



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Fire Hall #1 – Boardroom
900 Heatley Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Barrows – Chair
Ray Greenwood
Brandon Lam
Geoff Pegg-Vice Chair

Dylan Chow
Ray Greenwood
Dave Pasin
Greg White

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

John McKearney, Fire Chief

Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

CALL TO ORDER

At 1745 hrs. by Shannon Barrows – Chair.

ADOPT AGENDA

Agenda was adopted as presented .

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

▪ Vancouver Fire Foundation

- Next steps for the Vancouver Fire Foundation are registration and incorporation.
- Shannon has forwarded the Foundation documents to the Fire Chief for review.

▪ Firefighters' Memorial

- No movement at present.

▪ Committee Mandate & Activities

- Meeting to be scheduled with the Fire Chief.

NEW BUSINESS

Youth Academy – Mark Baker

- Over 100 students have graduated from the 5 academies held each year.
- First engaged with the CoV Youth outreach team
- Refresher CPR training, helps them when they volunteer for other events.

- Volunteer hours are recorded and letters of recommendation are given on their behalf
- 45 events (pink shirt day, PSU training, over 550 hours, students have raised over 11,000/-)
- Past graduates to suggest a charity of their choice
- Invite 2 graduates for peer mentoring – support the current students. Requesting 2 volunteers to come in for 5 days – Fire Chief’s commendation. Also secure funding for gear 500/-
- 7th to 11th of April 2014
- Suggestion that the VFRS Foundation have a standard donation to this program
- Send letter of support of this program to Mayor and Council.
- Geoff to draft letter to Mayor and Council. Copy to the City Manager.

Committee Members will attend during the week.

Graduation: April, 11th at 1300 hrs.

Chief’s Report:

- Bargaining – exchanged proposals. Meeting this weekend. Two outstanding items: Officer Development program and access to information (on a without prejudice basis).
- Grievance – 4 major grievances: Officer Development program, vacation scheduling, medical information and access to interview process.
- HUSAR – trying to identify on a go forth basis what we should do as the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team. Have support provincially. Agreed to explore adding Incident support team and incident management team so that there is more depth to the team. Scale back on international deployment but will remain as the 4 teams capable of responding nationally without federal oversight.
- Concluded an AC OH&S process. Extended this opportunity externally and the one candidate that was successful was an internal candidate. For the first time we also engaged an external company to do a psychological assessment.
- Leadership Forum –
- BCAS Response – status quo. Update the City Manager on daily status reports.

Meeting with the Union

- Tuesday, March 12th 2014 @ 1730 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1900 hrs