

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS

September 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, N.S., with the following members present:

- Louise Halliday, Chairperson
- George El-Jakl
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Wilford Smith
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang (7:08 p.m.)

- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy 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:

- John Nickerson, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Shannon Newell, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Gordie Ross, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Dwayne Hunt, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Eugene Stoddard, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Blanchard Chetwynd, Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department
- Dennis Smith, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Barrington Volunteer Fire Department

John Nickerson of the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department informed members that his report was completed but he was unable to print it. The department is experiencing problems with the Fire King program and have not been able to print reports. Once the reports have been printed they will be submitted to the Municipal Office.

Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department

Blanchard Chetwynd of the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department informed members his department is experiencing the same problems as the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department and they are unable to print their reports from the Fire King program. Once the reports have been printed they will be forwarded to the Municipal Office.

Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department

Gordie Ross of the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department informed members that to date his department has received 40 calls. 30 of the calls were EMS related. Mr. Ross informed members that 10 firefighters attended a Traffic Control Course held January 2008. A Strategy Tactics Course is scheduled for September 20th and 21st, 2008 and a Safety Officers Course is also scheduled for October 4th and 5th, 2008.

He informed members that the department moved to the new station on September 4, 2008.

Two teams entered the West Hants Vehicle Extrication and Learning Symposium held in Windsor.

Members of his department provided traffic control, parking and security at the Barrington Municipal Exhibition this year.

Mr. Ross provided a copy of the 2007 Annual Report for the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department

Dwayne Hunt of the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department informed members that 62 calls had been received to date. A breakdown of calls was provided. 48 of the calls were in the Municipality of Barrington and 14 were in the Town of Clark's Harbour. To date members have logged 1,938.19 hours responding to calls, regular meetings, local maintenance and practices. Membership currently stands at 62 with 4 on the waiting list.

New equipment purchased:

- 30 sets of turn out gear
- 6 pagers, with 6 more on order
- hoses and nozzles for the pumper truck

A team from the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department participated in the Atlantic Extrication Challenge in Windsor, N.S. and they placed 5th overall out of 13 teams.

Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department

Dennis Smith of the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department presented the Semi-Annual Report for his department.

He indicated that from January 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008 there were 41 calls.

Major purchases during this period of time included the following:

- 600 feet of 1 ½ inch hose
- 1 ½ inch nozzle
- 6 pairs of coveralls
- 3 icom radios
- 2 motorolla pagers

At present Mr. Smith indicated there are 36 members.

Dry Hydrants

Eugene Stoddard, President, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department, questioned the progress being made on the dry hydrants.

It was agreed that the Municipal Clerk would contact Mr. Stoddard on Monday morning to give him an update.

Vehicle Inspections

It was reported that the vehicle inspections have been carried out this year. The Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department serviced their vehicles through another company.

Water Hole - Brass Hill

John Nickerson of the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department indicated to members that the water hole on Brass Hill across from the Barrington Treatment Plant is in desperate need of repairs.

Resolution COW080908

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff carry out the necessary repairs to the water hole located across from the Treatment Plant on Brass Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Laptops

Dwayne Hunt of the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department informed members that if they decide to replace the councillors laptops this year, then his department would be interested in a couple, at a nominal fee.

HazMat Training

Dwayne Hunt of the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department informed members that the HazMat training course requires 25 participants. There were not enough registered for this course to be held in Yarmouth, therefore steps are now being taken to piggyback with the Valley.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Messenger that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

_____Chairperson

_____Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 15, 2008.