
  - d. Insurance
  - e. Utilities?
- 13.Committee Meetings?
  - a. What Committees are there?
  - b. How often should they meet?
  - c. Who should sit on them?
- 14.Next meeting date: November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - a. Meetings every third Wednesday at the St. Peter's VFD
- 15.Adjournment