

Mountain Fire Protection District

Trustee Meeting

November 17, 2022

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

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 pm by Neil Nelson. Second by Tony Wright. MSC.

Correspondence:

- Dave Leneveu stated someone contacted them regarding fire extinguishers.
- Guy Fawkes – David Jensen donated back \$1,148 of 50/50 winnings. Much appreciation was received about the Guy Fawkes event.
- A man on Meadow Drive because has a gate and he will be away and contacted the fire department regarding access while he away. They discussed having the yelp system on the gate which allows them to run the siren at a certain tone and the gate will open.
- Bay door in front of water tender will open but will not close. Darcy Morgan tried the process that was received from Island Overhead Door however this did not work. Clem Remillard to follow up with annual maintenance of doors and have this checked as well.
- RCMP sent a letter regarding the emergency scene traffic.
- A couple of chiefs who are family members of some fire fighters have offered to train some firefighters for the 1001 program.
- A family member from a MVI last weekend reached out to let the fire department know that the driver suffered a broken back.

Financial Report: presented by Sarah Zubkowski.

- List of bills noted and discussed.

Fire Department Report: presented by Russ McMann.

- 4 calls in October – 2 structure fires, 1 wildfire and 1 burning complaint. 24 burn permits issued.
- Chiefs from Nanaimo have come to help train for auto extraction.
- Bush fire was under control in under 15 minutes.

Old Business:

- Russ provided a quote from Intercontinental for a fully customized truck for approximately \$641,000. Benefit is that the truck is available and can be built in the next 10-12 months. Items can be removed from the listing as well to bring the cost down a bit. The dealer ordered the truck however we do not have to commit to it. Tony Wright suggested that the firefighters go through the quote and see if there is anything they can shave off. The Intercontinental truck is local as well and has been accommodating and trying to work with the fire department. The only item it does not have is the compressed air foam. Fort Garry is also pricing a truck as well. The firefighters were originally looking at a truck from Daryl but the quote came in at \$650,000 - \$700,000 with no customization.

- Clem Remillard still to contact City regarding the dry hydrant ay Witchcraft Lake.
- Zak Dunn has installed the venting system in the gear room.

New Business:

- Clem Remillard stated that we need a piece of plywood for attic access door. Russ McMann to do this.
- No correspondence regarding the grant. They asked about the type of firefighting they can do. Russ McMann stated that they are exterior rated. Russ McMann asked if we can ensure that the insurance is covered for the members that can do interior rated firefighting. Clem Remillard to follow up with our insurance contact about this.
- Clem Remillard inquired about the internet speed.
- Updated mutual aid received from the City of Nanaimo. There is a meeting amongst the fire departments included on the mutual aid on Dec 6th to discuss this. Harold Kamikawaji asked about the increased insurance coverage that the City is requiring each department to hold. Will this be shared amongst the departments in the mutual aid or does each department have to have this coverage? Clem Remillard will find out the increase in cost for our insurance premium. The fire department do have other questions but will pose insurance questions at the meeting. Darcy Morgan clarified the agreement being between us and the City and not the other departments involved. Clem Remillard asked if the department has discussed this with Lantzville? Russ McMann stated they have not.
- Darcy Morgan asked about getting some new Christmas lights for the exterior of the hall. Tony Wright stated that he will look into this.
- Clem Remillard stated that the contractor doing the snow removal and salting has concluded. No tender was sent out therefore board agreed to continue for this winter with the same provider.

Questions: None.

Motions Adopted by E-Mail:

- Motion to pay bills and approve minutes made by Tony Wright Oct 28, 2022. Second by Neil Nelson Oct 28, 2022. MSC.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Neil Nelson Nov 1, 2022. Second by Tony Wright Nov 1, 2022. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Neil Nelson Nov 3, 2022. Second by Harold Kamikawaji Nov 3, 2022. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Harold Kamikawaji Nov 10, 2022. Second by Neil Nelson Nov 10, 2022. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Neil Nelson Nov 17, 2022. Second by Dave Stewart Nov 17, 2022. MSC.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Tony Wright Nov 17, 2022. Second by Dave Stewart Nov 17, 2022. MSC.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:52 pm made by Neil Nelson. Second by Harold Kamikawaji. MSC.

Next meeting is on December 15, 2022 @ 7 pm.