



# VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2016  
Fire Hall #1 Administration Board Room  
900 Heatley Avenue

#### **In Attendance:**

Yanni Alexandropolous  
Ray Greenwood  
Justin Lu  
Geoff Pegg

Shannon Barrows – Chair (Recorder)  
Ross Greenwood  
Dave Pasin  
Greg White

#### **Ex Officio Members:**

John McKearney, Fire Chief

#### **Recorder:**

Charmaine Susanthan

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1745 hrs.

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

#### **ADOPT MINUTES**

Minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting adopted as presented.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from a member of the Youth Academy who was interested in applying for a position on the committee but regrettably due to a conflict would not have been able to attend these meetings on the third week of each month.

Draft Letters to Council: It was decided that three letters (unsecured properties, building #s and prior notification of road closures) will be drafted by Ross Greenwood. These letters will be circulated to the committee for review and feedback.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### ▪ **Vancouver Fire Foundation**

- Shannon advised she would be communicating with Deputy Chief Brian Godlonton who has agreed to assist with this.
- Dave Pasin notified that a sum of \$2500/- has been donated, when an account is active he will make arrangements for remittance.

##### ▪ **Committee Mandate & Activities Sub-committee**

- No update.

## NEW BUSINESS

### ▪ **New St. Paul's Hospital – Development Concepts Workshop**

- Good investment of time. Very diverse group. Project date 2023
- False Creek flats master plan. Prior will become a residential street. No decision from Council if Malkin or National would be a thoroughfare – staff has recommended Malkin. No plan for high traffic access to ER. Traffic plan – follow Surrey's traffic management plan. In an emergency how would you transport someone from the West end?
- On large building 8-10 stories or 15 storey building with all parking underground. On site hotel?. Scope of the building. Emergency Room, Mental Health facility – fixed project. Hospice/Palliative Care would have a separate entrance. No accommodation for urgent care in the new facility – would be the responsibility of Vancouver Coastal Health. Residence or facility for First Responders – private time to decompress. Design concerns that have yet to be worked out. VHG would remain as the major trauma centre.
- Public consultation in the upcoming weeks.

### ▪ **Fire Chief's Report**

- Chief McKearney thanked all members of the committee for their involvement and support.

#### Fire Hall 30 year Study

- Looking at the next 15 years. Possibility of Fire Halls 1 and 2 being amalgamated
- New Hall #23 – 45<sup>th</sup> and Main Street as there is a 'gap' in that area.
- Rebuild Fire Halls #8, #9, #6

#### Assistant Chiefs Hiring Process

- This should be in place at the end of September
- 4 have accepted the offer

#### Coastal Response Port Alberni

- Earthquake simulation. 70 HUSAR members of all levels and 200 volunteers participated. Excellent exercise. Worked 48 hours on 15 different scenarios.

#### Fire Boat #2

- Has been sent back for repairs to Ontario of minor mishap

#### Respectful Workplace

- Educating all personnel. E-learn program.
- New recruits are tagged up with an exempt Chief Officer during their first year of employment
- Spearheaded by Corporate HR

#### The following were briefly discussed:

- Public Art Project
- Public Safety Unit

- BCEHS
- Public Information Division – providing excellent information

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- BCEHS Meeting
  - Will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Ray and Geoff to attend
- Firefighter of the Year
  - September 9, 2016 at the Terminal City Club

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1840 hrs.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2016  
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