

Mountain Fire Protection District

Trustee Meeting

May 16, 2024

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

Meeting called to order @ 7:06 pm by Neil Nelson. Second by Tony Wright. MSC.

Correspondence:

- Clem Remillard received insurance paperwork back with updated numbers.
- Fire department received multiple emails regarding various issues.
- Clem Remillard received a request to use firehall for a Creekside meeting.

Financial Report: presented by Sarah Zubkowski.

- List of bills noted and discussed.

Fire Department Report:

- 1 call – medical assist for a heart attack.
- 35 firefighters currently with the expectation that about 3 will be lost to the City of Nanaimo fire department.
- Fire ban has been put in place on everything except campfires starting Friday May 17, 2024.

Old Business:

- Indemnification bylaw will be reviewed by a lawyer. Harold Kamikawaji stated that a lawyer reviewed the indemnification bylaw and advised that if the insurance has not changed then we can take the same stance as 2015 when this was reviewed. In 2015, it was decided that we did not need the indemnification bylaw as the firefighters were covered under all of our insurance coverage. The correspondence from the lawyer in 2015 will be provided to Russ McMann.
- Clem Remillard has followed up with Air Mation to see whether WCB will grandfather us in for the units prior to the new fresh air requirements came in. The building was built in 2010 and the hall was in compliance at the time with WCB requirements. Dave LeNeveu stated that the issue is with the type of air particulates and that the units were too high on the wall. Dave LeNeveu stated that it doesn't matter that the building was up to code previously. He provided an engineering quote in order to move forward. Dave LeNeveu stated that building code and WCB are different standards. Harold Kamikawaji asked why we don't have WCB come in and review. Dave LeNeveu stated that this is a bad idea as they will most likely find more items that will require upgrade. Currently, we have time to fix these items and WCB has not required this yet. First step is to complete the engineering so we can get an estimate of how much the work will cost. Dave LeNeveu stated that Zak Dunn stated that this should be pretty easy. Board agrees that we should move forward with the engineering.
- Clem Remillard had some pictures taken of the old 1988 fire truck and followed up with Netflix people but they are no longer interested. Russ McMann offered to purchase the

truck if we don't sell it. Dave Stewart stated that we could take it to the Ritchie Brothers auction. Harold Kamikawaji to follow up with a contact as well.

- Tony Wright asked if we need the security cameras that need to be manned? Not necessary. We should be able to get 4-6 cameras for under \$1,000. Tony Wright to purchase these. Clem Remillard motions to purchase the security cameras. Neil Nelson second. MSC.
- Seacan is here and has been insulated on all 4 walls. They have added shelving and need to obtain a flammibles container. Neil Nelson stated that this has to be bolted to the outside of the seacan. Harold Kamikawaji wrote a letter to RDN about Bylaw 500. Need something to store gas in. Dave LeNeveu stated that they got a better lock for the seacan.
- Russ McMann will have the bay door installed next Thursday. Neil Nelson stated that we need a 10 foot door on bay 3 instead of 8 foot door.
- Darkening film was purchased for the bay 3 windows.

New Business:

- Dave LeNeveu stated that they need the ipad up and running for the new fire truck. Clem Remillard to take care of that.
- Dave LeNeveu is deputy fire chief for another 4 years. Derek Girard is captain for another 3 years. Mitch Nelson continues as lieutenant position was carried over for another 2 year term.
- Firefighters sprayed for wasps around the hall. Will monitor this going forward.
- Garbage can is full. Sarah Zubkowski to contact GFL to have them come before next practice.
- Clem Remillard stated that people were washing their cars and boats on the weekend. Clem Remillard stated that he doesn't think that that this should be going on as it looks bad. Dave LeNeveu stated that he agrees with boats and trailers not being washed at the hall however vehicles should be excluded from this policy.

Questions: no residents in attendance.

Motions Adopted by E-Mail:

- Motion to pay bills and approve minutes made by Harold Kamikawaji Mar 28, 2024. Second by Dave Stewart Mar 28, 2024. MSC.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Dave Stewart Apr 2, 2024. Second by Harold Kamikawaji Apr 2, 2024. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Harold Kamikawaji Apr 4, 2024. Second by Tony Wright Apr 4, 2024. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Harold Kamikawaji Apr 12, 2024. Second by Neil Nelson Apr 12, 2024. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Neil Nelson Apr 17, 2024. Second by Harold Kamikawaji Apr 17, 2024. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills and approve minutes made by Harold Kamikawaji Apr 25, 2024. Second by Neil Nelson Apr 25, 2024. MSC.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Tony Wright May 2, 2024. Second by Harold Kamikawaji May 2, 2024. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Harold Kamikawaji May 9, 2024. Second by Dave Stewart May 9, 2024. MSC.

- Motion to pay bills made by Neil Nelson May 16, 2024. Second by Tony Wright May 16, 2024. MSC.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:55 pm made by Neil Nelson. Second by Harold Kamikawaji. MSC.

Next meeting is the AGM on June 20, 2024 @ 7 pm.