



# VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013  
Fire Hall #1 – Boardroom  
900 Heatley Avenue

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Barrows – Chair  
Ray Greenwood  
Ross Greenwood  
Ray Greenwood

Gary Pattullo  
Greg White  
Geoff Pegg – Vice Chair  
Justin Rai

#### Absent:

Kinder Aujla  
Ashley Lewis

Dave Pasin

#### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

John McKearney, Fire Chief

#### Recorder:

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#### CALL TO ORDER

At 1740 hrs. by Shannon Barrows – Chair

#### ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted as presented.

#### ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the April 17th, 2013 meeting adopted as presented.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation letter received from Gary Pattullo. Gary is moving out of Vancouver and can no longer serve on the committee. The committee thanked Gary for his hard work and many years of services to the Advisory Committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### ▪ Vancouver Fire Foundation

- A letter was provided to Nils Gorseth requesting reciprocal naming consent for the VFRS Foundation.
- Discussion on the best way to ensure best value to the community on behalf of both the Vancouver Fire & Rescue Foundation and the Vancouver Firefighters Charitable Foundation is to have a representative (non-voting) from each Foundation liaise with the other at the Board level. This would allow both Foundations to avoid potential duplication of services, attract support from a wider segment of the community and city and employ different and creative strategies to increasing community public safety
- Shannon and Geoff are currently drafting the founding VF&RS documents which will be forwarded to the Fire Chief for review with the legal team.

- **Membership Opening**  
-Shannon has confirmed with Kinder that her position will be filled on a temporary basis. With Gary's resignation there is an additional position to fill. Committee members are encouraged to continue to advertise within their networks to fill the positions.
- **Union Firefighters' Memorial** – no movement at present.
- **Committee Mandate & Activities**
  - Geoff would like to explore the idea of forming a sub-committee to identify additional ways to engage with the community. Ray and Ross indicated an interest in joining this sub-committee. They will meet prior to the June meeting and report back.
  - A calendar should be developed to ensure that Committee Members are aware of events ahead of time.
- **Youth Outreach Academy**
  - Geoff and Gary attended the Youth Outreach graduation and reported it to be a very successful event and a successful academy overall.
  - Greg addressed the possibility of the VF&RS Foundation supporting the Youth Outreach Academy in future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Chief's Report**

- British Columbia Ambulance Service is looking to limit pre-hospital care. Further meetings on the issue to be held with City Manager, Penny Ballem in upcoming months.
- Wade Pierlot is now the Fire Chief for the City of Coquitlam and no longer with the City of Vancouver. Brian Godlonton has been promoted to the role of Deputy Chief. Kiran Marohn has been promoted to the role of Assistant Chief.
- The officer boycott is still occurring and will ultimately result in a shortage of qualified officers.
- Reviewed the role of the Public Safety Unit.
- Draegar SCBA near-misses.
- 14 new members are currently going through training. All reports regarding the new members have been very positive.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 1850 hrs.**

**NEXT MEETING:  
Tuesday, June 18th @ 1730 hours @ Hall TBD**