



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17th 2017
Fire Hall #15 Community Room
3003 East 22nd Avenue

In Attendance:

Nila Akter
Ray Greenwood
Justin Lu
Dave Pasin

Shannon Barrows – Chair
Anthony Kupferschmidt
Jacquie Miller
Geoff Pegg

Regrets:

Yanni Alexandropoulos

Greg White

Ex Officio Member:

Tyler Moore, Deputy Chief
Daniel Stevens, Director of Emergency Management

Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1805 by Chair Shannon Barrows.

ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented with the following additions:

- Weather-related issues
- Hall #6

ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the December 13th meeting were adopted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Vancouver Fire Foundation**
 - No update.
- **Committee Mandate & Activities Sub-committee**
 - No update.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Office of Emergency Management
 - Daniel Stevens, Director of Emergency Management reported on the New Year's Eve event management. A rough estimate of approx. 70,000 attendees. Event wrapped up by 0100 hrs – relatively quiet night. Crowd was spread out over the area. Two Cov vehicles were stationed at all times. The robust process that was put in place by CoV was considered successful.
- Deputy Chief's Report
 - Medic 23 out of #2 Hall. Fire Chief will be going to Council on February 24th – additional funding for Mental Health program.
 - Bargaining – on going
 - Vacant Building – Boarding up, changes to By-laws, CO² Monitors, in-building coverage
 - Radio communication Bylaws

- Deployment of new apparatus; ladder #3, many changes to the equipment on tech-rescues, new Medic at #9 hall
- Fire Boat – insurance has covered the loss. Equipment from the damaged boat will be used on the new fireboat
- Fire Hall Renewal Project: Fire Hall #5; construction held up due to adverse weather conditions, fully owned apartments, working with YWCA on parking issues -co-located group. Fire Hall #17; finalizing design, satellite training site, 4 bay drive-through hall, high-angle rope training facility.
The 30-year hall replacement project: #6 to be redeveloped, Heritage asset but relocated elsewhere, accommodate 105' ladder truck. Fire Halls #1 & #2 Union/Gore area, Fire Hall #9 National/Malkin. Fleet Maintenance may need to move alongside National Yards.
- Assistant Chief OH&S Ron Coulson resigns to join Port Moody Fire as Fire Chief.
- Promotion of Assistant Chief Chris Herbert – Training & Professional Development
- Search continues for new VF&RS Fire Chief
- Telestaff System; scheduling system, tracking of overtime
- New computers on fire trucks, Tablets-reporting on scene, inspections
- Fatal Fire; space heater. No smoke heaters
- Traffic calming; work closely with Engineering division, access issues. Proficient and experienced drivers are able to maneuver the engines in high density traffic calming areas.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Letter to the West-end Residents
 - Brought forward by a citizen of Vancouver
 - Hall #6 – 43' does not fit into the firehall. Engine and quint. Aerial device-ability to house larger apparatus. Co-locate with library. Increase the ability to better serve the West end.
 - Hall #8 – oversees Granville strip. High call volume. Cross-staff medic with four staff. Responds more than #6
 - Hall #7 – downtown core remains the same.
- Weather related issues
 - Brief discussion on how the CoV maintains safety in unexpected weather conditions.
 - Public's misinterpretation of the message of the availability of salt at 'firehalls'. For future incidents it should be clearly communicated that salt will be available at specific firehalls.
- Hall #6 – discussed under first bullet in Other Business

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1915 hrs.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, February 21st 2017
 Fire Hall #1 Board Room
 900 Heatley Avenue