



# VANCOUVER FIRE RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2019  
Fire Hall #1 Board Room  
900 Heatley Avenue

#### **In Attendance:**

Ray Greenwood  
Anthony Kupferschmidt  
Geoff Pegg, Chair

Ross Greenwood  
Dave Pasin  
Greg White

#### **Ex Officio Member:**

Darrell Reid, Fire Chief

#### **Recorder:**

Charmaine Susanthan

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1730 hrs. by Chair Geoff Pegg.

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Adopted as presented with the following additions:

- Update on Fire Hall on Kerr Street
- House Numbers
- Retired FF's Association/FBA

#### **ADOPT MINUTES**

Minutes of the March meeting adopted as presented.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mail from A/Sgt Lorna Berndsen to Ray Greenwood.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

- Further updates to the Terms of Reference – Geoff to revise and distribute
- When Strategic Plan is available – Charmaine to update link (Advisory Committee page)
- Committee should add specific value – gender equality
- Membership – not restricting it to only 10 members
- Youth membership – not restricted only to Youth Academy participants.
- Recruitment of members – social media ( Fire Chief), CoV's website ( Charmaine to liaise with City Clerk's)
- Website to be updated – Charmaine to handle

##### ▪ **New Sub Committee Report**

- Senior Stakeholder Engagement – no report

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### ▪ **Fire Chief's Report**

- VanSlam Exercise: Validate the CoV's earthquake response capabilities. Activation of the Department Operations Centres (DOC), Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Disaster Staging Areas ( DSA), testing systems and emergency plans. Only offered to CoV employees. A full review with many recommendations is forthcoming. There will be a provincial exercise in about 1.5-2 years.
- Strategic Plan: Being built from the Darkhorse report. Five primary areas of performance.
- Reintroduction of sports (volleyball) in firehalls
- Death of suppression member – line of duty death
- Two featured documentaries – FC to provide link for distribution to committee
- Viaduct – no update

- New Chaplain for the department – Jeff Young
- Union Local 18 Collective Agreement – good till December 2019.
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- **Fire Hall #5 at 54<sup>th</sup> & Kerr Update**
  - Staying with the Go live timelines of September 2019
- **House Numbers/Alleyway Signs**
  - Text from A/Sgt. Email (*Back in May 2017, you invited me to attend a VFRS Advisory Committee meeting and listened to the proposal of having Vancouver citizens have their addresses posted on the rear of their premises, as well as the COV businesses. You showed support and encouragement of the proposal and assisted me in making contact with "the right people" within VFRS and BCEHS. Subsequently, the project went into motion, and over the next 2 years, I was able to obtain funding for a Strathcona community pilot project from the Vancouver Police Foundation. As a result, over 400 Strathcona residents received a free number plate to be installed at the rear of their property. On Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, VPD Public Affairs publicly announced Project Landmark and the inaugural installation of the first number plate in the 600 block of Union Street.*)
  - Charmaine to check with Community Safety and Risk Reduction division if laneway houses are numbered (June 5/19 – AC Rick Cheung responded that Laneway houses require their own civic address to be posted per the Building By-law)
- **Retired FF's Association and Firefighters Benevolent Association (FBA)**
  - Charmaine to provide contact details of both associations to Anthony.

**Adjourned – 1900 hrs.**

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> @1730 hrs.**  
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