



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17th 2013
Fire Hall #1 – Boardroom
900 Heatley Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Barrows – Chair
Ray Greenwood
Ross Greenwood
Dave Pasin

Gary Pattullo
Justin Rai
Greg White

Absent:

Kinder Aujla
Geoff Pegg-Vice Chair
Ashley Lewis

Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

John McKearney, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

At 1740 hrs by Shannon Barrows – Chair.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted as presented.

ADOPT MINUTES

Adopted as presented with the following revisions:
- Chair and Vice Chair should be denoted correctly.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Vancouver Fire Foundation
 - Shannon met with the Vancouver Firefighters Credit Union representative Nils Gorseth and Rob Weeks from IAFF Union Local 18. The society has taken on new initiatives (volunteer team for marketing, updated website etc.) Discussion on how the VFRS Foundation and the Charitable Society can work together. Possible partnership where both organizations can reap the benefits.
 - Kelly Oehlschlager, Shannon, Chief and Laura met on the 15th. The following was discussed: next steps with the Foundation, Surrey's model, a different vehicle that citizens can contribute, control in the foundation, strategy for appointing directors, bylaws, constitution, contracts. Shannon has volunteered to draft the document pertaining to the Constitution of the foundation. Ray and Geoff have been approached to assist with this.

- Membership Opening
 - Shannon has had a dialogue with Kinder and suggested a temporary leave of absence so that her position can be filled until she is ready to return to the committee – await decision from Kinder.
 - Geoff has also drafted a blurb for new membership which when approved can be circulated to the network of the committee/
- Terms of Reference Amendment
 - The amended terms of reference was moved, seconded and carried.
- VFRS Calendar of Events
 - Shannon has contacted Capt. Gabe Roder.
 - The Committee would like to be more involved in the community events.
 - Would need to find an appropriate method and contact for the committee to receive notification of these events.
- Union Firefighters' Memorial – no movement at present.
- Committee Mandate & Activities (Action items for 2013 and beyond)
 - More involvement and presence of the committee
 - Members were requested to submit any ideas at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief's Report:

- Metro Fire Chiefs Conference in Phoenix. High rise/structural response. Insurance, fire loss.
- Bid to host both the Metro Fire Chiefs Conference and the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs Conference in 2017.
- Community CPR Society. Change constitution and bylaws, attempt to bring it in-house. AED training and units in all CoV buildings
- Hired 14 new members (including two female firefighters) to the organization.
- Meeting with the Auditor General in Victoria.
- Revision of Fire bylaw. Original bylaw of 2000 was revised in 2005/2006. Fire Protection Engineer Rick Cheung is assisting with the revision of the 2013 fire bylaw.
- Boston incident.
- USAR - letter of support from committee.
- Youth Academy – letter of support.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 22nd @ 1730 hrs. @ #1