

## **Mountain Fire Protection District**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**April 20, 2023**

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

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 pm by Neil Nelson. Second by Clem Remillard. MSC.

### **Introductions**

#### **Prior Year AGM Minutes:**

- Neil Nelson noted the prior year AGM minutes and allowed attendees to read through and asked for questions. None.
- Charles Pinker motions to adopt the minutes. Joe Mayzes seconds. MSC.

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

- Sarah Zubkowski highlighted items on the financial statements: long-term debt, the budget and the income statement.
- Sarah Zubkowski asked for questions.
- Joe Mayzes asked about cash breakdown of approximately \$538,677. Sarah Zubkowski noted the breakdown between operating, capital reserve, and firehall maintenance reserve accounts.

#### **Improvement District Report:**

- Fire truck was decided on and the purchase order has been made and is in the process of being manufactured.
- Street lighting has been upgraded to LED lighting. Tony Wright stated that the cost has gone up slightly as we are paying a cost recovery for the old lights. He anticipates that the cost will go down after a few years as the LED cost to run is lower. Joe Mayzes asked about how much lower in cost. Tony Wright stated we should see that go down but doesn't know how much. Neil Nelson noted that there were 3 light choices: soft, medium and hard. The board decided on medium.

**Fire Department Report:** presented by Darcy Morgan.

- Darcy Morgan was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief. Russ McCallum stepped down after 42 years with the hall.
- 47 callouts for the 2022 year.
- 85 calls about burning complaints in last 30 days to him personally rather than through the system. Hoping to create a system for tracking that to provide real numbers.
- Most of the firefighters are putting in 15-20 hours per week volunteering. Officers are putting in even more.
- Discussed the digitization of the fire fighter information to get up to date with WCB standards. Standard operating procedures have been updated as well.
- Automatic aid was signed with Lantzville fire department which means that they will send a truck (water tanker) and full crew when needed.

- Super shuttle accreditation was also mentioned. Talk to insurance agent about lowering insurance premiums if you have not already.
- Fire truck purchase is a quad cab with customized options. Ultra high-pressure unit added to run water at different rate. Accessible to all driveways in the District. Built in is auto extrication tools (jaws of life). Limited on the weight of truck therefore options were limited. Wayne Morgan was able to get price of fire truck down about \$100,000 so big thanks to him. Fire truck rendering was shown on the tv for reference. Joe Mayzes asked about air packs in the seat. Darcy Morgan stated that this will save time as they can put their air pack on in the truck and be able to attack the fire approximately 2 minutes faster. Jack Van Doorn asked about what size the hose is on the truck.  $\frac{3}{4}$ " per Darcy Morgan. Discussion of the hose and pump system on the truck. This truck also has a foam system in it. Being built in Ontario then shipped to Calgary for final fittings. The truck will be inspected in both Ontario and Calgary prior to delivery. Jack Van Doorn asked if the truck was a pump and roll. No, it is a mid ship per Darcy Morgan. Last information provided was that the truck would be complete in July 2023.
- Active members are currently at 32 members.
- Burn permits - 121 issued. Wayne Morgan is the burning permit liaison.

#### **Elections:**

- Dave Stewart and Tony Wright are up for renewal in 2023.
- Neil Nelson asked if they are willing to run again. Both stated that they will. Neil Nelson asked for any other nominations.
- Clem Remillard nominated Dave Stewart. Second by Harold Kamikawaji. Neil Nelson nominated Tony Wright. Second by Harold Kamikawaji. MSC
- Neil Nelson asked for any other nominations a second time. None.
- Neil Nelson made a third request for nominations. None.
- Dave Stewart and Tony Wright are elected for another 3 year period.

#### **Questions:**

- None.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:32 pm made by Neil Nelson. Second by Tony Wright. MSC.

#### **RDN Area C Director– Lauren Melanson presentation.**

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