

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL  
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

**April 24, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Louise Halliday, Chairperson
- George El-Jakl
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Wilford Smith
- Larry Stewart

Absent was member Sean Strang.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

This meeting is the semi-annual meeting to be held with the six volunteer fire departments of the Municipality.

Representing the fire departments were:

- Chief Dwayne Hunt, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- President Eugene Stoddard, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Chief John Nickerson, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Paul Thomas, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Chief Ricky Bank, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Jason Shand, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Jody Goreham, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Rescue Truck Captain Shannon Newell, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Chief Blanchard Chetwynd, Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department
- No representative attended from the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department

**REPORTS**

Each of the fire departments gave a written or verbal report on their activities during 2006, and to date in 2007. The departments indicated that they have the following members:

- Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department	32
- Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department	68
- Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department	36
- Barrington Volunteer Fire Department	30
- Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department	27
- Port Clyde	unknown

Having completed their reports, the members then discussed other concerns.

FUTURE OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS

There was a general discussion of the future of the volunteer fire departments, especially in relation to financing, and to the standards that may be enforced on fire departments in the future. It was suggested that the Fire Service Study for the County of Kings be obtained for information of members, and that the presentation made at the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Annual Conference last October be obtained for information of members. As well, it was suggested that Mr. Tom Bremner of the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia be invited to address the committee and their representatives of the fire departments.

Resolution COW070411

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality request Mr. Tom Bremner of the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia to address the committee members and fire department representatives as soon as possible regarding the implementation of new fire standards.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:40 p.m.

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Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 26, 2007.**