



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 @ 1730 hrs.
Fire Hall #4
1475 West 10th Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Greg White – Chair
Shannon Barrows – Vice Chair (Recorder)
Ray Greenwood
Dave Pasin

Geoffrey Pegg
Gary Pattullo
Justin Rai

Absent:

Kinder Aujla
Ross Greenwood

Charmaine Susanthan
Ashley Lewis

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

John McKearney, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

At 1730 hrs by Greg White – Chair

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted as presented with the following additions to new business:

- VF&RS CAC Website
- Comox greenway/bikeway

ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting adopted as presented with the revision of Geoff, not Greg, will respond to the three members from the Youth Academy

CORRESPONDENCE

E-mail from Dylan Chow, Angus Wall and Kyla Sinclair

- Per the last meeting, Geoff was going to touch base with the interested candidates but wanted to refer to the terms of reference on the website and noticed the Advisory Committee website is no longer available. Shannon will forward soft copy of the Terms of Reference to Geoff. Geoff will contact the candidates and will also extend an invitation to attend one meeting over the next year, with the exception of the December meeting with the Union.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Meeting with the Union**

- Greg to follow up with the union regarding a meeting, with the committee, for the second (or maybe the first) week in December.

- **Vancouver Fire Foundation**

- Shannon has been in contact with Kelly Oehlschlager, lawyer with COV, however he is away until Wednesday afternoon, October 17th. Shannon hopes to hear back upon his return and hopefully set up a meeting for the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Chief's Report**

WebEx Conference Call took place and went well

Inspection program

- Still the priority but a learning curve for department. Awareness achieved with regard to 800 of the 2600 properties not inspected due to not having the address. Developing short term and long term solutions as an integrated part of the process.

Competition for Assistant Chiefs

- Announcement tomorrow for DC Community Safety (Les leaving April 2013)

Community Events

- Movie Night at Hall #9 was well attended and Hall #15 is hosting Carson Graham School to put on a play later this month

Pre hospital care pilot program ongoing

Exercise Magnitude Event this weekend (Friday to Sunday)

- Advisory Committee invited to attend Saturday, October 20th for a two-hour tour of the training sites. Meet at 0945 at the Salt Building (red building in the Olympic Village). Please RSVP to Charmaine.

Flu Vaccine

- Announcement made to staff regarding the mandated change this year, for first responders to get the flu vaccine or must wear a surgical mask in all environments during the flu season. Those who have been inoculated will be identified with a pin. With past advisories about the flue shot, there has been approximately 50% compliance over the years.

Budget

- Still going through the budget items. Permit revenue is increasing.

WebEx

- Conference calls will continue. Discussion points triggered due to Worksafe regulations and increased number of female firefighters in the department (from seven to nineteen). Discussion is to ensure everyone is aware of their roles and maintaining a respectful workplace.

Medal Ceremony

- Advisory Committee invited to attend Monday, October 22nd at the Italian Cultural Centre. Please RSVP to Charmaine.

- **VF&RS CAC Website**
 - CAC link was accidentally omitted. The new COV website has received several compliments, is very intuitive. Geoff to send Charmaine an email and she will send a request to COV IT to return the link to the CAC page and information.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Comox Greenway/Bikeway**
 - Comox to become part of the greenway/bikeway across the peninsula joining Stanley Park with the Yaletown and False Creek North neighbourhoods. Some parking spaces would likely be removed as part of the redesign of the street into a Greenway.
 - Greg brought forward concerns regarding the department trucks being blocked on a one-way street, traffic calming for where the road changes to one-way (and no four-way stop planned), the planned change forcing traffic on to Nelson and city staff commenting the plan has gone through city planning and the fire department endorses the plan.
 - Chief commented he did not have the details of the plan but members of his staff have been involved in the discussion and it is common for them to be involved in the early stages of the projects but not always included in later stages of planning. The Chief will revisit the matter with his operations staff.
 - Note: The Comox Greenway/Bikeway is going through public consultation.

- **Next Meeting**
 - Greg will check with Charmaine on hall location
 - Meeting in December will be either December 4th or 11th at Hall #1. Greg will reach out to Gord Ditchburn and Rob Weeks from the Union.

- **25th Annual Emergency Preparedness Conference**
 - Pre-conference Monday, November 5, 2012. Full conference November 6, 7 & 8 at the Sheraton Wall Centre in downtown Vancouver.

- **Tour of Fire Hall #4**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1810 hrs.

**NEXT MEETING:
November 20, 2012 @ 1730 hours
Fire Hall TBD**