



Fire Protection Services Committee Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023

Location: St. Peter's VFD

Present: Emergency Services Coordinator - Marcellus
St. Peter's VFD – Chief Stone
Loch Lomond VFD - Chief McPherson and Deputy Chief Budden
District 10 VFD – Chief Magdy
Louisdale VFD – Deputy Chief Landry

Council: Councillor Diggdon

Regrets: L'Ardoise VFD
Framboise/Fourchu VFD
Isle Madame VFD
Grand River VFD

Call to Order

Steve called the meeting to order at 1900 hrs.

Review of Minutes, May 24, 2023

Moved by Chief Blair Stone and seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes be approved.

Motion carried.

Old Business

- a) St. Peter's boat launch support letter
 - The request was for a letter of support to have a boat launch installed on the Atlantic side. Chief Blair Stone to follow up with Matt Cooke from Parks Canada. Councillor Michael Diggdon asked if the county could just pay to have it installed. The cost of having it done needs to be brought back to the committee.
 - **Motion** by Chief Blair Stone and seconded by Chief Aaron Marchand to have a letter of support drafted. Motion carried.

- b) Dry hydrant policy
 - Needs to be reviewed/discussed for revision on who is responsible for what. Applications/list of locations need to come to the committee to discuss and submit for approval. Loch Lomond VFD is looking at installing piping on a few bridges as a means of a water source. This plan will need to come back to the committee.



- **Motion** to inquire about installation and design by Deputy Chief Lorne Budden and seconded by Chief Blair Stone. Motion carried.

c) Fire Service Review

- This needs to be reviewed/discussed and either adopted or dismissed. A lot of individual points are addressed in it with recommendations that have not yet been implemented.
- **Motion** to have Shawn Andrews from Guysborough and Councillor Andy Thompson from Pictou come for a discussion by Councillor Brent Sampson and seconded by Steve Marcellus. Motion Carried.
 - i. Shawn Andrews from Guysborough is scheduled to attend the December 20th, 2023, meeting to discuss the process they went through.
- Bulk buying – not yet discussed due to differences between departments.
- A draft Fire Department Reporting checklist distributed for review.
- A draft Asset List spreadsheet distributed for review for what VFD's use to be able to look for purchasing options.

New business

- a) Civic Address Sign information to go out in the January Reflections book.
- b) Insurance Renewal for December 1st, 2023, requirements

FSANS

- Had a directors meeting on September 24th, 2023.
- Fire Department dues are increasing to \$100/dept.
- Advance notice for road closures will be sent to dispatch centres and the Emergency Services Coordinator for distribution.
- OFM online reporting will no longer be getting upgrades as a new form is coming.
- Spring Conference set for April 27-28, 2024
- Next meeting November 26th, 2023

Next meeting:

Due to the fourth Wednesday being the week of Christmas, the meeting will be the third Wednesday December 20th, 2023.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Michael Diggdon and seconded by Steve Marcellus
Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by: Steve Marcellus