

RICHMOND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 30, 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, Ms Esther McDonnell, Mr. Don McDonnell, Mr. Paul Shears, Mr. Kelvin MacKay, Mr. Terence Terrio, Mr Darryl Johnson, Ms Sarah Morrison, Mr Douglas Morrison, Adam King (EMC), Constable Dave Hart, Jim Prince VFIS/JP Financial.

Absent: L'Ardoise, Loch Lomond, Isle Madame, Louisdale, Potlotek

Call to Order:

Chairperson, Raymond Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:04pm a round of introductions followed.

Due to travel time Jim Prince from VFIS/JP Financial was introduced and proceeded to give a presentation on the Fire Department Insurance Policy as it is currently coming due. He is happy to present to your individual fire department or answer any questions. Call him at 902 567-3995. Files: Volunteer Firefighter Member Family Assistance Solutions document can be found on www.richmondcounty.ca/fire-department.html (bottom of page click on Fire Department Documents)

Items Added:

No items added.

Moved by Warden Marchand, seconded by Mr. Douglas Morrison that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: September 25, 2019

Moved by Warden Marchand, seconded by Mr. Douglas Morrison that the minutes of September 25, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Updates from Councillor Jason MacLean:

- Fire Hydrant at sewer plant in Evanston would cost approx \$60000

- Letter of support for new boat Launch on Parks Canada land: Motion made that letter be sent to Parks Canada. Motion made by Councillor Jason MacLean, seconded by Terence Terrio. Motion carried.
- TIR - should be included in our next meeting.
- EMO meeting to be included TIR, EHO, Fire Departments & warming center representatives.
- Constable Dave Hart would like to be included in EMO meetings.
- TMR radio should be at RCMP station.

CRTC letter - who is responsible to contact CRTC re Cell and landline outages especially in Framboise/Fourchu and Grand River area.

Mr Paul Shears wants to know when dry hydrants will be addressed? Had to haul water from 6km away for a fire just lately because dry hydrant was not available. Who from Municipality can deal with Dept of Environment to get dry hydrant completed.

Fire Services Consultant (Bruce Morrison from Goudreault and Assoc) to conduct fire services review.

Motion to council. Mr. Paul Shears moves that council meets to get funding to install/repair dry hydrants. Seconded by Mr. Blair Stone.

New Business:

- There is a new vendor for Motorola radios. Kenwood Radios Before buying radios ensure they can be programmed to our channels.
- FSANS - Daniel Gaudet is the new president.
- EHS Stakeholders - Medical First Response
 - recognize fire departments that have successfully worked on Cardiac Arrest patients.
 - Some AEDs may be exchanged to download information
 - XL BP Cuffs - not may departments have applied
 - New patient reports are out. Use old stock before using the new forms distributed.
 - When paramedics arrived, require: Time CPR initiated, BP, pulse and respiration rate.
 - Random audits are continuing. One audit per dept per year.
 - Patient reports (PCR) should be sent in more frequently than monthly.
 - EPI pens - not really allowed to carry yet. If used, need good vitals.
 - DNR - if DNR then hands off. Unless asked to continue with care
 - ASA program - allows first responders to carry ASA in their packs.
 - Dept response level cannot be changed except by fire chief
 - Kendrick Extrication Device - not to be used anymore. Send back to EHS.
- Constable Dave Hart RCMP - is available to do Narcan presentation for fire departments
- TMR radios - Raymond Ferguson to check if cheap radios are available. Grand River and West Bay are interested.

- Ms. Esther McDonnell attended Help the Helpers conference in Antigonish. Very good conference. More departments should attend. See the documents section of the Fire Department page on our website to see the booklet for the conference.
- Mr. Paul Shears would like to know the proper process to increase the area rate. Need to submit AGM minutes after holding public meeting.

Next Meeting:

It was the consensus of the Committee that the next meeting date be scheduled for November 27, 2019.

Adjournment:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Carla Martell