



Fire Protection Services Committee Meeting

April 15, 2026

Location: St. Peter's VFD

Present: Steve Marcellus, Emergency Services Coordinator
Louisdale VFD – Chief Marchand
District 10 VFD – Chief Scott Magdy
Grand River VFD – Chief Wayne Collet
St. Peter's VFD – Chief Marv MacLean, Deputy Chief Kieschnick
Isle Madame VFD – Deputy Chief Forest
L'Ardoise VFD – Chief Steeves, Deputy Chief Collet
Loch Lomond VFD – Deputy Chief Budden
West Bay Road – Chief Malcolm, Deputy Chief Shears (chair)

Council: Warden Lois Landry, Councillor Brian Marchand

Regrets: District 10 VFD
Framboise/Fourchu VFD
Chapel Island
CAO Troy MacCulloch

Call to Order

Chair Deputy Chief Paul Shears called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Review of Minutes, November 26, 2026

Moved by Chief Steeves, seconded by Deputy Chief Collet, that the minutes be approved.

Motion carried.

Items to add to the agenda

a) Allen J. MacEachern Port Hawkesbury Airport

Special presentation – Dan and Luc Leblanc from Leblanc EVT (attend twice/year – Jan – April is service, July-August is flow testing and ladders)

Old Business

- a) Boat Launch
 - Letter was received from Julie Debrusin and there was a meeting that the Warden attended with St. Peter's VFD, Parks Canada, Mi'kmaq elder and an archeologist. All discussions seem to have this continuing to move along
 - One quote in and waiting on one more.
- b) Dry Hydrants
 - The new policy passed on April 14, 2026, Bylaw and Policy meeting accounting for any dry hydrant installation since January 1, 2024.
- c) Fire Services
 - RFP opened April 9th, deadline for questions is May 4th and closes May 7th.
- d) Training Courses
 - Isle Madame – planning RIT Training (\$500/member) contact for more information
 - MFR – April 20, 2026 – St. Peter's
 - NSFS
 - Due to the closure, there will be no more updates.
 - Wayne Skinner and Jordan MacRitchie have completed their Proboard Level 1 Instructor course.
- e) EDPC – Mapping/Roadways
 - They are going through an organizational review, must wait for follow-up.
- f) FSANS
 - Chief Forest provided info from the Annual Conference and update on the standards committee.
 - Next BOD meeting scheduled May 31st
- g) Train Centre Concept/Support
 - No further discussion currently as it is not budgeted
- h) Insurance

- Discussion about having the remaining two departments join the bulk policy, Framboise was not in attendance.
- i) VFD Draft Registration
 - Request to resend the spreadsheet – maybe one completed with previous years items in it – more user friendly.
- j) ESPF – Emergency Service Provider Fund
 - Unsuccessful application
- k) Junior Firefighter Program
 - Leaving it with local department level on if they wish to

New business

- a) FSANS Registrations
 - Discussion was had that the county will not be paying for this moving forward.
- b) VFD boundaries
 - Discussion on the CBRM portion that Loch Lomond VFD has been responding to and the West Bay Road area of Louisdale VFD took place.
 - Recommendation for Louisdale to resume coverage for their full area was presented.
- c) FDIC Atlantic – June 5-7
 - Registration is open for those wishing to participate. HOTT courses fill up fast.
- d) Sub-committees
 - Discussion to set up some sub-committees (Chair/Deputy Chair and 2 Chief's) to start discussing the future of the fire service in Richmond County – Capital purchasing, bulk buying, etc.
- e) County Fire Skid
 - Discussion was had on where this may be housed, St. Peter's VFD is getting a new pick up and would have the space.

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- a) Allen J. MacEachern Port Hawkesbury Airport
 - Discussion took place on the statements made at the April 14th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.