

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

February 13, 2013

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

- Eddie Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Absent were members Shaun Hatfield due to work commitments, and George El-Jakl who was on vacation.

- David Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Also present were the following members of the various fire departments:

- Walter Scott, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Dwayne Hunt, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Eugene Stoddard, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Mike Swim, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Jody Goreham, Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Graham Dixon, Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Troy Stoddard, Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Shannon Newell, Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- John Nickerson, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Paul Thomas, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Troy Perry, Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department
- Brian Crowell, Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Motor Vehicle Accident Policies.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

David Kendrick provided a report of service calls and various other information for the 2012 calendar year. This was done by a power point presentation which is attached to the minutes.

GRANTS

Members were asked if they wished to see any changes in the Annual Operating Grants to the fire departments.

The general consensus expressed was that any increase that was available would be appreciated.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT/HALL REPLACEMENT

There was some discussion regarding a program to replace vehicles and buildings. Since there is no formal program in place at the present time this will be further discussed by the Fire Services Committee.

AMALGAMATION DISCUSSIONS

It appears that amalgamation discussions among the three departments in Barrington, Port LaTour and Port Clyde are stalled at the present time.

Members expressed the sentiment that there needs to be more reliance placed on mutual aid in the future operation of the fire departments.

It was also suggested that the quantities of equipment and vehicles in the fire departments be reduced in future.

It was suggested that one universal service across the Municipality should be put in place and that it was more important to have a coordinated response to fire emergencies than a timely response.

BUDGETS

The budgets will be completed through the Fire Services Committee and recommended to Council

INSURANCE

It was indicated that an insurance matter that had previously arisen was previously resolved.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT POLICY

This matter will be brought through the Fire Services Committee to Council. In future, all Fire Services matters are to go through the Fire Services Advisory Committee and then be brought to Council by the Coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:38 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting