

# **Gabriola Fire Protection Improvement District**

## **General Monthly Meeting**

**DATE: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm**

**LOCATION: 730 Church Street, Fire Hall #1**

This General December Monthly meeting is held pursuant to the Improvement District's Letters Patent and the requirements of the Local Government Act for the following purposes:

- ✓ Monthly December Meeting

### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- The Corporate will call the meeting to order.

#### **VOTING NEW TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON:**

- Motion to elect a temporary Chairperson

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- Previous October 2nd, 2024, meeting minutes must be approved as presented.
- Previous November 6th, 2024, meeting minutes must be approved as presented.
- Special General Meeting on November 14, 2024, meeting minutes must be approved as presented.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- On Livestreaming Meetings.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Finance Report for Quarterly 3 – Trustee Moeller
- Communications – Trustee Diana Moher & Ray Appel

#### **GUEST SPEAKER: N/A**

#### **FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

- Operational Report

#### **DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

- Training Report



## **OLD BUSINESS**

- OIPC Report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Removing Trustee Website
- Insurance Policy for 2025

## **LATE ITEMS**

## **QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

## **MOVING TO IN-CAMERA MEETING**

- Personnel

## **ADJOURNMENT**



# Gabriola Volunteer Fire Department

## Fire Chief's December 2024 Report:

### Fire Information:

- Fire Hazard Rating is at low. We are currently allowing campfires and burn barrels. But category 2 and 3 fires will need a permit from the Fire Department.
- We are issuing fire permits upon inspection approval.

### Emergency Callouts from January to November 2024

**TOTAL CALLS: 520**

Incidents by Type	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Burn Compliant		2	2	4	7	8	19	21	6	2	3	
Hydro Fire	2	1	1			1	1				7	
Explosives												
Chimney Fire				2								
Boat Fire												
Vehicle Fire					1				1			
Airplane Fire												
HazMat							1					
Brush Fire					3							
Structure Fire										1		
Miscellaneous Fire*	1	1	1		2	2	3	2	2	3	1	
Alarm(s)	3	3	3	1	2	1	4	2	2	1	1	
Public Assist	7	1	5	1	4	9	10	6	8	2	9	
RCMP Assist												
Gas Spills											1	
Wires Down											15	
Motor Vehicle Incident	3	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Rescue						1						
Medical/First Responder	42	30	25	20	31	20	28	23	19	16	25	
Lift Assist											1	
<b>Total Calls:</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>64</b>	

\*Miscellaneous fire are fires of known causes that cannot properly be classified into the eight standard causes of fire.



## **Monthly Operations Review:**

### **October:**

- We are starting to do all our commercial Fire inspections throughout the Island. We are also willing to do residential fire inspection so if you are worried, please call the Fire Department for an appointment.
- There was a structure fire on the South-end near Hall #2. This event stresses the importance of Hall #2 especially for south-end community's safety.
- There was a great response from the membership. We did a wonderful job protecting exposures, we were unable to save the structure. But we did save the occupant's outbuildings and most of the surrounding property to the structure. The Fire Department still does not know how the fire was started.
- The smoke detector saved the occupant's life, this is an important reminder to check your smoke detector on a monthly basis.

## **Cyclone Bomb Report:**

### **November**

- First huge special thanks to CECA for being at the Fire Hall with two people 24/7 during the crisis.
- Special thanks to DC Ovens, Capt. Goodall and Bandel, Firefighter Waldo & Appel, and everyone else!

Some minor notes on for the Gabriola Public.

- Please always be prepare for at least 2 weeks without power and infrastructure.
- Have patience please
- Respect the fire tape and barriers it is for your own and community safety.
- Refer to the brochure on the website.

## **Request for Funding: N/A**

### **Building Maintenance:**

- New Compressor for Heat Pump, \$12,000.

### **Projects:**

- Building a small shelter that was donated to the GVFD to protect Med 7 throughout the Winter months at the Hall #2.
- Upgrading the Burn Building.
- We officially bought the New Fire Truck's chassis last month.
- We are starting to service the Fire Halls, Apparatuses, and other crucial equipment to prepare for the Winter months, specifically power outages.
- We are looking into a grant that is for \$25,000 for Solar Power and Energy Savings.

## **New Full Time Firefighter Proposal:**

- Due to the wage increases for our Duty Officers we are proposing that we fuse together both Duty Officer and Senior Day Firefighter into a new full-time role. We ask for a motion to put forward a proposal to the finance committee.



### **Message to Membership and Public:**

- We would like to thank our membership for their hard work and dedication to protecting and serving the Gabriola Community! We would also like to thank the Gabriola Community for all their efforts in making our community safe.

## **GVFD Deputy Chief Training Report – December 4, 2024**

### **November Tuesday Night Training Summary**

- Nov 5 SCBA Primary & Sec
- Nov 12 Low angle rescue
- Nov 19 FUS (Fire Underwriters Survey)
- Nov 26 Wildland

### **2024 Upcoming Training**

#### **December 2024**

- Dec 3 Hypothermia & frost bite Ice rescue
- Dec 10 Platoon training / Ch 27 Fire & life safety also fit testing and review on snow tire chainups

Two Gabriola Fire members attended The BC Wildfire Task force Training (TFL) Nov 23-24 in Nanaimo.

Wildland Fire Operations And Safety course (WSPP-WFF-1) Lt. Manning Nov 30 – Dec 1

EMR Training going well. Six weekend started at the end of October to and finishing up Mid December.

March 08 Engine boss Course