



# VANCOUVER FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 @1730 hrs.  
Fire Hall #1 Board Room  
900 Heatley Avenue

#### **In Attendance:**

Geoff Pegg, Chair  
Greg White  
Anthony Kupferschmidt

Ross Greenwood  
Dave Pasin  
Ray Greenwood

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

Darrell Reid, Fire Chief

#### **Recorder:**

Charmaine Susanthan

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1735 hrs. by Chair Geoff Pegg.

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Adopted as presented.

#### **ADOPT MINUTES**

Minutes of the June meeting adopted as presented.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mail from Yanni submitting his resignation.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Vancouver Fire Foundation**
  - Geoff to provide an overview to Fire Chief and connect via phone soon after.
- **Committee Mandate & Activities Sub-committee**
  - No update at this time
- **New Sub Committee Report**
  - No update

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Fire Chief's Report**
  - Mayor & Council orientation Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>: Darkhorse Report - all the communication on this report had a good impact. First half of the day was a report from the Fire Chief. Focus on staffing 122 staff in 5 years. Going through the budget process.
  - Firefighter ratio – per risk vs per capita. Edmonton and Calgary are well resourced.
  - Fire Underwriters – 5 year data. 70% of fires. Ratings: Residential ratings is 1-10. Business side is 2 – approaching a 3. St. John's, NF. Fire Insurance – 4 million in savings if we get to a rating of 1. If we follow the Darkhorse report I believe we should get to a 1.
  - Fire Hall #2 – one year rotation. More training. Orientation – coping mechanisms. Health and Wellness : yoga, diet. Resiliency retreat.
  - Turnout times: implement, competition, hall based targets. Report cards, radios on trucks, timers on the walls, GPS on trucks.
  - Hall Inspections – from 70% compliant to 100% in two weeks.
  - 24 hour shift – safety issues.
  - Public Education/Enforcement/Response – Toronto

- Fire Hall Update: #5 opening in March. # 17 is being demolished with the opening in an year's time.
- Recruitment of the committee. Department to help with the recruitment of committee members.

**After discussion, the Chief agreed with the Committee that:**

- The CAC could add value by helping to:
  - ❖ engage many of the stakeholders listed in the Report
  - ❖ assist in creating a culture of diversity by assisting in outreach to the community in independent initiatives and/or in conjunction with the Dept.
    - The new 'outreach' AC will be invited to next meeting
  - ❖ Assist the dept. or create initiatives with respect to Prevention and Public Education

**Adjourned – 1845 hrs.**

**NEXT MEETING: January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
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