



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday March 19th 2013
Fire Hall #1 – Boardroom
900 Heatley Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Greg White
Shannon Barrows – Chair
Ray Greenwood

Ross Greenwood
Geoff Pegg – Vice Chair
Gary Pattullo
Dave Pasin

Absent:

Kinder Aujla
Ashley Lewis
Justin Rai

Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Mark Engler, Acting Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

At 1745 hrs by Shannon Barrows – Chair.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted as presented with the following additions:

- Membership
- Terms of Reference

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Vancouver Fire Foundation
 - Meeting next week with Kelly Oehlschlager, Shannon, Chief and Laura

NEW BUSINESS

Chief's Report:

- New appointments
 - Chuck Stanford appointed as Assistant Chief Training & Professional Development
 - Appointment of Rob Renning as Assistant Chief UBC/UEL Prevention
- Update on Facilities:
 - Fire Hall #15. 29 Units of non-market housing. 1 parking spot for every 10 suites.
 - Dual gender washrooms at #1 and #6.

- Chief is in Ottawa for a HUSAR meeting - meeting with ministers and public safety Canada in the hope of obtaining some funding to keep the teams moving.
- Driver Services – national standard for commercial driver operators. Due to an extremely competent AC of Fleet (Ken LePard) the Department has developed an efficient system to track and maintain driver records. The department has now been requested to extend this service to all departments of the CoV. This service will include accident investigations, driver competency, education and instruction among other criteria.
- Fireworks update - presentation to Council and the Park Board. Recommendation is that it is controlled and confined to a specific area. Once the permit has been approved and obtained the holder would be held liable. VFRS will patrol the area to ensure safety. The goal is to eliminate 'questionable fireworks'. May be restricted to park areas. Communities can get involved and run them but there won't be excessive sale of fireworks.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Shannon to get in touch with Kinder on her status on the committee.

Terms of Reference - Geoff to draft and distribute for discussion.

Terms of Membership:

- Ross and Greg January 2007
- Gary September 2005
- Raymond 2007
- Greg August 2007
- Shannon January 2008
- Geoff & Kinder 2011

Geoff suggested that there be some discussion on the committee's commitment and contributions. (Where we want to take the committee to? Involvement, subcommittees etc.)

Youth Academy – April 22 – 26th. Contact Mark Baker for further information.

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, April 16th @1730 hrs. @ #1**