



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday February 19th 2013
Fire Hall #1 – Boardroom
900 Heatley Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Greg White – Chair
Shannon Barrows – Vice Chair
Ray Greenwood

Ross Greenwood
Geoff Pegg
Justin Rai

Absent:

Kinder Aujla
Ashley Lewis
Gary Pattullo
Dave Pasin

Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

John McKearney, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

At 1745 hrs by Greg White – Chair.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted as presented with the following additions:
- Over view of the meeting with the Union

CORRESPONDENCE

Article from the National Post, The thin red line:
Increasingly idle fire stations a tempting target for cash-strapped cities

OLD BUSINESS

- Vancouver Fire Foundation
 - Correspondence has been sent to Kelly Oeshclager.
 - Laura Lintunen has followed up and Kelly may be able to obtain more information.
 - May have the possibility on relying on the City for some budget resources.

NEW BUSINESS

- Over view of the meeting with the Union
 - Excellent and productive meeting
 - Will meet again next year in January
- Chief McKearney expanded on the item under correspondence.

Chief's Report:

- Re-organization of the Department
 - After the six-month training, some new recruits will be posted in the Fire Prevention division so as to give them exposure to that division as well as to move the department and staff in a new direction.
 - Assistant Chief Communications Steve Laleune has been promoted Acting Deputy Chief Community Safety and will be taking on full duties in early spring. Presently he is being mentored and coached as this position also entails an operation component.
 - Assistant Chief OH&S (Dan Hilton retirement) will now be Brian Godlonton
 - Assistant Chief Communications and Assistant Chief EMS have been posted. Initially these positions will be slated into 'acting' status and those successful incumbents will remain in the Union (Local 18) until position numbers can be obtained.

- Emergency Health Services Commission
 - Rural and Urban
 - Pre-hospital care
 - Duplication of services
 - Agreement on services

- Labour Relations
 - Expanded on current grievances (promotions, operational, policy, Family Day)

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Elect New Chair & Vice Chair:
 - Motion to nominate Shannon as Chair of the Committee was seconded and carried unanimously.
 - Motion to nominate Geoff as Vice Chair of the Committee was seconded and carried unanimously.

- New membership to the Committee
 - Geoff and/or Shannon to contact Kinder on options of her seat on the committee.
 - Reviewed new applicants (review qualifications etc.)

- Other
 - Suggestion to review the language of the Terms of Reference was accepted by all – Geoff to follow up.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, March 19th 2013 @ 1730 hrs. at Fire Hall #1