



Fire Protection Services Committee Meeting

April 15th, 2026 @ 1900hrs - St. Peter's VFD

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Special presentation by Leblanc EVT
3. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes.
4. Items to be added to the agenda
5. 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
 - l. Junior Firefighter program opportunities
6. New business
 - a. FSANS Registrations
 - b. VFD boundaries
 - c. FDIC Atlantic
 - d. Sub-committees
 - e. County fire skid
 - f. VFD bulk insurance
7. Items that were added to the agenda.
8. Round Table
9. Next meeting date – September 23rd (tentative)
10. Adjournment

Fire Protection Services Committee Meeting

February 25, 2026

Location: St. Peter's VFD

Present: Steve Marcellus, Emergency Services Coordinator
Louisdale VFD – Chief Marchand
Grand River VFD – Craig Wentzell
Framboise/Fourchu VFD – Chief MacLeod
St. Peter's VFD – Blaise Sampson, Jessica MacDougall
Isle Madame VFD – Deputy Chief Forest
L'Ardoise VFD – Chief Steeves, Deputy Chief Collet
Loch Lomond VFD – Chief Mayich, Deputy Chief Budden
West Bay Road – Chief Shears (Chair) and Deputy Chief Malcolm
Chapel Island – Deputy Chief Doucette

Council: Warden Lois Landry, Councillor Brian Marchand

Regrets: District 10 VFD
CAO Troy MacCulloch

Call to Order

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

Review of Minutes, November 26, 2026

Moved by Deputy Chief Forest, seconded by Chief Mayich, that the minutes be approved.

Motion carried.

Items to add to the agenda

- a) Government media release
- b) New draft dry hydrant policy
- c) MFR response levels

Old Business

- a) Boat Launch



- Another new person has started – Julie Cossettee who had contacted the department to schedule a meeting – tentative for March 9th, 2026. Warden to possibly attend.
- b) Dry Hydrants
 - Discussion took place on the new draft policy.
 - Motion was made to have it go before the bylaw and policy committee for adoption.
Motion carried.
- c) Fire Services
 - Discussion was had on the draft RFP that was distributed as a follow up of the Special meeting – November 22nd.
 - Motion was made to move it forward for submission.
Motion carried.
- d) Training Courses
 - Isle Madame
 - Emergency Driver Training – May 2026
 - Extrication Training - TBD
 - MFR - TBD
 - SAMAA to have a presentation from Sustainable Solutions – Canceled
 - NSFS
 - All courses that were scheduled were canceled
 - CBRM courses have started
- e) EDPC – Mapping/Roadways
 - Warden to have a meeting with EDPC and follow up.
- f) FSANS
 - Next BOD meeting scheduled December 7th
- g) Train Centre Concept/Support
 - St. Peter's VFD has approved the use of their River Bourgeois dry hydrant property as a possible location.
 - Information to be gathered from Antigonish and other areas for next meeting.



- h) Insurance
 - o Discussion was had on the ability to discuss with FSANS for a Provincial VFD insurance plan.
- i) VFD Draft Registration
 - o Discussion was had on the financial reporting and if there was a better spreadsheet that could be used – more user friendly.
 - o CFO to be engaged for consultation before the April meeting.
- j) Cost Renumeration
 - o Not making much headway with anyone who has been successful in achieving this across the province.
- k) ESPF – Emergency Service Provider Fund
 - o No update on application status.

New business

- a) Junior Firefighter program
 - o Discussion was had on what this might look like as a County wide program.
- b) 2025 call stats - ~638
- c) FPSC Deputy Chair vacancy
 - o Nominations were solicited from the committee members; Deputy Chief Forest was the successful nominee.
- d) Point Tupper
 - o Community information session was held on February 18th, 2026, regarding the new area rate.

Items to add to the agenda

Next meeting:

Wednesday, April 15th, 2026.

Adjournment:

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