

Mountain Fire Protection District

Annual General Meeting

April 18, 2024

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

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm by Neil Nelson. Second by Clem Remillard. MSC.

Introductions

Prior Year AGM Minutes:

- Neil Nelson noted the prior year AGM minutes and briefly reviewed the minutes. He asked attendees to read through and asked for questions. None.
- Jack Van Doorn motions to adopt the minutes. Charles Pinker seconds. MSC.

Financial Report: presented by Sarah Zubkowski.

- Sarah Zubkowski highlighted items on the financial statements: restricted cash, long term debt, income statement, and budget.
- Sarah Zubkowski asked for questions. None.

Improvement District Report:

- Fire truck has been purchased and has arrived. Financing was obtained prior to completion of the truck due to a delay in the building of the truck.
- Street lighting also provided by District. If you have any questions or concerns about current and future street light requirements. Clem Remillard stated that residents can let the board know if they have concerns or want to request street lights anywhere in the District.

Fire Department Report: presented by Russ McMann.

- 2023 – 54 callouts in total: 16 were automatic aid for Lantzville Fire Department, 38 MVI, 5 fires, 5 hydro lines, 1 burning complaints however there were more like 30 which were direct calls to the officers. 4 rescue calls and the rest were alarms and assist calls.
- The fire fighters are providing approximately 20 volunteer hours, 30-40 volunteer hours for officers.
- Russ McCallum, Darcy Morgan, Wayne Morgan, Dave LeNeveu, and Russ McMann all contributed to obtaining the fire truck. Uses very little water which is great. Rapid attack truck. Battery powered extrication tools were received which are Milwaukie. All other tools on trucks are Milwaukie. This makes it easier for battery charging or packs.
- Current training – new truck training and certification, live fire training and super shuttle.
- Wayne Morgan deserves a big thank you for the work done and hours put in on obtaining the new fire truck. He saved the District money by being putting in a lot of time.
- Lost a few members in 2023: Derek Girard moved too far out of the District, Steve Harwood and Hunter McGill hired by Nanaimo Fire Rescue.
- Gained a few new members this year. 3 of the new members are already certified firefighters. There are 14 certified members now which is about 50% of the active

members that are responding to calls actively. Russ McMann is proud of the group of firefighters currently here.

- 196 burning permits issued in 2023. Wayne Morgan as Burning Permit Liaison deals with 95% of burning permits. Updated to be online which is working well so far. Asked Wayne Morgan to provide any feedback. He just wanted to thank residents for adapting to the new format this year. 80% reduction in the nuisance calls on burning.
- Clem Remillard - Bob Read is installing a 2000 gallon water tank on property and wanted to let the fire department know they can use it. Russ McMann suggested a 6" cam lock and stated that they will test it and ensure that it is in a good location and will be accessible.

Elections:

- Neil Nelson and Harold Kamikawaji are up for renewal in 2024.
- Neil Nelson asked for any other nominations for Chairman or Trustee. Clem Remillard asked a second time for any other nominations.
- Dave Stewart nominated Neil Nelson. Second by Clem Remillard. Clem Remillard nominated Harold Kamikawaji. Second by Neil Nelson. MSC
- Neil Nelson asked for any other nominations a second time. None.
- Neil Nelson made a third request for nominations. None.
- Neil Nelson and Harold Kamikawaji are elected for another 3 year period.

Questions:

- Clem Remillard is worrying about the potential fire season and how dry it is. Will the burning season be stopped earlier than normal? Russ McMann stated that they follow to guidelines of the Province and will end it earlier if the District needs it. Russ McMann stated that people can get angry if it ends early and there is confusion. Wayne Morgan stated the confusion stems from what people are seeing on the news and what is adopted within the District. Dave Stewart stated that as a District we need to talk amongst ourselves and keep each other informed. Clem Remillard reminded the attendees about a previous fire season in the District. Wayne Morgan stated that he has a lot of discussions when preparing burning permits.
- Clem Remillard thanked everyone who worked on the truck and helped make it happen on behalf of the board. Russ McMann stated he thinks there was about 2000 volunteer hours that went into the truck.
- Wayne Morgan has news. He talked to Main Road and they will be paving Kilpatrick Road. Hub City will be providing the services.

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

RDN Area C Director– Lauren Melanson presentation.

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