



# VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Fire Hall #1 – Boardroom  
900 Heatley Avenue

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Barrows – Chair  
Ray Greenwood  
Greg White

Dylan Chow  
Ross Greenwood

#### Absent:

Brandon Lam  
Geoff Pegg

Dave Pasin

#### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

John McKearney, Fire Chief

#### Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

#### CALL TO ORDER

At 1745 hrs. by Shannon Barrows – Chair

#### ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented with the following addition:  
- Youth Academy

#### ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the February 2014 meeting adopted with the following revisions:  
- Ross Greenwood, Dave Pasin and Brandon Lam were present at the meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **Vancouver Fire Foundation**
  - Fire Chief, Laura Lintunen and Shannon Barrows met this evening
  - Name has been registered
  - The Trademark and Society have not been registered
  - Domain has been secured
  - By-laws, initial process has begun.
- **Firefighters' Memorial**
  - Nothing to report at present.
- **Committee Mandate & Activities**
  - Geoff has not been able to meet with the Chief. Nothing to report at present.

- **Youth Academy**
  - Peer involvement was a positive addition
  - Seattle representative provided valuable information on the program that has been in operation for 33 years at Seattle Fire. Approximately 50 members have been absorbed into the department. Community payback is excellent.
  - Media presence

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Chief's Report:**

- Presentation to Council – changes to RAP
  - Average 21 minutes wait time since this was implemented in October, set forth a motion – the City needs to respond back, evidence based medical response, component of care and comfort to be taken into consideration, First Responders use same tool as BCAS to collect data, over the last three to four months officers responding to the calls have found that the calls need to be upgraded.
- Attended the Boston Firefighters funeral
- Bargaining update – no movement, exchanged proposals, discussions were positive
- Grievance update – HUSAR, Fire Officer Program, Vacation Scheduling, Promotions and Interviewing process

Brief discussions on digital radios and trucks.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 1845 hrs.**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Prevention Office**