

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS

March 11, 2008

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

- Louise Halliday, Chairperson
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

Councillor Wilford Smith was absent due to work commitments and Councillor El-Jakl was also absent.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

INTRODUCTIONS

All of the fire department representatives present were known to each other and introductions were not necessary.

The following individuals were present representing their respective fire departments:

- Ricky Banks, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Jason Shand, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Troy Stoddard, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Gordie Ross, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Greg Duggan, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Eugene Stoddard, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- John Nickerson, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Paul Thomas, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Blanchard Chetwynd, Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department
- Wade Christie, Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Departments presented written reports. Highlights of the reports included:

<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>No. of Calls</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>
I & BPVFD	80	60
Shag Harbour/Bear Point	50	36
Port LaTour	53	22
Woods Harbour	74	44
Barrington 7E	48	28
Port Clyde	13	22
TOTAL:	318	212

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

The firefighter training that has been completed over the past year is contained in the written reports provided by the fire departments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REGISTRATIONS

Fire Department Registration renewals have been received from the Barrington and Port LaTour fire departments. The renewal forms were also received this evening from the Island & Barrington Passage, Wood's Harbour and Shag Harbour/Bear Point fire departments. The Port Clyde Fire Department Registration renewal will follow in the near future.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Members were informed that the insurance renewal has been received from Bell & Grant. The premium this year is \$57,078.00. Each fire department will be receiving a breakdown of the insurance coverage for their department directly from Bell & Grant. The insurance premiums will be paid by the Municipality and deducted from the Annual Operating Grant paid to the fire departments.

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Those fire departments that have already held their annual meetings will not need to revisit this subject. Those that will be having their meetings in the future should advertise them publicly, as required by the Fire Services Policy, in order to give the public an opportunity for input into their operations.

LIST OF FIRE HYDRANTS

A list of fire hydrants has not been provided as the fire chiefs meeting that was scheduled during the month of February was cancelled. This matter will be pursued further at the next fire chiefs meeting.

SHELBURNE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Correspondence was received from the Shelburne County Firefighters Association regarding the cost of their Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner. This matter will be further discussed by the fire departments and the recommendation forwarded to the Municipality.

DISPATCH SERVICES

Information on dispatch services was provided for consideration of the fire chiefs at their next meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

It was apparent from discussion by members this evening that there is additional training required for the operation of the Fire King software.

It is suggested that fire departments using this software should get their members together and share their expertise in this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 7:48 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 12, 2008.