

**Fire Committee Minutes
September 21, 2010
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor D. Roberts, Chair
Councillor W. Cormier
Councillor D. MacInnis
J. MacDonald, Chief, AVFD
B. Landry, Treasurer, AVFD

Mayor C. Chisholm
D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer

Regrets

D. Holmes, Deputy Chief, AVFD
B. Chisholm, Secretary, AVFD
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier
Seconded by J. MacDonald
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis
Seconded by Mayor C. Chisholm
"That the Minutes of the Fire Committee meetings held on September 16, 2009, and August 5, 2010 (closed), be approved as circulated; and that the Minutes of the Fire Committee meeting held on May 12, 2010, be approved as amended." Motion carried.

Business from the Minutes

Chair, Councillor D. Roberts, enquired about the job description for the custodian of the Fire Hall as noted in the May 12, 2010, Minutes under "Budget". After discussion, it was determined that only clarification was requested regarding the job description due to budget deliberations.

Correspondence

- Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department re Post Highland Games Clean-up
Moved by Councillor W. Cormier
Seconded by J. MacDonald
"That this correspondence be received for information." Motion carried.

CAO D. Kampen noted that a cheque from the Waste Management Committee on behalf of the Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) would be presented at the Council meeting on October 18, 2010. Mr. J. MacDonald indicated that he would advise members of the Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department.

Reports

- **Fire Chief's Report**

Mr. J. MacDonald, Chief, gave a verbal overview of the activities of the Fire Department indicating that the transition after former Chief R. MacPherson resigned has been going smoothly. He indicated that Mr. B. Landry and other members have been very helpful. There will be an election in December 2010 for a new Chief.

Councillor W. Cormier enquired as to whether or not the Fire Department was fully staffed to which both J. MacDonald and B. Landry replied in the affirmative.

Moved by J. MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier

"To receive the verbal Fire Chief's Report for information." Motion carried.

- **Fire Hydrant Report**

Mr. B. Landry provided a verbal report indicating that two (2) new hydrants were being installed by St. Francis Xavier University at the Schwartz School of Business and at the west corner of St. Ninian's Place.

Moved by B. Landry

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

"To receive the verbal Fire Hydrant Report for information." Motion carried.

By-laws

Mr. B. Landry indicated that Mr. S. Smith, Member of the AVFD, is continuing his updating of the Department's By-laws.

Burning Policy

CAO D. Kampen indicated that this Policy has not been finalized. There was general discussion regarding chimeneas and open burning/fires. Councillor D. Roberts, Chair, enquired as to the outcome of a recent complaint she had passed on to the Fire Department regarding a resident burning in their backyard.

Fire Hall Usage Policy

There was general discussion regarding the Policy and it was determined that it is sufficient. This item can be removed from the Agenda.

Old Ladder Truck

CAO D. Kampen reported that a tender call for the "old" ladder truck has been placed in the Atlantic Firefighter and the Heavy Truck Trader; the tender closes on October 15, 2010.

Other Business

- **Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations re Funding for First Responders**

CAO D. Kampen indicated that she received information regarding funding for First Responders. However, the AVFD is not eligible under the "criteria" as they received funding in 2009-10.

- Long-Range Planning for the Fire Department

Chair, Councillor D. Roberts, advised that due to the age of the Fire Hall, the Department should be looking at long-range planning for replacement or moving of the Hall. Mr. B. Landry indicated that the Department agreed they wanted to replace and/or purchase new equipment prior to looking at the Hall.

- Ladder Truck – Repairs to Engine

Mr. B. Landry advised the Committee that there was a recall, by Detroit Diesel, on the engine only of the new ladder. There is an issue with the computer system. Repairs are being scheduled.

- Next Meeting

It was determined that the next Fire Committee meeting will take place on February 15, 2011, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.