

# Richmond County VFD Chief Meeting @ St. Peter's Fire Hall

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 1900hrs

## Meeting Minutes

<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Richmond County EMO/ESC</b> – Steve Marcellus <b>St. Peter's</b> - Blair Stone, <b>West Bay Road</b> - Paul Shears, <b>Isle Madame</b> – Nathan Boudreau, Cody Forest
<b>Regrets</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b> - Marvin MacLean, <b>Louisdale</b> – Aaron Marchand, Brendon Landry, <b>West Bay Road</b> – Evan Fougere, <b>Framboise/Fourchu</b> - Douglas Morrison, Sherry Morrison, <b>Chapel Island</b> – Wayne Johnson, Quinton Doucette, <b>Isle Madame</b> – Rodney LeBlanc, <b>Grand River</b> – Kelvin MacKay, Wayne Collet, <b>Loch Lomond</b> – Colin MacPherson, <b>L'Ardoise</b> – Stanley Sampson, David MacLeod, <b>Red Islands</b> – Scott Magdy, Peter Campbell, <b>Loch Lomond</b> – Lorne Budden, Dave Mayich

1. Call to Order – 1903hrs
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Skipped
3. Old Business
  - a. Insurance Renewal
    - i. Please ensure that these documents are sent in either to me or direct to Peter Fraser
    - ii. Original Slips were provided and left at St. Peter's Hall if dept's would rather have the originals (photocopies are just as good)
    - iii. Jim Prince VFIS Coverage
      1. Spoke about a change from the current coverage \$300/\$700 and \$100000 Death Benefit to a \$300/\$300 and \$150000 Death benefit.
      2. Take back to members and let Steve know of the potential change
      3. Change was adopted
  - b. St. Peter's boat launch proposal info/history?
    - i. This item is to be moved to the Fire Protection Services Committee Meetings for continuation.
    - ii. Follow up with Blair Pardy (902) 733-3500 – Field Unit Superintendent, Parks Canada – Baddeck
    - iii. Letter was sent by Blair Stone to Parks Canada – Matt Cooke
  - c. Automatic Aid for tankers
    - i. This item is to be moved to the Fire Protection Services Committee Meetings for continuation.
    - ii. This needs to be discussed with Dispatch (CANSO, CBRM) - Steve
  - d. Contact Info update
    - i. Share dept list in whatever format you can. Steve is looking to put together a list by dept on who has what and what skills they have (both inside the depts and outside for regular work)
  - e. Asset Lists
    - i. Asking for each dept to share their updated info with me?
    - ii. Apparatus, etc. (anything that is a major item)
    - iii. Apparatus Maintenance Logs/Pump testing
    - iv. SCBA Certifications

- v. Planned Replacements and expected life cycles?
- vi. CFO may have this?
- f. Committee Meetings?
  - i. What Committees are there and what Committees should there be?
    - 1. Fire Chief Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each Month)
    - 2. Fire Protection Services Committee (FPSC) (Chair Councilor Diggdon)
    - 3. Fire Chief Coordinating Committee?
    - 4. \*\*\*EAC – Emergency Advisory Committee?
    - 5. MEMAC – Municipal Emergency Management Advisory Committee
    - 6. MEMPC – Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee
      - a. MEMAC and MEMPC should be joined?
  - ii. How often should they meet?
  - iii. Who should sit on them, etc.?

#### 4. Funding

- a. This item is to be discussed at the Fire Protection Services Committee Meetings as well.
- b. Fire Levy
  - i. Equal rate? What could it be (range from \$0.10 to \$0.16)
  - ii. Place \$0.01-\$0.02 from the more populated areas aside for assistance of the less fortunate? What would this mean?

#### 5. Standing Items (Discussion points)

- a. \*\*Recommendations
  - i. This item is to be discussed at the Fire Protection Services Committee Meetings as well.
  - ii. How do we look after / assist one another?
  - iii. How to overcome hurdles (what stands in the way?)
- b. Training
  - i. What is needed and who usually provides it?
  - ii. Let me know when you are training and if you want me to attend. That goes for meetings as well.
- c. Safety
  - i. This item is to be discussed at the Fire Protection Services Committee Meetings as well.
  - ii. Ensuring equipment is tested, inspected and ready for use.
  - iii. Discussions surrounding the bulk buying and utilizing the same contractors

#### 6. New Business

- a. Dry Hydrants
  - i. This item is to be discussed at the Fire Protection Services Committee Meetings as well.
  - ii. Letter to be sent to council requesting an increase to the amount. Since it was put in place, no dept has applied as it is not enough for struggling dept's to fund the large remaining costs

#### 7. Round Table Discussion

- a. Paul
  - i. Discussion regarding tankers responding. There should be a better automatic response built in that more are coming with confirmed fires.
  - ii. SAMAA Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> will have the Health Minister attending. Any items you would like mentioned if not attending send them to Paul

1. Issue with EHS responses and what the appropriate responses should be moving forward (constantly dispatched to - non urgent responses, palliative care patients, etc.)

**b. Nathan**

- i. D'Escousse Seniors Complex False alarms – need contact with person(s) for panel reset or fix the problem
8. Next meeting date – Moving forward when meetings are scheduled, they will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next Meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup> (hoping to have a Fire Protection Services Meeting between now and then)
  9. Motion to adjourn skipped