

Provision of Fire Service in the Port Clyde Area

Public Presentation

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Agenda

- Brief History of Fire Service in Barrington Municipality
- Port Clyde Fire Service
- Timelines of Discussion
- Future Coverage Plan
- Questions

History 1/3

Clarks Harbour Fire Department. Est. 1926.

Dept. amalgamated with IBP June 4, 2002

Canadian Forces Station Baccaro. Est. 1957

Decommissioned in 1990

Barrington Fire Department. Est. 1961.

Dept amalgamated with B/PLT July 31, 2014



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History 2/3

Barrington Passage Fire Department. Est. 1961.

Dept. amalgamated with IBP June 4, 2002

Woods Harbour Fire Department. Est. 1964

Dept amalgamated with WHSH March 20, 2012

Port La Tour Fire Department. Est. 1964

Dept amalgamated with B/PLT July 31, 2014



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History 3/3

South Side Fire Department. Est. 1968

Dept. amalgamated with IBP June 4, 2002

Port Clyde Fire Department. Est. 1969

Shag Harbour Fire Department. Est. 1971

Dept amalgamated with WSHH March 20, 2012



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New Fire Departments

- Island Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department.
First to amalgamate, 3 depts to 1 dept June 4, 2002.
- Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.
Second to amalgamate, 2 depts to 1 dept March 20, 2012.
- Barrington/Port La Tour Volunteer Fire Department.
Third to amalgamate, 2 depts to 1 dept July 31, 2014

Why Combine Fire Departments

We asked members from the Municipality that were involved in combining fire departments why they proceeded with combining departments.

- Not enough members
- More money
- Running all calls with another department anyway

As with all other Departments in the Municipality, and throughout Rural NS, Port Clyde has faced all the same challenges.



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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

Information	WH SHFD	IBPFD	BPLTFD	PCFD	AVERAGE
Number of Volunteers	35	33	29	20	29.2
Firefighters Trained to Interior Firefighter	22 - 61%	24 - 73%	16 - 55%	7 - 35%	17.2
Firefighters trained to Exterior Firefighter	8 - 22%	7 - 21%	4 - 14%	4 - 20%	5.7
Firefighters trained to Officer Level	10 - 28%	8 - 24%	8 - 27%	4 - 20%	7.5
Total fire Calls	38	53	46	15	
Firefighters that responded to less than 40% of Fire Calls	22	22	18	15	19.25
Firefighters that responded to more than 40% of Fire Calls	13	11	11	5	10
Average response number of FF's on Fire Calls	12.5	11	10.9	5	9.8
Average Response time on Fire Calls	14	15.3	17.9	25	18
Total MFR Calls	81	39	24	41	46.25
Firefighters responding to less than 40%	31	20	18	15	21
Firefighters responding to more than 40%	4	13	12	5	8.5
Average response number of FF's on MFR Calls	6.5	10.6	9.9	5.2	8
Average Response time on MFR Calls	8	13	13	16	12.5

Timelines of Discussion

- 2014 – Port Clyde VFD was asked if they wanted to merge with Barrington and Port La Tour, and at the time the membership voted against doing so
- August 2016 – PCVFD met with council to discuss membership and training concerns
- January 2017 – CAO/ Fire Services Coordinator met with PCFVD and BPLTVFD to discuss responding to calls together due to the previous concerns
- January 2017 – Council met with with PCFVD and BPLTVFD to discuss responding to calls together due to the previous concerns

Timelines of Discussion (Continued)

- February 2017 – CAO/ Fire Services Coordinator met at the PCVFD to discuss the facility
- March 3, 2017 – Council met with PCVFD and members of the community regarding the use of the hall
- March 2017 – CAO/ Fire Services Coordinator met with Shelburne CAO and PCVFD to discuss coverage
- April 2017 – CAO/ Fire Services Coordinator met with PCVFD to discuss membership and training concerns
- June 2017 – Council discussed Municipal Fire Services



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Timelines of Discussion (Continued)

- July 2017 – Council met with PCVFD and were asked that by September new members register for training
- January 2018 – Council met with PCVFD and BPLTVFD regarding coverage in Port Clyde
- March 2018 – Meeting with PCVFD, BPLTVFD, and Community Group members to discuss move forward approach
- April 2018 – Meeting in Port Clyde to discuss move forward approach
- Many other meetings between staff and PCVFD



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Future Fire Coverage Plan

- Effective April 1, 2018 the BPLTVFD expanded their fire district to cover the area currently covered by the PCVFD in the Municipality of the District of Barrington.
- The PCVFD will cease to exist as of April 1, 2018 and will dissolve their Society as per their incorporation
- All assets of the PCVFD will be transferred to the Municipality of the District of Barrington.
- The Municipality will grant all fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment received from PCVFD to the BPLTVFD to be used at their discretion.



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The Hall

- The building has/will temporarily become property of the Municipality
- The Hall may be granted by the Municipality to a qualified community group, or sold if no suitable use or proposal is made.
- It is our understanding that there is a group being developed that is interested in owning and operating the hall

Trucks and Substation

- In the event the Fire Hall is granted to a qualified community group the community group's ownership shall be subject to the right of BPLTVFD to rent two bays for \$500/month for a three-year term to keep fire response vehicle(s) in the hall for that period.
- Firefighters will continue to be able to respond from Port Clyde as members of BPLTVFD
- BPLTVFD would have the option in three years to continue having a sub-station in Port Clyde for a further period if its deemed to be effective

Members

- The members of the PCVFD will be invited to join the BPLTVFD.
 - To date, we know of 9 members from Port Clyde have already joined Barrington Port La Tour
- With the addition of the new members BPLTVFD will become the largest department in the Municipality

Fire Rates

- Fire rates for PCVFD and BPLTVFD Districts will be blended over a three-year period to arrive at the same rate by all areas covered by BPLTVFD.



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Questions?



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