



# VANCOUVER FIRE RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

Fire Hall #1 Board Room

900 Heatley Avenue

#### **In Attendance:**

Ray Greenwood  
Lisa Hall  
Geoff Pegg, Chair

Anthony Kupferschmidt  
Dave Pasin

**Regrets:** Ross Greenwood

Greg White

**Ex Officio Member:**

Darrell Reid, Fire Chief

**Recorder:**

Charmaine Susanthan

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1740 hrs. by Chair Geoff Pegg.

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Adopted as presented.

#### **ADOPT MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting adopted as presented.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from Anthony to the Fire Chief

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Committee Mandate & Activities Sub-committee**
  - Strategic Plan – Tabled – will be discussed at the January 2020 meeting.
- **New Sub Committee Report**
  - Anthony reported that the organization he works for (the West End Seniors' Network) focuses on emergency preparedness for older adults (particularly those living alone) in the West End. The organization has a small grant to host a meeting on EP for older adults in January 2020 and requests that VFRS and/or VEMA be part of this event as the focus of the meeting is also to bring together UBC experts in aging, community organizations, seniors and landlords. He would also like to expand this work on EP by offering public education on EP in the hope of building connections between residents in high-rises and the community.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Report from the Fire Chief**
  - Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) has given VFRS a Classification of 1. This is the highest rating – potential savings in insurance. VFRS is the only major Canadian city to achieve this rating. VFRS has made a number of current and projected performance and service-level improvements and organizational changes to achieve this standing (fire suppression, public education, fire prevention, and business operations).
  - Fire Chief commendation: the department recognizes selfless acts performed to help others in communities across the City.
  - Vehicles wraps – tribute to our fallen firefighters
  - Successful Medal Ceremony event with over 450 firefighters, officers and their families
  - Fire Hall #5 – soft opening on December 2<sup>nd</sup>

- **VFRS Foundation**
  - Competing with Firefighter's Charitable Society
  - VPD, Parks and VPL – Boards
  - The funds that were received from the estate of an individual were donated to the Charitable Society
  - Will not be pursued further ( remove from Agenda)
  
- **Fireworks Outcome**
  - Plan to ban the retail sale of consumer fireworks to the public by 2021. Staff (VFRS and VPD) will have two years to report back. Exemptions- fireworks can still be used as part of large public events (Celebration of Light, New Year's Eve etc.) and cultural/religious occasions.
  
- **Remembrance Day**
  - Ray commended the VFRS Band with special mention of Andy Greenwood, Joe Foster, Dan McClelland)
  - The Canadian Club of Vancouver paid for the construction of the Cenotaph.
  
- **Strategic Plan**
  - Invite Assistant Chief Anastasia Turner to provide a summary of the plan at the January meeting.

**Adjourned – 1900 hrs.**

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @1730 hrs.**  
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