

RICHMOND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 27, 2019 7:00 PM

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

Present: Warden Brian Marchand, Mr. Raymond Ferguson, Mr. Blair Stone, Mr. Don McDonnell, Mr. Paul Shears, Mr. Kelvin MacKay, Mr. Terence Terrio, Mr. Adam King (EMC), Sargeant Darryl MacMullan, Mr. Aaron Marchand, Mr. Evan Marchand.

Absent: L'Ardoise, Loch Lomond, Isle Madame, District 10, Potlotek

Call to Order:

Chairperson, Raymond Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Items Added:

Fire Services Review - data request from consultant.
Emergency Preparedness Collaboration Forum.

Moved by Warden Marchand, seconded by Mr. Paul Shears that the agenda be accepted as amended. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: October 30, 2019

Moved by Warden Marchand, seconded by Mr. Terence Terrio that the minutes of October 30, 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Mr Paul Shears re Dry Hydrant - received Environment information from Chris Boudreau. Warden Marchand indicated that they want to wait until the Fire Services Review is complete and also needs to be addressed during budgeting. Mr Paul Shears indicated that he was tired of waiting, that if another emergency comes up where that dry hydrant is not available, he will be going to the media. Warden Marchand moved that a motion be made in council to ensure money is put aside in budget to address dry hydrants. Motion to council. Mr. Paul Shears moves that council meets to get funding to install/repair dry hydrants. Seconded by Mr. Blair Stone.

- Mr. Raymond Ferguson checked on TMR Radio availability from Paul Maynard (Province). None are available right now
- TIR responded to Mr Jason MacLean's email re no response during hurricane Dorian. They said that all calls were being referred to the provincial EMO center. EMC Adam King indicated that if problems arrive, to contact him as he is in constant contact with the Provincial EMO.
- Motion was made at last meeting requesting a Letter by council be sent to Parks Canada in support of a new boat launch on the Parks Canada side of the Canal in St. Peter's. Has this been done?

New Business:

- Mr. Raymond Ferguson attended the FSANS meeting on November 24, 2019. There was discussion re WCB bill. All volunteer firefighters are to be covered by WCB. Ground search and rescue and brushfires will be covered. More details will come.
- FSANS - Meeting minutes from FSANS is sent to all Fire Departments so Mr. Raymond Ferguson did not go into detail about the meeting.
- Mr. Raymond Ferguson attended EHS Stakeholders meeting. Notes will be emailed to all Fire Departments.
- RCMP will be holding a checkpoint at the St. Peter's detachment with MADD. Fire fighters are welcome to take part. Friday, November 29, 2019 from 3:30pm-4:30pm.
- MFR Course - Ms. Esther MacDonnell will be holding a MFR course on January 10-11-12, 2020. Location to be determined. Grand River has 5, West Bay has 2. To be registered: Call 902 535-2013 or 902 631-2966 to reserve spots. email: dcmme@hotmail.com
- John Green, fire department member has passed away. Mr. Terence Terrio indicated that there may be a service that Fire fighters should attend. No details yet.
- Mr. Raymond Ferguson requested that an alternate be named for the FSANS committee in case he cannot attend. Mr. Adam King volunteered.

Items Added:

Fire Services Review - data request from consultant. - Discussion re the amount of data being requested by the Fire Services Review Consultant. Fire Departments present do not want to complete the spreadsheets due to the sheer volume of data requested. Some can't even open the spreadsheets. Fire Departments present at the meeting, plus District 10 and Isle Madame FD have indicated they will not be filling out the forms.

Emergency Preparedness Collaboration Forum. - Held November 26, 2019 at the Louisdale Lions Den. Attendees indicated that it was well worth attending and indicated that the fact that Municipal Councillors were not in attendance was disappointing.

Next Meeting:

It was the consensus of the Committee that the next meeting date be scheduled for January 22, 2020.

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