



## **Fire Protection Services Committee Meeting**

**November 26, 2025**

**Location:** St. Peter's VFD

**Present:** Steve Marcellus, Emergency Services Coordinator  
St. Peter's VFD – Chief Stone (Deputy Chair)  
Isle Madame VFD – Deputy Chief Forest  
L'Ardoise VFD – Chief Steeves, Deputy Chief Groom  
Loch Lomond VFD – Chief Mayich, Deputy Chief Budden  
District 10 – Chief Magdy  
West Bay Road – Chief Shears (Chair) and Deputy Chief Malcolm  
Chapel Island – Deputy Chief Doucette  
CAO Troy MacCulloch

**Council:** Warden Lois Landry, Councillor Brian Marchand

**Regrets:** Louisdale VFD  
Grand River VFD  
Framboise/Fourchu VFD

### **Call to Order**

Chair Chief Paul Shears called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

### **Review of Minutes, September 17, 2025**

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Chief Magdy, that the minutes be approved.

**Motion carried.**

### **Items to add to the agenda**

- a) Gallagher Insurance – Peter Fraser spoke at the beginning of the meeting to respect his time and travel.
- b) Mutual Aid Agreements
- c) NSFS Representative
- d) FSANS Alternate Director

### **Old Business**



- a) Boat Launch
  - Another letter was sent to MP Battiste and Minister of Environment Dabrusin
  - Motion was made by Chief Stone and seconded by Deputy Chief Budden to have council draft another letter to the Minister in support of having the launch installed. **Motion carried.**
- b) Dry Hydrants
  - Discussion took place where the Chair gave background information on what has occurred over the past few years and where the draft policy resides. Deputy Chief Forest spoke on the need for it to be a county asset.
  - Before further discussions, the policy needs to be addressed.
  - Councillor Marchand discussed having a pool of all money and the committee allocating it appropriately.
- c) Fire Services
  - Discussion was had on the follow up of the Special meeting – November 22nd. Codie addressed the dry hydrants again.
- d) Training Courses
  - Isle Madame
    - Emergency Driver Training – May 2026
    - Extrication Training
    - MFR
  - SAMAA to have a presentation from Sustainable Solutions – December 2<sup>nd</sup> as well as provide a course update.
  - NSFS
    - Level 1 Hybrid Course – January 2026
      - Classes A & B to allow some flexibility
  - CBRM to offer 3 level 1 courses starting in January 2026
- e) EDPC – Mapping/Roadways
  - Deputy Chief Doucette is going to provide hydrant mapping for Chapel Island. Also, they received a fire skid from Global Medic.



- Culvert on Little Passage Road has been replaced. Work done by Peter Covin, question on if it was stamped by an engineer.
- Letter received from the Province, Irish Cove Road has been maintained which will allow emergency vehicles to get through (will not be opened to the public), Stirling Road will be addressed later. Warden to follow up April/May 2026.
- f) TOR
  - Motion was made by Chief Stone and seconded by Deputy Chief Forest to have the TOR tabled for a new discussion when appropriate in 2026.  
**Motion carried.**
- g) FSANS
  - Next BOD meeting scheduled December 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Lots going on regarding the Governance Review and Fire Training Advisory Committee.
- h) Train Centre Concept/Support
  - Seems to be moving along nicely with discussions being had with other agencies for use/needs.
- i) Airport
  - Awaiting formal response to inquiries.
- j) Insurance renewal emails have gone out
  - Peter Fraser was in attendance to review and answer questions regarding the policy.
- k) VFD Draft Registration – no discussion.
- l) Communication/Dispatching
  - Discussion was had on having the Emergency Services Coordinator be added to the paging/dispatching of all departments. The majority were not in support.
- m) Cost Renumeration
  - Discussion took place on what this might look like and how to approach it with insurance companies, etc.



- n) ESPF – Emergency Service Provider Fund
  - o Application was submitted by the County - \$200,000
    - i. Drone and license training, Side by side with fire skid, structural protection kits, respirator fit tester

### **New business**

- a) Gallagher Insurance – Peter Fraser – Presentation took place at the beginning of the meeting.
- b) Mutual Aid agreement discussion took place that they need to be revised.
- c) NSFS Representative – Chief Steeves spoke that there are continued discussions and changes at the school with the turnover.
- d) FSANS Alternate Director
  - o 2 nominations were received and the successful member was Chief Mayich (Loch Lomond).

### **Items to add to the agenda**

### **Next meeting:**

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### **Adjournment:**

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