



Fire Protection Services Committee Meeting

February 25th, 2026 @ 1900hrs - St. Peter's

VFD Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes.**
- 3. Items to be added to the agenda**
- 4. Old Business updates**
 - a. Boat Launch
 - b. Dry hydrants
 - c. Fire Services
 - d. Training courses
 - e. Mapping
 - f. FSANS
 - g. Training Centre Concept/Support
 - h. Insurance Renewal
 - i. VFD Registration (draft)
 - j. Cost renumeration
 - k. ESPF Grant
- 5. New business**
 - a. Junior Firefighter program opportunities
 - b. Consultant – Special meeting motion
 - c. 2025 call stats
 - d. 2026/2027 registration and draft registration
 - e. Deputy Chair position
 - f. Point Tupper
- 6. Items that were added to the agenda.**
- 7. Round Table**
- 8. Next meeting date – TBD – April 22nd**
- 9. Adjournment**



Richmond County Fire Services Special Meeting

November 22nd, 2025 @ 0830hrs - St. Peter's VFD

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Items**
 - a. Fire Services Review
 - b. FPSC TOR – Terms of Reference
 - c. VFD Registration (draft)
 - d. Cost Renumeration for consumables, etc.
 - e. ESPF – Emergency Services Provider Fund
- 3. Adjournment**



Special Fire Service Meeting

November 22, 2025

Location: St. Peter's VFD

Present: **County Staff** Steve Marcellus, Emergency Services Coordinator
Katheen Jeffrey, CFO
Troy MacCulloch, CAO

Council Warden Lois Landry

Fire Departments:

St. Peter's	Chief Blair Stone Deputy Chief Marvin MacLean Blaise Sampson
Isle Madame	Chief Nathan Boudreau Deputy Chief Forest
L'Ardoise	Chief Darrell Steeves Deputy Chief Glen Groom
Loch Lomond District 10	Chief David Mayich Chief Scott Magdy Gail Johnson
West Bay Road	Chief Paul Shears Deputy Chief Bradley Malcolm
Framboise/Fourchu	Chief Alex MacLeod Deputy Chief Gary Cowan Sarah Morrison Brian Watson
Grand River Louisdale	Deputy Chief Bill McCormack Chief Aaron Marchand

Call to Order

Chair Chief Paul Shears called the meeting to order at 8:39 am.

Presentation

Warden Landry provided a presentation to the committee and members of the fire departments on Fire Protective Services in Richmond County. Discussion took place on the future of the Fire Service and issues moving forward and use of a consultant to conduct an audit across all departments in Richmond County.



Motion was made by Chief David Mayich and seconded by Chief Nathan Boudreau that the Fire Protection Services committee recommend that Council include in its budget deliberations, funding from the Operating Budget be allocated to retain the professional services of a qualified consultant AND THAT the consultant be engaged, in consultation with Fire Services Protection Committee, to conduct a comprehensive Fire Services Equipment Audit across all departments, including:

1. An assessment of equipment, apparatus, and stations currently in use; and
2. Identification of the equipment and resources required to bring all departments to a consistent, modern, and regulation-aligned standard.

AND THAT the consultant be directed to prepare a final report and master plan summarizing findings and recommendations, to be presented at both the Fire Protection Services Committee and Council for consideration. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Fire Protection Services Committee Meeting

November 26, 2025

Location: St. Peter's VFD

Present: Steve Marcellus, Emergency Services Coordinator
St. Peter's VFD – Chief Stone (Deputy Chair)
Isle Madame VFD – Deputy Chief Forest
L'Ardoise VFD – Chief Steeves, Deputy Chief Groom
Loch Lomond VFD – Chief Mayich, Deputy Chief Budden
District 10 – Chief Magdy
West Bay Road – Chief Shears (Chair) and Deputy Chief Malcolm
Chapel Island – Deputy Chief Doucette
CAO Troy MacCulloch

Council: Warden Lois Landry, Councillor Brian Marchand

Regrets: Louisdale VFD
Grand River VFD
Framboise/Fourchu VFD

Call to Order

Chair Chief Paul Shears called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Review of Minutes, September 17, 2025

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Chief Magdy, that the minutes be approved.

Motion carried.

Items to add to the agenda

- a) Gallagher Insurance – Peter Fraser spoke at the beginning of the meeting to respect his time and travel.
- b) Mutual Aid Agreements
- c) NSFS Representative
- d) FSANS Alternate Director

Old Business



- a) Boat Launch
 - Another letter was sent to MP Battiste and Minister of Environment Dabrusin
 - Motion was made by Chief Stone and seconded by Deputy Chief Budden to have council draft another letter to the Minister in support of having the launch installed. **Motion carried.**
- b) Dry Hydrants
 - Discussion took place where the Chair gave background information on what has occurred over the past few years and where the draft policy resides. Deputy Chief Forest spoke on the need for it to be a county asset.
 - Before further discussions, the policy needs to be addressed.
 - Councillor Marchand discussed having a pool of all money and the committee allocating it appropriately.
- c) Fire Services
 - Discussion was had on the follow up of the Special meeting – November 22nd. Codie addressed the dry hydrants again.
- d) Training Courses
 - Isle Madame
 - Emergency Driver Training – May 2026
 - Extrication Training
 - MFR
 - SAMAA to have a presentation from Sustainable Solutions – December 2nd as well as provide a course update.
 - NSFS
 - Level 1 Hybrid Course – January 2026
 - Classes A & B to allow some flexibility
 - CBRM to offer 3 level 1 courses starting in January 2026
- e) EDPC – Mapping/Roadways
 - Deputy Chief Doucette is going to provide hydrant mapping for Chapel Island. Also, they received a fire skid from Global Medic.



- Culvert on Little Passage Road has been replaced. Work done by Peter Covin, question on if it was stamped by an engineer.
- Letter received from the Province, Irish Cove Road has been maintained which will allow emergency vehicles to get through (will not be opened to the public), Stirling Road will be addressed later. Warden to follow up April/May 2026.
- f) TOR
 - Motion was made by Chief Stone and seconded by Deputy Chief Forest to have the TOR tabled for a new discussion when appropriate in 2026.
Motion carried.
- g) FSANS
 - Next BOD meeting scheduled December 7th
 - Lots going on regarding the Governance Review and Fire Training Advisory Committee.
- h) Train Centre Concept/Support
 - Seems to be moving along nicely with discussions being had with other agencies for use/needs.
- i) Airport
 - Awaiting formal response to inquiries.
- j) Insurance renewal emails have gone out
 - Peter Fraser was in attendance to review and answer questions regarding the policy.
- k) VFD Draft Registration – no discussion.
- l) Communication/Dispatching
 - Discussion was had on having the Emergency Services Coordinator be added to the paging/dispatching of all departments. The majority were not in support.
- m) Cost Renumeration
 - Discussion took place on what this might look like and how to approach it with insurance companies, etc.



- n) ESPF – Emergency Service Provider Fund
 - o Application was submitted by the County - \$200,000
 - i. Drone and license training, Side by side with fire skid, structural protection kits, respirator fit tester

New business

- a) Gallagher Insurance – Peter Fraser – Presentation took place at the beginning of the meeting.
- b) Mutual Aid agreement discussion took place that they need to be revised.
- c) NSFS Representative – Chief Steeves spoke that there are continued discussions and changes at the school with the turnover.
- d) FSANS Alternate Director
 - o 2 nominations were received and the successful member was Chief Mayich (Loch Lomond).

Items to add to the agenda

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 25th, 2026.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.