



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 21st 2014
Fire Hall #10 – University
2992 Wesbrook Mall

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Barrows,
Ross Greenwood

Dylan Chow

ABSENT:

Ross Greenwood
Dave Pasin
Greg White

Brandon Lam
Geoff Pegg

GUEST/OBSERVER:

Yanni Alexandropoulos

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

John McKearney, Fire Chief

RECORDER:

Charmaine Susanthan

CALL TO ORDER

At 1805 hrs. by Shannon Barrows-Chair

ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented with the addition of one item:

- VFRS Medal Ceremony

ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the September 23rd 2014 meeting were adopted as presented with the following revision:
Next Meeting: Fire Hall #10

CORRESPONDENCE

Application, resume, attachments and e-mails from/to Yanni Alexandropoulos

OLD BUSINESS

▪ Vancouver Fire Foundation

- No movement
- Fire Chief needs to review documents sent by Kelly (CoV Legal)
- Donation of 300/- will be held and included to funds
- Fire Chief will be meeting with Home Depot rep to discuss future involvement
- Charmaine to check with Laura re 'BC Registry Services' and forth coming renewal

- **Firefighters' Memorial**
 - No movement at present.
 - Committee will plan on meeting with Union in January 2015
 - Fire Chief met with FF Hutchinson and FF Kirincic. Would need to also engage personnel from CoV Cultural Services for direction.

- **Committee Mandate & Activities**
 - No movement at present.

- **VFRS Medal Ceremony**
 - Shannon and Dylan plan on attending.

Charmaine to check with DC Fire Prevention on the possibility of FWC Doug Booth making a presentation on Hoarding at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief's Report:

- Budget:
 - Departmental submissions
 - No conclusive decisions on residential/business taxes

- Departmental Reorganization:
 - Executive Board has met twice
 - Focus on engagement through multiple principles, succession planning

- Negotiations:
 - Two days into negotiations the local put forward a package
 - Employer is preparing a response.
 - Meeting dates are November 5th & 6th
 - Municipalities of Surrey and West Vancouver have settled with some off-sets; Delta has settled with no off-sets, Victoria with off-sets.

- Firehall relocation study:
 - Presentation was made to the City Manager
 - Recommendation is the relocation of firehalls – 30 year forecast.
 - Increase in the number of firefighters in the year 12th forward.
 - Six scenarios with various criteria

- Oppenheimer:
 - Lasted 91 days – 270 tents
 - Firefighters from #1 and #2 halls were involved with tent inspections
 - Chief officers on duty in the mornings and evenings

- Various divisions of the CoV were in strategic conversations twice a day (Community Services, Engineering, VPD etc.)
 - Under the Fire Chief's orders the following needed to be adhered to: no propane, tents had to be 3 feet apart, no open flames, tents had to be visible and various other directions.
 - Case Study as this was well handled by CoV. Build good inter-departmental relationships
- Ebola:
 - Preparedness, Action and Containment
 - Purchased PPE's
 - Extensive training of staff in donning and doffing of PPE's
 - Emergency Plan – will now have new component added – Pandemic
- 4th Alarm on the 3rd of October:
 - Building under construction with no sprinkler system in place
 - Possible electrical fire – inconclusive as still being investigated
 - Approximately 50 firefighters on scene
 - Call out controversial – there were 19 heavy units remaining in the city.
- Pre-hospital Care:
 - Systems based response
 - Closely looking at the data – could get to a position where BCAS is not able to get to the incident, Fire will respond. This may be a more appropriate approach with BCAS.
 - West Vancouver and Delta firefighters are moving firefighters to EMR
 - Insurance
 - First Responders supports the provincial mandate – low acuity calls
 - Involvement of Elected officials representing each municipality may have a better outcome
 - Fire Chief recommended that this committee write a letter of support to Mayor and Council

The Committee was introduced to participants of the NEAT program who were attending a meeting @ #10

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1900 hrs.

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, November 18th 2014
Fire Hall #1 Board Room
900 Heatley Avenue**