

**WILLIS POINT FIRE PROTECTION
AND RECREATION FACILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday Sept 29, 2019

7:30 PM

***Willis Point Community Centre AGM
Election of Commission Members***

Present: Vern McConnell, Ken Smith, Ken Ilott, Gary Howell, Brent Kornelson, Director Mike Hicks

Absent: Joel Cotter, Brian McCandless

WPCA AGM meeting suspended: Commission Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

1) Commission Chair Vern McConnell presented report on commission activities for the past year, no questions from the floor: see report attached.

2) Call for election of 3 commission members:

Standing for re-election:	Joel Cotter re-elected for 2 year term
Standing for re-election:	Gary Howell: re-elected for 2 year term
Nominated:	Paul Williams: elected for 2 year term

3) Ken Ilott declined to stand for re-election; Community expressed thanks to Ken Ilott for his years of work on the commission.

4) Vern provided report on Commission current projects:

- a) New Rogers cell tower agreement with increase in revenue from \$7000 to \$28,500/year,
- b) Paving of apron area outside Fire Dept apparatus buildings.

WPCA AGM called to order at: 5:15 pm

Willis Point Fire Protection & Recreation Facilities Commission

Annual Report September 29th 2019

The commission submits a report annually detailing its activities since its last report, along with a preliminary 2020 budget. This year we will be presenting both documents during the AGM on September 30th 2019 at the WPCA AGM in the community hall. To prepare yourselves I will preview the report with information you may wish to have any questions about.

2019 saw the signing of a new three year contract with Rogers Communications for a site licence agreement to facilitate the existing cell tower. The new contract is similar to the old contract with the exception that the annual fee paid by Rogers is \$28,500.00, up from \$7500.00 on an annual basis. This is retroactive to August st 2018. With the removal of the \$7500.00 paid for 2018, the total received by the community will \$28,500.00 for 2018 and \$28,500.00 for 2019 less \$7500.00 already received, the total being \$49,500.00. The commission has already decided to hold the 2020 taxes assessment to the same as 2019 so that Willis Point will not be seeing any increases in taxation for Fire and Recreation Budget. The balance of the revenue will be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund. I would like to note that the increase in revenue was long overdue and that the community should have been receiving fair market value over the last 25 years that the old contract was in place. The new 3 year contract is temporary as we expect an offer to build a new tower from Freedom Mobility in the near future.

At the time of the writing of this report quotations are being received for the paving of the apron and parking area in front of the fire hall bays as well as for some drainage work. This is all within our existing budget.

New internet access is now in place at the fire hall complex which should alleviate Elections BC concerns about communications for their polling station at the hall for this fall's elections.

There is also a plan to upgrade the hall sound system which is being facilitated by a grant in aide from our Regional Director Mike Hicks.

Your Commissioners are also responsible for a lot of the minor maintenance in and around the hall complex.

I have lived here almost 50 years and it always amazes me what neighbours working together can accomplish through Community Spirit. Willis Point is what it is today because of the volunteers. I hope we never feel we have so much that we no longer need Volunteers. It is volunteerism that defines us.

Vernon McConnell Chair

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