

**Fire Committee Minutes
September 7, 2011
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts, Chair
Councillor D. MacInnis
B. Chisholm, Chief, AVFD
B. Landry, Treasurer, AVFD
J. MacDonald, Deputy Chief AVFD
M. MacDonald, Assistant Deputy Chief, AVFD
T. Wadden, CA, Interim CAO
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Absent with Regrets

Mayor C. Chisholm
D. MacDonald, Secretary, AVFD
Councillor W. Cormier

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and roundtable introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. MacDonald
Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis
“That the Agenda be approved with additions.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by B. Chisholm
Seconded by J. MacDonald
“That the Minutes of the Fire Committee held on April 6, 2011, be approved as amended.”
Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Long Range Planning for Fire Department

Chief B. Chisholm updated the Committee on long-range planning for the Fire Department which includes a new Tanker Truck, which would effectively replace two (2) vehicles. Further to the previous meeting he provided an estimate of \$1,500.00 to have an underground oil tank removed, subject to no major leaks being found. It was generally agreed to proceed with test holes, and if appropriate, the \$1,500.00 could be taken from their Building Maintenance fund for the removal of the tank.

Brief discussion took place on an appropriate location for a new Fire Station. The Chief provided details some work to the existing Fire Station to house an education/training classroom.

- Ladder Truck Engine Repairs (Update)

The Committee was advised that a module had been replaced on the engine of the new Ladder Truck.

- **By-laws**

The Committee was advised that B. Landry continues to update the By-laws. Once completed, the By-laws would come before the Fire Committee and then to Council for approval.

- **Supply Line Crossing Hawthorne Street to Tigo Park (Update)**

The Committee was advised that there was nothing new to report on this matter with B. Landry providing a brief history. Interim CAO T. Wadden was requested to discuss this matter with the Town Engineer. Interim CAO T. Wadden spoke briefly on the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and the need for the Water Utility to justify costs of major upgrades.

- **Burning Policy (Now in Effect)**

Deputy Clerk D. Wilson advised that the new Burning Policy is now in effect and agreed to provide laminated copies for use by the Fire Department.

Correspondence

No Correspondence was received for discussion.

Reports

- **Fire Chief**

On behalf of the Fire Chief, B. Landry provided an overview of the Fire Departments responses from April 6, 2011, to present. It was noted that the Ladder Truck was called to assist with a row of compost on fire in Afton.

- **Hydrants**

B. Landry provided an update on recently installed hydrants. Discussion took place on privately owned hydrants. Interim CAO T. Wadden suggested the Fire Department write owners of privately owned hydrants reminding them of their responsibilities and of the repercussions of problem hydrants during a Fire Department response. In the interim, T. Wadden agreed to look into details of hydrants with respect to the Town's Water Utility. Further, the Chair agreed to speak with the Town's Fire Inspector.

Other Business

- **Town's Fire Inspection Report**

The Chair advised that a Report is received by Council each month from the Town's Fire Inspector and, if desired, the Reports could be made available to the Fire Department.

- **Possible Opportunity to Educate Students**

Deputy Clerk D. Wilson provided information on an upcoming Safety and Security Session being held at St. FX University on September 20, 2011, and the opportunity it may provide for the Fire Department to provide education to students and others on Fire Safety.

- **Retired Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department Members**

The Committee was advised of two (2) members now retired. Arrangements will be made for plaque/floral presentations to be made to the retired members and their spouses at the November, 2011, Council meeting.

- **Christmas Party/Banquet**

B. Landry provided details from information pertaining to how the Fire Department had held their yearly dinner celebration and awards ceremony in 1960, noting that the Members had voted unanimously to return to a similar venue, which would be held in February rather than December.

of each year. Brief discussion took place on how many people might attend and an appropriate location. B. Landry will continue to look into an appropriate location.

The Chair advised that Stipends for Fire Department Members had been included in the Town's Budget as usual.

Adjournment

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.