



# VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 2016

Fire Hall #1 Administration Board Room  
900 Heatley Avenue

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Barrows – Chair (Recorder)      Ray Greenwood  
Geoff Pegg      Greg White

#### Absent:

Yanni Alexandropolous      Ross Greenwood  
Dave Pasin      John McKearney, Fire Chief  
Charmaine Susanthan      Daniel Stevens, General Manager CoV Emergency Management

#### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Brian Godlonton, Deputy Chief

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1740 hrs.

#### ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented with the following additions to new business:

- Order of Canada
- Salute to 9/11

#### ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting adopted as presented.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

E-mail from Dylan Chow tendering his resignation was noted as received. The Committee would like to thank Dylan for his three years of service to the Committee and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **Vancouver Fire Foundation**
  - Shannon advised she would be meeting with the Chief upon his return from Indianapolis to finalize the charitable society application. The final draft of the application will then be passed on to Legal at the City for final review and submission.
- **Committee Mandate & Activities Sub-committee**
  - No update.

- **Terms of Reference**

- The final draft of the revised Terms of Reference was provided to the Chief and is waiting approval. Once approved, the final version will be posted on the website and will be circulated to the committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Youth Academy Update & Graduation**

- Yanni advised he attended the Youth Academy last Tuesday and reported the presentation went well. He told the students about the committee and read them a letter from Dylan Chow and his experience with the Academy and the Committee. Yanni noted the students seemed to have some interest, more than last year and hopes they will contact us if they have any questions or would like to observe a meeting.
- Shannon thanked Yanni for attending the Academy, speaking to the students and representing the Committee.
- Shannon noted she attended the graduation and was happy to see it was so well attended by the student's family and friends. It was a larger class this year, but as always the students were keen, focused and enthusiastic.
- Announced that Ashley Lewis is in the recruit class for May 2016.

- **Deputy Chief's Report**

- Deputy Chief Brian Godlonton

### Uniformity of the Youth Academy

- Identified a need to look at the representation by the Youth Academy with an aim to uniformity of the dress attire for better branding and portrayal of the Department but also to distinguish as "Youth Academy". Would also align with the grooming standard within the department.

### Bargaining

- Local 18 applied for mediation.

### Arbitration awards

- Awards regarding the Medical Driver's Fees and the HUSAR Calgary Deployment were circulated to the committee.
- OPS Arbitration was awarded in favour of the employer.

### Respectful Workplace incident

- Respectful workplace meetings with the Union to work collectively on training.

### Scheduling Solution

- Contract signed with Kronos and getting ready to roll out.

### Vancouver Charter Discussions

- The Provincial Government will providing the CoV an opportunity to provide some updates to the Vancouver Charter. Fire will be submitting a few initiatives for consideration..

Presumptive Cancers

- Meeting took place with Worksafe BC. Committed to supporting the Fire Chief with some messaging and reaching out to agencies and groups with more information.

- **BC Ambulance System**

- April 12<sup>th</sup> Vancouver Sun front page story: Non-urgent calls strain BC Ambulance System.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Order of Canada**

- Ray reminded the committee of the new award for volunteerism for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they're looking for nominations.

- **Salute to 9/11**

- September 9, 2016 will be a 9/11 celebration honouring the Fireman of the Year and the Policeman of the Year awards

- **Sun Run**

- Ray suggested having a department team for next year's Sun Run, April 23, 2016.

- **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Kerrisdale fire hall located at 5425 Carnarvon Street. Meeting will be held at 1800 hours due to the shift change.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 1835 hrs.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 1800 hours  
Fire Hall #21, 5425 Carnarvon Street (Kerrisdale)**