



VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 15th 2018
Fire Hall #1 Board Room
900 Heatley Avenue

In Attendance:

Ray Greenwood
Anthony Kupferschmidt
Greg White

Ross Greenwood
Geoff Pegg, Chair

Regrets:

Yanni Alexandropoulos

Dave Pasin

Ex Officio Member:

Darrell Reid, Fire Chief

Recorder:

Charmaine Susanthan

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1740 hrs. by Chair Geoff Pegg.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted as presented.

ADOPT MINUTES

Minutes of the March meeting adopted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

E-mail from Jacquie Miller announcing her resignation from the committee after the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Vancouver Fire Foundation**

- No report

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

- No report.

- **New Sub Committee Report:**

- VF&RS and Seniors Centers.

Anthony provided a brief overview of the Seniors Isolation Forum, to be held on May 26th 2018. The City of Vancouver Seniors Advisory Committee will be sharing the recommendations from its extensive report on Social Isolation and Loneliness Among Seniors. Some of the recommendations list VF&RS as a potential partner. The Fire Chief suggested that the on-duty Assistant Chief would be the departmental liaison to assist with this program.

The Seniors Services Society of New Westminster is run with much success.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Fire Chief's Report**

- Current State Review: Final report will be presented to the VF&RS exempt team on May 31st. Reporting on firehalls, response times, budget, personnel. Analysis and comparable cities were Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary, San Diego, Portland and Seattle.
- Strategic Plan: Outcomes based strategic plan; health and wellness, performance benchmarks, response times

- Capital Budget: Firehalls #1 and #9, seismic upgrade #12, purchase of new trucks
- New Deputy Chiefs: Chris Herbert and Kiran Marohn and one Assistant Deputy Chief Martin Paulson
- Mental Health Program; resilient minds program.
- Canteen: mobile canteen unit to provide firefighters with an opportunity for rehydration and rest. Information from Toronto Fire Department. Fundraising opportunity.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Terms of Reference Update
 - This is tabled for post Strategic Plan review and recommendations.
- New Member Recruitment
 - Low response to recruitment campaign – committee members internal contacts via social media has not generated interest. Would need to revisit criteria on membership eligibility and other. Committee requested the Fire Chief include committee membership openings on his Twitter live feed

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1830 hrs.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, June 19th 2018
Fire Hall #1, 900 Heatley Avenue