

**East Sooke Fire Protection and Emergency Response
Service Commission**



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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011

Present: Richard (Dick) Braunschweig; John Corsiglia; Erik Lund (Chair); James Scott;
and Lucille Barfield, secretary

Fire Dept.: Roger Beck (Chief)

Absent: Layton Engwer; Chris Statham

Public: 5

Erik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by James Scott, **Seconded** by Dick Braunschweig, that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2011

Moved by Dick Braunschweig, **Seconded** by John Corsiglia, that the minutes of the April 18, 2011 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Erik provided an update on the new fire hall project, reporting that 1 hectare of land has been purchased for \$200,000 from the Broadbents, subject to CRD rezoning. A well presently on the property will be replaced with a new water line and an environmental assessment was favourable.

Questions/comments from the public:

- When the present fire hall is sold how will it impact the new project?
EL: It's a CRD asset.
- What if the referendum failed?
EL: Because we own the land we can go back and re-work another referendum. If the entire project failed, the Broadbents have the opportunity to buy back the land.
- It was said that the training facility couldn't be set up until after the referendum.

EL: Need the water line in before land improvements are made. Any improvements would need to be removed if the property went back to the Broadbents.

- Grants will need to be explored.
- New location is one kilometre down the road which will affect response time, eg. to Mt. Matheson, but being closer to Silver Spray resort is an insurance benefit.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - nil

6. REPORTS

(a) Fire Chief's Report – Roger Beck

A Incidents

We have had 7 call outs since my last report: 2 illegal open burns, 1 tree blocking the road, 1 residential alarm bell (false alarm), 1 ambulance assist, 1 hydro line arcing to trees, and 1 mutual aid response to Shirley for tanker support. That brings our total for the year to 26 call outs.

B Roll Call

We currently have 26 active fire fighters registered, one of whom is a junior fire fighter.

C Training

Thursday training has been attended by an average of 16 personnel per week.

This training has included progression in IFSTA modules, first responder training and hose lay and hose handling work.

Saturday practices have been attended by an average of 4 personnel who are putting in extra hours in order to advance their IFSTA module 5 training more quickly. Hose lays, hose handling and scene setup.

D Business

1. The recent reduction in the drinking driving regulations has led the fire brigade to question its policy of having alcoholic beverages in the hall. The fire brigade investigated licensing regulations for serving alcohol and found that the costs and labor requirements are prohibitive. It was also noted that the trend in fire departments is to be "Dry". As a result of the findings the brigade has decided to stop selling alcoholic beverages in the hall except where a special events license is drawn.

2. Machine burn piles are now not permitted. Hand piles are on a day by day basis and will be suspended when the fire hazard is raised.

Moved by James Scott, **Seconded** by John Corsiglia, that the Fire Chief's Report for May 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

(b) Financial report - no report.

(c) Building report - Dick Braunschweig

Design needs for the new fire hall have been defined and lists are being made up for delegating specific issues. A committee meeting will be held and information reported back to the Commission.

Erik will arrange for Malcolm ?, CRD staff, to come to the June ESFPC meeting to discuss the next step. Commissioners are asked to have questions ready for him.

Other comments/suggestions:

- that the plans be submitted to an architect for advice
- that expertise be sought from East Sooke residents
- that the new fire hall will be suitable for 50+ years; satellite halls can be established if needed, eg. Mt. Matheson
- Kevin Hurst of Can Pol plumbing volunteered to do all the plumbing for the new building.

Moved by James Scott, **Seconded** by John Corsiglia, that the building report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Policy / HR – nil.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

- a) John reported that he is recording the pros and cons for a new fire hall. He is working on the CRD's required Annual Report which will be presented after the 2011 AGM.

8. NEW BUSINESS - nil.

Next meeting: Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7 p.m.

In Erik Lund's absence, Dick Braunschweig will chair the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.