



VANCOUVER FIRE RESCUE SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19th 2019
Fire Hall #1 Board Room
900 Heatley Avenue

In Attendance:

Geoff Pegg, Chair
Greg White
Anthony Kupferschmidt

Regrets:

Ray Greenwood
Ross Greenwood
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 November meeting adopted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Geoff and Ross provided a detailed report to the committee, a synopsis of which is stated below.

Terms of Reference

The Committee terms of reference should be updated to reflect the more meaningful mandate, which aligns with some of the needs assessment study recommendations and has the support of the Chief and should include:

- Stakeholder engagement
- Culture and diversity
- Prevention and education; support fire prevention and public education programs.
- Committee Membership Recruitment

Of note: if the revised mandate of the Committee is approved, it is likely that the monthly time commitment to meaningfully participate on the Committee will increase.

Action: Update the City website to add the Committee to the list of committee's with vacancies on the current Committee and Board recruitment process (closes April 12. 2019)

Action: leverage the Chief's growing social media presence to recruit new members to the Committee

Action: update the current website with new term of reference, add unposted meeting minutes from 2018 and 2019, update the list of current members

The Fire Chief suggested Recommendation #3 in the draft revision of the Terms of Reference be tabled for future consideration.

Terms of Reference need to be reviewed and revised at least once in two years.

- **New Sub Committee Report**
 - No update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Fire Chief's Report**
 - The VFRS Senior Exempt Team of Deputy Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs will be complete when the AC of OHS&W is filled.
 - Officer Development Program – excellent program; mentorship.
 - Negotiations (Union Local 18) - next year
- **The New Building (Fire Hall #5) at 54th & Kerr Update**
 - Go live in September
 - #17 is moving along well.
 - Temporary halls will remain until the new constructions are complete.
- **Smoke Detectors in Homes installed by the Fire Department**
 - Waiting for some updates from the Prevention department
 - At the request of home owners this division installs smoke detectors in homes
 - Distinct rules on CO detectors. Code is very specific, detailed on occupancy
- **Overview on New Program: PPT presentation 'Save a Life'**
 - Tabled to next meeting.
- **New Fire Prevention Office**
 - Now located on 575 W. 8th Avenue
 - Open house was held for Mayor and Council and CoV staff on February 19th
 - Will organize meeting at that site in the near future.
- **Update on the move of Hall #1 and New Roads**
 - Ongoing meetings with the Strathcona community.

Adjourned – 1830 hrs.

NEXT MEETING: April 17th 2019 @1730 hrs.
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