



VANCOUVER FIRE RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18th 2020
Fire Hall #1 Board Room
900 Heatley Avenue

In Attendance:

Ray Greenwood
Lisa Hall
Geoff Pegg, Chair

Anthony Kupferschmidt
Dave Pasin
Greg White

Regrets: Ross Greenwood

Ex Officio Member:

Darrell Reid, Fire Chief
Anastasia Turner, Assistant Chief

Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted as presented with the following additions:

- Tour of Fire Hall #5
- Governor General's visit to Fire Hall #2
- Fireworks Report to Council
- Heart and Stroke Gala

ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the November 18th 2019 meeting adopted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

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

- Summary of the Strategic Plan was presented by Assistant Chief Strategy and Policy Anastasia Turner.
 - ❖ Mission and Vision statements
 - ❖ Introduction
 - ❖ Goals, initiative and actions

▪ **New Sub Committee Report**

Anthony provided the following update:

- ❖ The West End Seniors' network (WESN) has some funds to host a symposium to discuss how best to encourage fire safety and emergency preparedness to seniors.
- ❖ Aiming to host this symposium if the West End as there are some fire and safety issues in the community.
- ❖ Building social connections with older adults living alone; know their neighbours so that they have people to turn to in emergencies
- ❖ The Fire Chief is willing to offer involvement through VFRS and VEMA. Fire Chief mentioned that there are free Emergency Preparedness workshops along with Home Safety Checks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Report from the Fire Chief**
 - Budget: Only department to receive a full year funding request. Approval of 35 staff. Fire Prevention, Public Education, Mental Health and Wellness and additional staff for the Analytics division. Plan for 124 firefighter positions.
 - Negotiations: On going UN Local 18 negotiations. 4 year contract has expired. Success in the five meetings that have taken place to date.
 - Update on Vancouver Volunteer Cops – VECTOR and NEAT.
 - Recruitment: applications have doubled from last year. Focus on Diversity, Camp Ignite. Starting with attracting more women to the workforce and will advance to other areas of diversity.
 - Community Outreach Team – Jonathan Gormick is the liaison for the department. Involvement with VCH – hospital treatment etc. Successful program.
 - Succession Planning: with retirements in the next two years, meeting with assistant chiefs and officers to provide more insight and expectations of the Chief Officer positions of the department
 - Hall #6: planning discussions – would take over a year or more.

- **Tour of Fire Hall #5**
 - one of the upcoming meetings to be held at Fire Hall #5 – Charmaine to arrange

- **Governor General's visit of Fire Hall #2**
 - Saturday, February 22nd

- **Fireworks Report to Council**
 - Council meeting date has yet to be confirmed

- **Heart and Stroke Gala**
 - Friday, May 29th 2020

Adjourned – 1930 hrs.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 17th @1730 hrs.
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