

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

Tuesday June 1, 2021

7:30 PM

Present: Vern McConnell, Brent Kornelson, Brian McCandless, Paul Williams, Gary Howell, Joel Cotter, Aran Puritch

Absent: Director Mike Hicks

Guests & Invitees: (Via Phone) Fire Chief Art Wynans

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm

1) Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Paul Williams, **SECONDED** by Brian McCandless, that the Agenda be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

2) MOTION by Gary Howell, **SECONDED** by Joel Cotter that the minutes of April 27, 2021 be accepted as presented, **CARRIED**

3) Chair Report: Vern welcomed Aran to commission,

4) Hall Report: see attached

5) Business Arising:

- a) Durrance Close: Vern announced the CRD has hired Chris Vrabel to support local fire departments, he will initially focus on rezoning application for Durrance Close
- b) Cell Tower: nothing new to report
- c) Tank Farm: nothing new, still waiting to hear about grant application. Aran will draft a motion for next meeting that will layout long term priorities for tank farm.
- d) Mutual Aide: Art updated commission on progress with Saanich and Central Saanich,
- e) Hall Heating: Brian reported that West Bay Mechanical to begin new Hall heating upgrade on June 14-16.
- f) Pest Control: Brian reports the measures are ongoing.
- g) Picnic Shelter: nothing new to report
- h) Hall Fridge: Joel will take over sourcing a replacement fridge.

MOTION by Brian McCandless, seconded by Brent Kornelson to spend up to \$1000 for replacement Hall Fridge CARRIED

- i) Financial Report: Gary reported on financials, Roger's Hydro bill payment has been received
- j) Covid related expenses grant is proceeding
- k) WPCA Library: a book share case will be installed on the outside wall of the Community Hall

6) Fire Chiefs Report: Several members have completed a Wild land Fire Fighting course, 3 experienced members moving away, efforts underway to recruit addition members. SBCA are due to be replaced in 2021, (one has failed) estimated cost \$80-\$100K for 10 systems sourced from the

equipment replacement fund. Concerns expressed that with steadily rising equipment costs our monthly contribution to the ERF may be insufficient.

7) WCPA Report: none

Meeting adjourned 9 pm.

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Hall Manager's Report

Given the ongoing Covid restrictions, there have been no inquiries regarding the use of the fire hall.

The Fire Department is continuing its bi-weekly practices on Wednesday and Thursday nights. I am continuing to do the sanitizing of both the Hall and the Annex after each practice.

There are no additional issues to report at this time.

Submitted by,

Mariann Malvet

Hall Manager