

Gabriola Fire Protection Improvement District
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
Fire Hall No. 1, 730 Church Street Gabriola, B.C.

The Annual General Meeting of the Gabriola Fire Protection Improvement District was held on April 24, 2024, with all seven Trustees, Corporate Officers, and Fire Chief in attendance.

Attendees: Paul Giffin (Chair), Diana Moher, John Moeller, Charleen Wells, Kent Moen, Erik Johnson, Jessie Longo (Corporate Officer A), Will Sprogis (Fire Chief), Matt Dow (Corporate Officer B)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Paul Giffin.

Chairperson Paul Giffin gives the opening greeting, “The GFPID acknowledges that we are gathering within the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw Nation.”

Chairperson Paul acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the firefighters and their families for protecting and serving Gabriola community.

Chairperson Paul thanks Chris Windress for his service as Trustee.

Chairperson Paul thanks Jessie Longo for being Corporate Officer. She has greatly improved the GVFD and GFPID.

Chairperson Paul welcomes new Corporate Officer, Matt Dow.

The Trustees: Paul Giffin, Diana Moher, John Moeller, Charleen Wells, Kent Moen, and Erik Johnson introduce themselves to the audience.

Motion #24-G23 Chairperson Paul motioned to accept April 19th, 2023, minutes. Diana seconded. CARRIED, 7:05pm.

Doug Parkhurst, KMA was the auditor for the 2023 Financial Statement. He introduces himself to the audience.

He explains to the public the following:

- how an auditor report works.
- accounting standards.
- long-term debt.
- statement of operations.
- expenditures.
- amortization.
- the difference between assets and costs.

- borrowings.

Audience member asks Doug to explain difference between capital assets and tangible assets.

Audience member asks Doug to explain ownership structure of Mallet Creek.

Audience member asks Doug about what happened to the ‘third hall.’

Doug explains why the old fire hall is not listed in the report.

The Trustees thank Doug for his services.

Motion #24-G24 Chairperson Paul motioned to accept 2023 Financial Statement. Charleen seconded. CARRIED, 7:24pm.

Fire Chief Report AGM 2024

Hello,

I would like to ask everyone to please take a moment to remember our fallen firefighters. Tom Upton passed in a training session in Comox April 8, 2006, and Jay Dearman was tragically struck by a vehicle while jogging January 24, 2018.

Year to date call outs: 164

Response Type	# of Incidents
Alarms Activated	9
First Responder	115
Burn Complaints	9
Chimney Fire	3
Fire Brush	3
Public Assist	18
Other	7
Total:	164

Gabriola was successful on a UMBC community emergency preparedness fund grant of \$30,000 to purchase four new self-contained breathing apparatus. The department now has 22 units giving every firefighter in the hot zone and a SCBA unit.

Gabriola did two wildfire deployments last summer one to Fort St. Johns and a second to Adams Lake near Kamloops. Wildfire deployment provides broad experience and training, revenue to support equipment upgrade. after expenses, Gabriola brought back \$71,000.

The Gabriola fire department has one of the first collaboration agreements in BC with BCEHS to practice to Emergency Medical Responder scope. This means better patient care through more in depth vitals can be done and pain management if waiting for BCEHS.

The fourth year of the day firefighter program is to:

- provide a 90 second response time
- keep building and maintaining apparatus

The RDN will be applying for a Firesmart grant and the Gabriola fire department will have its own Firesmart coordinator for electoral area B. The plans include:

- Fuel management and looking into chipping with a collaboration of GALLT, an Islands trust representative and Gabriola futures
- We will be attending the farmers market distributing FireSmart material

Gabriola's leaders from the Fire Department, RCMP, BCEHS and Doctors are meeting to collaborate about emergency response. The first objective is to improve communication. we now have a repeater frequency with radios available for fire ambulance RCMP, and the doctors. In the fall, we ran a mass casualty incident involving all the Emergency response to agencies on Gabriola and put the communication to the test. Was a successful training day with good communication.

Membership is 36 members strong. We are full at 40 members; we are currently doing an intake for Hall #2 with the hopes to bring new members on end of May.

Gabriola Fire will be hosting the Fire smart open house May 11 10-2 family fun events showcasing all the emergency response agencies as well as a fire smart tradeshow this coincides with emergency preparedness week.

on April 6, Gabriola fire department was successful on the retest for the superior tanker accreditation. We did the commercial at 400 gallons for one hour and was rewarded the qualification for residential rate as well. Gabriola Fire Department maintains the highest rating for a volunteer department Dwelling Protection Grade of 3C from the Fire Underwrites.

Milestones

five years or Phill Claxton and five years for Rose Alderson

I would like to thank Jessie Longo for her excellent service over the past two years we are very sorry to see you leave. We will miss you on the team.

I would like to take the time to thank the membership and their family for their dedication to Gabriola Island and to the residents of Gabriola for their ongoing support.

Training Report.

2 applicants for Hall #2, Hall #1 is full.

5 Candidates progressing through the new member orientation, and class 3 drivers' licences

10 recruits progressing through their NFPA 1001, should be complete in July
3 Lieutenants completed NFPA 1021 Officer 1, Emergency Scene Management
5 Lieutenants complete NFPA 1021 Officer 1 Fire Leadership
2 Captains are halfway through their NFPA Officer 2 complete in September.
4 more Officers trained to BC Wildfire Service Engine Boss.
Congratulation to Pat Conly our new Driving instructor.

Captain No. 1 Hall, Captain Elisha Bandel reports that there are 25 members operating out of Hall 1. Fire Hall 1 needs a new Heat Pump. The Members are happy.

Captain No. 2 Hall, Geoff Goodall reports that there were repairs done on Hall 2's roof. That there is water damage in Hall 2. Interior maintenance is taking place. Long-range plan we need to upgrade Hall 2, especially to meet seismic activity and needs HVAC system. Fire Hall 2 is looking for new members.

Chairperson Paul asks Will to explain FUS commercial and resident ratings.

Fire Chief explains FUS commercial and resident ratings.

Fire Chief explains to the public to contact their insurance company.

Trustee Diana states that she saves 200 dollars in house insurance – so it counters the levy.

Audience members explains insurance states that FUS is like having a fire hydrant nearby.

Motion #24-G25 Chairperson Paul motioned that Trustees Remuneration is set at \$0.00. Diana seconded. CARRIED, 7:44pm.

Trustee Diana states most Trustees get \$7,000 dollars per person but not this board.

Trustee Erik wants it on recorded that the Trustees are now meeting 2 to 3 times a week.

Motion #24-G26 Chairperson Paul motioned that KMA be the auditor for 2024. Erik seconded. CARRIED, 7:46pm.

Chairperson Paul explains why there was no election. As there was only two position available and only two candidates ran.

Trustee Kent Moen and Ray Appel are now the new Trustees of Gabriola Fire Protection Improvement District.

Adjournment:

Motion #24-G27 Chairperson Paul motioned to adjourn the meeting. Charleen seconded. CARRIED, 7:48pm