

## **Mountain Fire Protection District**

### **Trustee Meeting**

**March 16, 2023**

**In Attendance:** Trustees Neil Nelson, Tony Wright, Harold Kamikawaji and Clem Remillard  
Dave Stewart absent. Administrator/Financial Officer Sarah Zubkowski. Fire Chief Russ  
McMann.

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 pm by Neil Nelson. Second by Harold Kamikawaji. MSC.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Sarah Zubkowski received correspondence from Ombudsman for the trustees.
- Bylaw 101 approved and received from the Provincial Government.
- Quote for building insurance received. Increased due to 10% increase in building costs.
- Russ McMann is going to school to do a fire inspection on the back building next week. Fire response will be tested – 90 seconds is the time frame for response. The standpipe which Russ McMann was concerned about has been addressed by the builders. Clem Remillard motioned to accept building insurance quote. Second Harold Kamikawaji. Asked Russ McMann for guidance on building. Building value under quote is \$2,526,000.
- Multiple people have applied to be volunteer firefighters.
- Potentially 2 firefighters will be going to the City of Nanaimo.

**Financial Report:** presented by Sarah Zubkowski.

- List of bills noted and discussed.

**Fire Department Report:** presented by Russ McMann.

- 2 calls – MVI and wildfire. 21 burning permits issued.

#### **Old Business:**

- Clem Remillard still to contact City regarding the dry hydrant at Witchcraft Lake.
- Russ McMann to complete the required plywood for attic access door.
- Mutual aid with the City of Nanaimo concerns are being reviewed by a new lawyer at the City of Nanaimo. One item that was noted that we cannot do \$5 million.
- Brad Nelson made a stacking kit for new washing machine in laundry room.
- Anchor on the roof completed by Russ McMann.
- Lantzville donated 7 packs for holding air bottles to the fire department. New larger bottles will be ordered for the new packs. Also 12 new masks have been donated. Need to adjust the regulator which Russ McMann has a quote for doing this. The bottles are going to be able to sourced at a cheaper rate.
- Booked live fire training at Otter Point in Sooke. Planning to go twice this year. First session is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Bylaw 102 sent to Provincial Government for approval. This bylaw was for funding for the new fire truck.

#### **New Business:**

- Dave LeNeveu contacted Clem Remillard for fobs and keys. He will get these and Sarah Zubkowski will update security codes.

#### **Questions:**

- Charles Pinker asked about the LED street lights and the cost associated. Tony Wright stated that in the short term we pay more to recover the costs on the old lights. Approximately 4-5 years.
- Charles Pinker asked what the laminating signs cost was. Clem Remillard stated that this was for signs to advertise the fire truck meeting for mailboxes.
- Charles Pinker asked if the fire fighters are exterior tach only? Russ McMann stated exterior only. Interior training is expensive. Only certified guys are sent in for hot spots on the interior.
- Charles Pinker asked if there are any requirements for how many people have to respond to a call? Russ McMann stated there is but can't remember how many. He thinks it relates to a time but not the number of fireman. Structure fires there is but they don't have issues with that in this fire department as the response level to structure fires is quite high.
- Charles Pinker suggested talking to the MLA to get things going with the fire truck approval. Clem Remillard doesn't want to make the government upset.
- Charles Pinker asked if anyone thought to talk to the Premier about the money that he is giving away. Perhaps talk to the Area Director to see if our District can get some of this.
- Charles Pinker asked if we should invite the new Area C Director to the AGM? Consensus is yes.

#### **Motions Adopted by E-Mail:**

- Motion to pay bills and approve minutes made by Harold Kamikawaji Feb 23, 2023. Second by Neil Nelson Feb 23, 2023. MSC.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Tony Wright Mar 1, 2023. Second by Clem Remillard Mar 1, 2023. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Harold Kamikawaji Mar 2, 2023. Second by Tony Wright Mar 2, 2023. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Neil Nelson Mar 10, 2023. Second by Tony Wright Mar 10, 2023. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Neil Nelson Mar 16, 2023. Second by Tony Wright Mar 16, 2023. MSC.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Harold Kamikawaji Mar 16, 2023. Second by Dave Stewart Mar 16, 2023. MSC.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 8:00 pm made by Neil Nelson. Second by Harold Kamikawaji. MSC.

Next meeting is the AGM on April 20, 2023 @ 7 pm.