

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

Tuesday Sept 26, 2023 7:30 PM

**Present:** Brent Kornelson, Gary Howell, Brian McCandless, Aran Puritch, Joel Cotter,

**Absent:** Jim Potvin, Director Al Wickheim,

**Guests & Invitees:** Darren Pine, Art Wynans

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

**1) Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Brent Kornelson, **SECONDED** by Brian McCandless that the Agenda be accepted as presented, **CARRIED**

**2) MOTION** by Brian McCandless, **SECONDED** by Gary Howell that the minutes of June 9 and June 27 2023 be accepted as presented, **CARRIED**

**3) Business Arising:**

- a) Hall Managers Report: (see attached)
- b) Cell Tower: Brent reported the replacement Rogers Cell tower built is scheduled for early 2024.
- c) Asphalt Hall Apron: nothing to report,
- d) Rodent Control: Brian will contact pest Control Company to deal with problems in the Annex.

**4) Fire Chief Report:** Art reports the new engine has been received and outfitting is proceeding, reports steady call out volumes. Engine 2 will be up for sale through CRD fleet services later this year. Engine 1 deployed to Kelowna for 6 days earning about \$56K, (after wages and expenses about \$35K) Water tank grant has been approved; a committee needs to be formed to direct construction. The fire fighter association will be applying for addition grants as opportunities become available.

**5) New Business:**

- a) **Budget:** Gary reviewed budget for 2024, 3.5% increase was added to 2023 budget. Discussions followed focusing on higher inflation and effect on Fire Department costs, commission agreed that an addition \$5000 be added to the Fire Department budget. Higher overall costs have been partially offset by the higher cell tower lease income helping to keep requisition increases below inflation. Current estimated 2024 commission requisition \$145,730.

**6) Elections:** With Paul leaving there is an opening on the commission, Up for election this year is Paul seat, Gary and Joel: Gary and Joel have both agreed to stand for an addition term.

**Motion by Brian, seconded by Brent to adjourn meeting 9:15 pm, CARRIED.**

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**Hall Manager's Report**

The Pickle Ball group continued to use the Hall through the summer months. There was a private hourly booking on August 11th. The WPCA sponsored a happy hour on September 22nd. They have also reserved the Hall for an Octoberfest on October 20th, the AGM on November 5th, a Remembrance Day function on November 11th and the Christmas Potluck for December 10th. There is a private family function booked for October 7th and the dog trainer is considering some bookings for November.

There are no issues of concern at this time.

Submitted by,

Mariann Malvet

Hall Manager