



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 16th 2017
Fire Hall #1 Board Room
900 Heatley Avenue

In Attendance:

Yanni Alexandropoulos
Ray Greenwood
Anthony Kupferschmidt
Geoff Pegg

Shannon Barrows – Chair
Ross Greenwood
Jacquie Miller
Dave Pasin

Regrets:

Nila Akter

Justin Lu

Ex Officio Member & Guests:

John McKearney, Fire Chief
Daniel Stevens, CoV Emergency Management
Jonathan Gormick, Capt. VF&RS Pub Education
Jeff Moore, Honorary Counsel to El Salvador
Katie McPherson, CoV Chief Resilient Officer

Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1740 hrs. by Chair Shannon Barrows.

ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the April meeting were adopted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Vancouver Fire Foundation**
No updates.
- **Committee Mandate & Activities Sub-committee**
On May 15th Ross, Ray and Geoff met with Constable Lorna Berndsen from VPD at TELUS Garden from 0900-1015hrs. Geoff provided a detailed update to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resilient CoV – Katie McPherson**
Katie was appointed as CoV's Chief Resilience Officer as part of the 100 Resilient Cities program. This program helps cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social and economic challenges. It is a project of the Rockefeller Foundation. Focus will be to develop resilience to all hazards. Goal is to empower cities; global network – build on health & wellbeing, infrastructure & environment, economy & society and leadership. Evaluate work that is happening outside the city; private sector, community organizations. This is a strategy that the city needs; build

partnerships. Focused on response; earthquake - response is limited, opportunity to help people help themselves and support each other, social isolation, support for the elderly. Federal government has committed considerable funding; working with other cities, has been recommended nationally.

- Jeff Moore – Honorary Counsel to El Salvador
Jeff was appointed by former Fire Chief Ray Holdgate as an honorary deputy chief in recognition of his extensive involvement with Firefighters Without Borders, a role that he took on from the side of his desk at the Bank of Montreal. Firefighters across the province united together to deliver much needed aid to various countries in Central America. Jeff worked with the firefighters, shipping agencies and the Rotary club and shipped a retired fire engine and personal protective equipment to El Salvador; this was to be the first of many donations. Jeff also involved the Mayor of the time Larry Campbell. Apart from the equipment donations, firefighters are now involved in training firefighting personnel in these Central American countries. In September 2012 Fire Rescue International Training Association deployed firefighters to seven countries. These firefighters are all self-funded and use their vacation time to volunteer at these deployments. They are selected through an application process.
- Report from the Fire Chief
 - Change in leadership – Fire Chief Darrell Reid will begin his career with the department on the 19th of June. The Emergency Management division will fall under the new Fire Chief.
 - New Apparatus – 26 units. Outfitting and training will be completed soon.
 - Opioid Crisis – plan in place. 3 person rescue, rotating firefighters
 - Canadian Association of Fire Chief's Conference – September 17th, Hyatt Hotel. 2 days of vendor exhibition.
 - HUSAR Team – deployment to Tappan, BC. 3 homes involved in the slide. Initially as a rescue mission.
 - Firehall Relocation Study – waiting for Union response. May be finalized in the Fall.
 - Amendment to Fire By-law regarding fire safety, carbon monoxide alarms and smoke alarms.
 - Cessation of response to specific routine calls – (2013 revision to Resource Allocation Plan)

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Home Safety Check Program Presentation – Captain Jonathan Gormick
Captain Gormick expanded on each of the undermentioned areas.
 - Overview - What is a Home Safety Check, History of Program, Importance of working smoke alarms, Current Program, What we are finding & Looking Forward.
 - Home Safety Checks
 - Inception of the Home Safety Check Program
 - Concerns identified by Research
 - Various Statistics
 - Current Program
 - Home Safety Check Report
 - What we have found
 - Moving forward

- Fire Hall #17 Media Event with Mayor Gregor Robertson – May 29th 2017
- Change of Command Ceremony – Monday, June 26th 2017

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1930 hrs.

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, June 20th 2017
Fire Hall #1 Board Room
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