

# Fire Services Committee Meeting

## November 24, 2021

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

Present: Councillor Brent Sampson, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Kelvin Mackay, Paul Shears, Blair Stone, Mark Skinner, Jim Cavanaugh, Raymond Ferguson, Sarah Morrison, Douglas Morrison, Aaron Marchand, Trevor Snowden, Brendan Landry

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

Call To Order: Chairperson, Councillor Diggdon called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Items Added

1. Cost of paging system
2. Area Rates

-Answers to the previous month's questions were given

-Grand River would like a paper showing the insurance is paid

-In June 2022 it would be the time to shop around the insurance rates

-June meeting want to discuss putting out a tender for bulk oil purchasing for departments

-Dry Hydrant Policy was read to seek input

-Moved by Paul Shears, Seconded by Mark Skinner to ask council for an adjustment to the policy to make sure the municipality would do the administrative/engineering/permitting under the maintenance clause. Motion Carried

-Insurance renewal was questioned on approving it.

-Kelvin motioned to renew both policies, seconded by Raymond Ferguson, Motion carried

-Staff has been asked to investigate single rate levy systems and will report back to council.

-Blair Stone suggested he would rather see the additional funding required to fund underfunded departments come from the general tax rate rather than the fire levy.

-Cost of Paging System

-Current system is 50 to 60 years old

-deteriorating quickly

-Mutual Aid will be requiring financial help for costs for repairs on this system

-They may ask the county for funding on this based on the number of departments in the county using it.

-Area Rate Disbursements

-They would prefer to see 40%, 40%, 20% as the disbursements

-Possibly July, January, March

-Raymond FSANS update

-FSANS still virtual

-He will email most recent minutes

-EHS website will change to a new one by January

-Jay Walker is the new coordinator

-Next Meeting Date -January 12<sup>th</sup>

-Minutes and agenda emailed by January 7<sup>th</sup>

-Brent will deal with typing minutes and agenda for the time being

-Motion to Adjourn by Paul Shears at 9:09pm, seconded by Brendan Landry, motion carried.