



# VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Fire Hall #1 Administration Board Room  
900 Heatley Avenue

#### **In Attendance:**

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

#### **Regrets:**

Yanni Alexandrapoulos	Justin Lu
Dave Pasin	

#### **Guests:**

Mary Di Mambro, VP Public Relations  
Sutherland Corporation Ltd.  
Melanie Sutherland, Sutherland  
Corporation Ltd.

#### **Recorder:**

Charmaine Susanthan

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1740 hrs.

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented with the following additions:

- Medal ceremony
- Citizenship awards

#### **ADOPT MINUTES**

Minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were adopted as presented.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Draft letters to Council – awaiting edits.  
Blurb for Advertisement (call for members to committee) – to be circulated on all committee member networks. Charmaine to check with Capt. Gormick on the possibility of posting on FB and Twitter.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Vancouver Fire Foundation**
  - Shannon has received a draft from CoV's legal department– clarification on some points in the bylaws needed to be finalized
  - Once Fire Chief's approval has been obtained, will be sent for registration.
- **Committee Mandate & Activities Sub-committee**
  - No update.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Medal Ceremony

- Greg White has confirmed attendance to this event on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2016
- Office of Emergency Management
  - An email was sent to this office enquiring on representation at these meetings– no response to date.
- Website – needs to be updated
  - Minutes need to be updated on the website - Charmaine to handle.
  - Revised 2016 Committee Membership List – Charmaine to handle.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Presentation on Consumer Fireworks Certification Workshop by the Canadian National Fireworks Association – Mary Di Mambro, VP of Public Relations, Sutherland Corporation Ltd.
  - The presentation was made at the Fireworks Vendor Certification Workshop
  - To promote fair access and safety in the sale of fireworks.
  - Worked with Toronto Fire Services
  - Message – banning does not work. Need to regulate vendors.
  - The following was covered in the presentation:
    - The Federal Explosives Act
    - Enforcement of the Federal Explosives Act
    - Transporting Fireworks
    - Vendor permit restricts
    - Legal vs illegal fireworks in Canada
    - Displaying consumer fireworks for sale
    - Storeowners and Managers must know the law
    - Fireworks Safety Guidelines
    - Safety video- website
    - How to tutorial – ignite each of the different categories of fireworks
- Citizens Commendation
  - Excellent event with good media coverage
- BC Ambulance Service
  - Request for more funding has been made by EVP, PHSA & BCEHS.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1900 hrs.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
 Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2016  
 Fire Hall #1 Board Room  
 900 Heatley Avenue