



## VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday March 20, 2012  
Fire Hall #1 - Boardroom  
900 Heatley Avenue

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Barrows – Vice Chair  
Ross Greenwood  
Gary Pattullo  
Greg White - Chair

Ray Greenwood  
Dave Pasin  
Geoffrey Pegg

#### Absent:

Kinder Aujla

#### Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

#### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

John McKearney, Fire Chief

#### Guest:

FF Mark Engler

#### CALL TO ORDER

At 1745 hrs by Greg White - Chair

#### ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted as presented

#### ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting adopted. February 21<sup>st</sup>  
Minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 adopted as presented with the  
revision of including Dave Pasin as Present.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Applications from Youth Academy Candidates.  
Both candidates will be accepted to the Committee. Shannon  
will draft welcome letters to the two new members. Greg and  
Geoff will follow up by inviting the new members to a brief  
orientation before the Committee meeting in April.  
Shannon will draft an amendment to the Terms of Reference to  
change the membership from 9 members to 8 adult members  
and 2 youth members.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### ▪ Vancouver Fire Foundation

- Shannon has left message for both Valerie MacLean, Executive Director of the Vancouver Police Foundation and Josie Riebe, City of Vancouver Manager of Fundraising and Development with the Parks and Recreation Board to discuss their experience and the governance models used with their foundations.
- Shannon has also been in contact with David Li in the City of Vancouver Law Department trying to arrange a meeting to discuss the all the elements of the foundation, any concerns the COV and/or the VF&RS have and then the next steps.
- Shannon, in trying to ensure we retain the best person or company for the job of assisting with the set up of the foundation and/or charity.
- Shannon also spoke to Anders Ourom who assisted with setting up a couple of the union's charities and then met with Anders, along with Geoff and Ray to discuss his services and initial thoughts on the project. Anders clearly has expertise in the application process with CRA but the sub committee was not sure of his strength in the discussion and possible negotiations with the City and other strategic partners. Anders will be sending a proposal for his services and Shannon will follow up with Benific as it has been some time since the initial meeting.

- It was agreed that a bigger strategy discussion around the entities, model, governance, name, directors and members, etc. was the next step.
- The Chief indicated that Iain Dixon and or David Hill (or David Li?) need to be involved from the CoV.

- **Presentation by Mark Baker on the Youth Academy.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Chief's Report**

Preparation for Major Events.

- Continuing with preparation.
- John Furlong and Doug Keith have made recommendations in their report.
- VF&RS to liaise with VPD in a Public Safety format.
- Two tiers of volunteers. 150 trained volunteers with 50 at the level II tier.
- Volunteer response team and mass disaster team.

- **New Recruits**

- 6 new members including 2 females
- Code of Conduct document will be signed by all new recruits
- Gaps in medical evaluation - will not only be assessed by Medisys but will also need to have their personal physician sign off on the medical. Will also be including drug testing.
- New recruits will also need to have a polygraph.
- Female Firefighters - Laura Lintunen will be the liaison as a Senior Administrator.
- Post check ups are done by the Chief.

- CoV is receiving two United Way Community Spirit Awards.

- The Department has been requested to comment on 20 storey wood frame buildings.

- Succession Development for exempt staff. Call interested parties with rotation through different projects. Will be further developed with input from Local 18.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1830 hrs.

**NEXT MEETING:  
Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1940 hrs.  
Fire Hall #15  
3003 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue**