



# VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Fire Hall #1 Administration Board Room  
900 Heatley Avenue

#### **In Attendance:**

Yanni Alexandropolous  
Ray Greenwood  
Dave Pasin

Shannon Barrows – Chair (Recorder)  
Justin Lu  
Greg White

**Regrets:** Ross Greenwood

Geoff Pegg

#### **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 June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting adopted as presented with the following revision under old business – Vancouver Fire Foundation: *Dave Pasin notified that a sum of \$2500/- has been allocated from the South Vancouver Lion's Club to the foundation.*

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Draft letters to Council – feedback needed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Vancouver Fire Foundation**
  - Registration, CRA Application, Final draft has been completed.
  - Should have a more finalized report at next meeting
- **Committee Mandate & Activities Sub-committee**
  - No update.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Re-appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**
  - Shannon Barrows was nominated by Greg White to continue to chair this committee for another term. This was seconded by Dave Pasin and carried by all present.
  - Geoff Pegg was nominated to be vice-chair of the committee by Greg White for another term. Dave Pasin seconded this nomination which was carried by all present.

- **Fire Chief's Report**

- Five On-shift Assistant Chiefs will assume their new positions on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.
- Department will not replace four Battalion Chiefs positions
- Preparations are being made for the Royal Visit – representation from VF&RS at the Kitsilano Coast Guard. There will also be a presentation on mental stress of First Responders.
- West Hastings tent city.
- Opioid crisis; firefighters are doing excellent work with the administering of Naloxone. 2300 over doses in the month of January alone.
- Analysis with BCEHS; looking at certain call types, proper coding, intervention, ambulance response times etc.
- Firefighter of the Year Award – Charles Mulder. Donation of kidney to retired exempt assistant chief Wayne Oudijn.
- VF&RS Medal and promotional ceremony – two citations and these individuals will be recognized at this event.
- Updates on Canada Task Force I, Commercial storage property, BCEHS analysis

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- BCEHS Meeting
  - Did not attend the June meeting
- Emergency Management Office representation at these meetings
  - Charmaine to follow up
- Youth Member on Committee
  - Since there is a vacancy for a youth member on the committee, Shannon will follow up with Lt. Mark Baker.
  - Member vacancy – committee will work on a blurb for this position to be advertised on website.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1840 hrs.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Fire Hall #1 Board Room  
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