

RICHMOND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 21, 2021 7:00 PM

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

Present: Councillor Brent Sampson, Deputy Warden Michael Diggdon, Councillor Shawn Samson, Stanley Sampson, Sarah Morrison, Douglas Morrison, Blair Stone, Aaron Marchand, Cecil Frost, Brendon Landry, Paul Shears, Raymond Ferguson, Jim Cavanagh, Mark Skinner, Kelvin MacKay.

Absent: District 10, Potlotek

Call to Order:

Chairperson, Deputy Warden Diggdon called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Items Added:

1. Insurance, who is contact person
2. Municipal due diligence
3. Dry Hydrants
4. Area rate increases
5. Pictou Fire Agreement
6. Bulk buying through the county
7. Where do we go from here

Moved by Colin MacPherson, seconded by Mark Skinner that the agenda be accepted as amended. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: n/a

New Business:

Insurance

- Who is contact at the County regarding insurance?
- Will they be shopping it around for the best rate?
- Was the truck in St. Peter's "1987" taken off the policy?

Municipal Due Diligence

- Never get email responses from CAO
- Wanted official notice of who the new EMO was
 - Cecil is the EMO for 6 months
 - Can County send out an email with contact information for Cecil Frost?
- What are we doing for Fire Services?

Dry Hydrants

- In June they were told \$10,000 was budgeted for Dry Hydrants
- A policy was being drafted to bring to the next policy/by-law meeting
- Can we get updates as this moves along

Area Rate Increases

- For West Bay Road to increase their rate, it goes through Louisdale FD.
- They must hold a public meeting to change their rate from \$10 to \$15
- Can we confirm the process for West Bay Road Fire Department?

Pictou County Rate program

- Can we look at something similar

Bulk Buying

- Furnace Oil
- SCBA
- Hose

Raymond Ferguson

- FSANS
 - Beth Edwards is stepping down
 - John White was a liaison but he is now MLA so position is open
 - Fire School requires double vaccine for in person training.
 - Levy Fund is healthy, roughly \$325, 000
 - No alternate director for FSANS
- EHS -
 - MFR tag still valid after expiration if it expired during Covid 19.
 - Pre register when modules re-start courses
 - Any Department waiting for Fit testing can still be done, contact Raymond Ferguson, Greg Down or Laura Mathews EHS Dartmouth.
 - At moment MFR's not required to be vaccinated but strongly recommended
 - Gown/Masks etc that are contaminated can be dropped off to EHS.
 - Non contaminated go in regular garbage
 - May stop medical command centre telling covid result if negative
 - Website being overhauled "Guild Hub"

- Photo contest in future
- Realigning 5 levels of calls
- Hiring paramedic drivers for patient transfers
- May put a Doctor in medical command center
- May change to Red/Blue lights

Next Meeting:

It was the consensus of the Committee that the next meeting date be scheduled for November 24, 2021.

Adjournment:

Moved by Paul Shears, seconded by Colin MacPherson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Brent Sampson