



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday June 18th 2013
Fire Hall #1 – Boardroom
900 Heatley Avenue

In Attendance:

Shannon Barrows- Chair
Dave Pasin
Justin Rai

Ross Greenwood
Geoff Pegg- Vice Chair
Greg White

Absent:

Ray Greenwood
Ashley Lewis

Ex-Officio Member:

Fire Chief John McKearney

Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

CALL TO ORDER

At 1750 hrs by Shannon Barrows – Chair.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted as presented with the following additions:

- Membership
- Terms of Reference

ADOPT MINUTES

The Minutes were adopted with one revision

- Gary Patullo's name to be corrected under Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vancouver Fire Foundation
 - Nothing to report. Geoff and Shannon are working on the documents and will forward them to the Chief for review.
- Membership Opening
 - Post on website. Geoff to send Charmaine a blurb to be posted on the website.
- Sub Committee – provide support and value to the Chief in an advisory capacity
 - Obtain information from key stakeholders the current status of the value of the committee. Research the purpose of this committee.
 - Meet with Fire Chief to review areas of opportunity for this committee to further work on and obtain direction.

- Bring back a sampling of local contacts. Once the information has been compiled then the committee needs to brainstorm their thoughts, collect the data and move on to phase II. (Strategic plan, council initiatives and the CoV strategic plan. Hear from the citizen representative groups)

Action: Geoff will compile questions and send out to the committee (via e-mail).

Youth Outreach Academy Candidates:

- Committee thanks Justin and Ashley for their contributions and participation.
- Brandon Lam has been recommended by Mark Baker.
- Dylan Chow was guest at a past meeting.

Action: Motion to accept both applicants was moved by Greg and seconded by Geoff.

- Union Firefighter's Memorial (Shannon)
 - No updates to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief's Report:

- Was in Houston at the FF memorial – low rise motel fire. 4 firefighters killed, 14 injured, one critical and one amputee.
- Presented the Diamond Jubilee medal to retired chief Don Pamplin.
- 3 fires on Saturday. 1500 fires per year. 606 structure fires.
- Bargaining and Notice Items. Met with HR and Legal Counsel. Proposals have been submitted/ LRB Hearing to begin - Officer Boycott
- EMS – GVFCA meeting. Fire Chiefs of the GVFCA have collectively agreed to put forth a motion to involve local governments and communities to have a say in the decisions that determine how medical calls will be responded to.
- Service Plans – 3 year budget. Align the services we provide against costs, Council priorities, presented it to the GM and City Manager. Help with determining the taxation process. 1 million cost for VFRS.
- Working through the fireworks report. Recommendation to have fireworks for the various ethnic festivals to 4-5 days a year.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, September 17th 2013 @1800 hrs. @ Fire Hall #7