



# VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016

Fire Hall #21

5425 Carnarvon Street

#### **In Attendance:**

Yanni Alexandropolous  
Ray Greenwood  
Greg White

Shannon Barrows – Chair  
Dave Pasin

Ray Greenwood  
Geoff Pegg

#### **Ex Officio Members:**

Tyler Moore, Deputy Chief

#### **Guests:**

Dale Parno, Battalion Chief  
Captain & Crew - Fire Hall #21  
Justin Lu

#### **Recorder:**

Charmaine Susanthan

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1805 hrs

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

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

- Jail & Bail – BC Cancer Society
- Firefighter of the Year
- Building #s
- United Way Guide

#### **ADOPT MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 19th, 2016 meeting adopted as presented.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mail application from Youth Academy member Justin Lu. Prior to this meeting taking place, the following motion was moved by Greg white; that The Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services (VF&RS) Advisory Committee invites Justin Ga-Fei Lu to become a member of the committee in one of the youth positions, immediately, with a term that ends in June 2017. This motion was seconded by Raymond Greenwood.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### ▪ **Vancouver Fire Foundation**

- Shannon advised that she would follow up with Deputy Chief Brian Godlonton on the final draft of the application which will then be passed on to Legal at the City for final review and submission.

##### ▪ **Committee Mandate & Activities Sub-committee**

- Ray and Geoff will continue to represent this committee at the BC EHSC/PHSA meetings.
- Shannon has presented the revised Terms of Reference to the Fire Chief and awaits approval. Once approved the Terms of Reference will be posted to the website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Jail & Bail Event – BC Cancer Society**

This event will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2016. The Fire Chief, Police Chief and other senior staff members of the CoV will be arrested for a very good cause in support of Cancer.

- **Firefighter and Policemen of the Year**

The event sponsored by the Canadian Club honouring these members will take place on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Trump Hotel. Cost would be between \$85-\$95/-

- **Building #s**

Discussion on the visibility of building numbers (address) on some buildings in the city of Vancouver. The committee felt that the absence of building numbers could impact response times to first responders. Building by-law should be enforced and a standardized system in place. The Committee will write a letter to Council. This will be assigned to a sub-committee.

- **Unsecured Vacant Properties**

Concerns were expressed on properties in the city being vacant and unoccupied. The committee will draft a letter to Council highlighting the safety aspect (or lack thereof) of unsecured properties urging Council to have rules in place for owners and developers to secure properties and areas under construction respectively. Ray, Geoff and Ross to draft letter.

- **United Way Guide**

Ray shared this guide with the committee.

- **Street Closures**

Better communication needed from the CoV– crews should be notified in advance

- **Deputy Chief's Report**

Deputy Chief Tyler Moore reported on the following:

Labour Relations

- Employer/Union has been involved in the second day of mediation
- Update next month

Public Safety Unit (PSU)

- New class of 15 staff members involved in training.
- Will be including a medical component to this unit

#### Fire Boats

- The first boat will leave Kingston, ON on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May
- June 13-17<sup>th</sup> Metal Craft Marine – sea trials and training

#### Apparatus: New Tech Rescue Unit

- Being outfitted in Abbotsford. \$800,000/- state-of-the-art equipment and tracking system
- Will be in service at Fire Hall #9

#### Ladder

- Will be ready for service on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Communication equipment has been installed.
- Delivery date of one engine and ladder – June 24<sup>th</sup>.

25 new apparatus will be delivered by the end of the year.

#### Fire Hall Update:

#5 – scheduled to be demolished late 2018

#17- architect has been hired. Plan for the temporary facility in place.

Recruits – 12 new recruits have been hired.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **▪ Q & A**

- BC Parno, Captain and Crew briefed the committee on response and concerns/issues of fire hall #21

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 2000 hrs.**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1800 hrs.

Ray Greenwood's Residence, 3219 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
(to be confirmed, if not, Fire Hall #1 Board Room)