

NORTH GALIANO FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, SUNDAY, Feb 12, 2017,

MINUTES

1. Attendance/ membership.

Present: Paul LeBlond (chair), Roger Pettit, Laurie Whitaker, Dana Weber

Regrets: Phil Buller, Sandy Moodie

Paul will contact Phil about future intentions; he has missed several meetings.

Staff: Tom Darby, Fire Chief

Guest: Karen Harris, NGFPS Director

**ATTENTION: Paul**

2. approval of agenda

M/S/C

3. approval of minutes of Jan 8

M/S/C

Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) There is still some confusion about whether previous qualifications of some of our firefighters will be grandfathered under the requirements of the new playbook. This requires ongoing discussion with the authorities.
- b) New Water source raised at the last meeting: The road access to this pond is inappropriate and not really useable in its present condition.
- c) 2016 operation surplus-no info from CRD as yet
- d) Website improvements: No action taken as yet, but Karen Harris will look into it and either do the work herself or seek out another appropriate person.

**ATTENTION: Karen**

4. Financial report.

No info as 3(c) above

5. Fire Chief's report. (Attached)

Callouts: 2 medical for ambulance assist. 2 calls for hydro lines down.

Recent extended blockage of Porlier Pass raised discussion about access during such situations. Key for one gate on the alternative private road is still unavailable.

**Tom to check with owner and/or resident about obtaining the key**

Department Insurance has been updated to include commission members.

New rescue vehicle has already been used. Basically in good working condition; just a few items required fine tuning. Old vehicle will go to auction, proceeds will go to our equipment reserve fund.

The new tender was subject to a recall; problem has been remedied, but Vehicle #70 could have the same problem. Tom to take vehicle in for diagnosis and repair if required.

9 Other business

None

10. Next meeting.

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In Camera session was waived, as there was no confidential information involved, and the meeting continued.

11. Personnel Issue – The letter approved at the last in camera session was sent registered and received. There has been no reaction or response from the recipient.

12. Offer to Robert Davis re: chief's position

Robert Davis declined coming over and pursuing his application because of the short term of employment offered, but he is still interested.

It was moved that we make the position available without a term limit, renew our offer of a personal visit, and offer the job if the outcome of in person discussions is positive.

Discussion:

Such an offer would put the department in a stronger position in terms of leadership going into the merger study. The merger, if effected, would not preclude the person hired as chief remaining in a position at the same salary. Contract would have a probationary period, but open-ended after that.

The motion carried, subject to discussion with CRD Director Howe.

**Paul to discuss with David Howe**

[Footnote, not to be included in final minutes: There should be a related decision in the Society minutes to delay tendering the Request for Proposals for the merger study by one month]