



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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

In Attendance:

Yanni Alexandropoulos
Shannon Barrows – Chair
Ross Greenwood
Justin Lu
Dave Pasin

Nila Akter
Ray Greenwood
Anthony Kupferschmidt
Jacquie Miller

Regrets:

Geoff Pegg

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 1735 by Chair Shannon Barrows.

ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented with the following additions:

- VF&RS working with Seniors
- Flag Day

ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the December 13th meeting were adopted as presented with the following corrections:

- Daniel Stevens present
- Regrets from Ross Greenwood

CORRESPONDENCE

- Acknowledgement from the City Manager's office on the correspondence that was submitted.
- Committee will follow up on the correspondence that was also reported by the Vancouver Sun on the numbering of addresses – standardization. Jacquie, Ray and Geoff to handle.
- Presentation from Providence Health: correspondence from Alex Russell, Communications & Engagement Leader, St. Paul's Redevelopment Project requesting that this presentation be postponed as his team works closely with the CoV's Planning Dept. and since similar briefing sessions are being planned for various committees, this committee could also be included for those sessions.
- Jeffrey Moore will attend the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

▪ **Vancouver Fire Foundation**

- Constitution Bylaw ready for filing with the New Society's Act.
- Would need to schedule an AGM – transition to the New Society's Act
- Move forward with appointing a new Director (replace former City Manager)

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

- No update.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Deputy Chief's Report
 - Union Local 18 contract was ratified today – 4 year contract to January 2019; 2.5% over the next four years; fully paid Officer Development Program; 15 year rate 106% specialty teams; promotional language; Munroe agreement null and void; BC's moved to Exempt AC rank; staffing pool – more flexibility; overtime, benefits; 19 grievances were resolved due to this CA; Notice Item issues – taken off.
 - Provided an update on apparatus, firehalls and fireboats.
 - Budget – 1.9 million dollars opioid crisis, staffing at Fire Hall #2, 16 more staff.
 - Real Estate Management Group – 30 year Relocation Plan.
- Explore the possibility of VF&RS working with Senior Centers – Anthony
 - Fire in apartment – response
 - Accessing injured Seniors
 - CoV's Seniors Advisory Committee
 - Assisting isolated seniors - safety in homes
 - Senior Services Society – New Westminster
 - Deputy Chief – liaison for Seniors' issues – smoke detectors, safety checks etc.
 - Catalogue; inspections, wheelchair assistance – included in the CAD system, rescue. Develop a tool that is self-managed – include all this information on this vulnerable group- Police/Fire/Ambulance – information not shared due to privacy issues. Safety of first responders. Information needs to be updated regularly and vetted out periodically. VF&RS staff responding would have this information.
 - Emergency Alerts: chemicals, weapons, hazardous materials etc.
 - High concentration of seniors – electronic management system; tailor the resources. Reduce calls – social isolation, medical condition
 - Motion to form a sub-committee to explore this further was proposed, seconded and unanimously carried. Anthony, Ross and Daniel will form this committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Resilient CoV – Daniel will provide an overview at the April meeting
- Flag Day – 60' flag pole erected. Press release. Next year this event will be held in the east side of Vancouver.
- Smoke Detectors – different vendors, donations. DC Moore to check with the Fire Life Safety division and provide list of suppliers

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1830 hrs.

NEXT MEETING:

Will be held with Union Local 18 Executive
Tuesday, March 28th 2017
Fire Hall #1 Board Room
900 Heatley Avenue