

Gabriola Fire Trustees Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 5, 2025

Call to Order - 4:04 pm

Present: Paul Giffin, Chair, Diana Moher, John Moeller, Charleen Wells, Kent Moen, Ray Appel, Erik Johnson

Adoption of December Minutes. Chair Giffin advises that minutes are not available due to computer issues.

Committees

Communication: we are videotaping meetings and posting to the Website. An Ad will be attached to explain the setup.

Fire Chief's Report: please see attached

Deputy Chief's Report: please see attached

Comments to the Chief and Deputy were made from the board regarding information from an article in The Sounder that 1,100 more houses were needed on Gabriola to handle housing issues. Guidance on how that will/would affect the work level of the hall and budget items would be appreciated. Note was made that Victoria was downloading costs of 911 to different sections of its municipalities, increasing some areas taxes by 2.5%.

Motion: To approve the policy titled "Audio and Video Recording of Board of Trustees Meetings Policy"

Moved by Erik

Seconded by Charleen

Carried

Late Items:

Election

Motion: That Trustee Moher take on the responsibilities of the Chair for the upcoming election, generally held in April.

Moved by Erik

Seconded by Kent

Carried

Motion to move to in camera for personnel matters-4:23pm

Moved by John

Seconded by Erik

Carried

Sent from my iPad

Gabriola Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief's February Report:

Fire Information:

- The fire hazard rating is currently **low**.
- Campfires and burn barrels are allowed, but **category two** and **three** burns require a permit from the fire department.
- We are issuing **Fire Permits** upon inspection approval.

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

Monthly Operations Review:

October:

- Equipment and apparatus inspections and certifications are underway in preparation for the upcoming season.
- We are actively working with the RDN to secure additional **FireSmart** funding, aiming to organize another debris drop-off and increase the number of home inspections.

Projects:

- The **Lions Club** has installed a railing in front of the building, thank you Loins Club.
- The **Burn Building** is now ready for live fire training. A few minor upgrades will take place over the winter months

Message to Membership and Public:

- A big thank you to our members for their dedication and countless hours spent training and responding to calls throughout the busy year of 2024. Your commitment to serving Gabriola Island is truly appreciated.

Emergency Callouts from January 30, 2025

TOTAL CALLS: 24

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TOTAL CALLS: 538

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	1
Hydro Fire	2	1	1			1	1				7	1
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	2
Alarm(s)	3	3	3	1	2	1	4	2	2	1	1	2
Public Assist	7	1	5	1	4	9	10	6	8	2	9	
RCMP Assist												
Gas Spills											1	
Wires Down											15	1
Motor Vehicle Incident	3	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rescue						1						1
Medical/First Responder	42	30	25	20	31	20	28	23	19	16	25	20
Lift Assist											13	1
Total Calls:	58	39	38	28	51	43	67	55	39	26	64	30

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GVFD Deputy Chief Training Report – February 5, 2024

December/January Tuesday Night Training Summary

- Dec 3 Hypothermia & frost bite Ice rescue
- Dec 10 Platoon training / Ch 27 Fire & life safety also fit testing and review on snow tire chain-ups
- Jan 7 Patient care review (EMR/FR) Lt Knight CH-4 Radio Communications (Cap Bandel)
- Jan 14 Fire Cause and origin (Cap. Goodall)
- Jan 21 Hazmat (Cap. Bandel/Lt Manning)
- Jan 28 F.F. Health and Safety Deputy Present on Cancer/Check-in's done by officers

2024 Upcoming Training

January/February 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feb 04 Ch EMR FR Pumps• Feb 11 EVO/Pumps & Pumping• Feb 18 Ch 7 Portable Extinguisher's• Feb 25 Platoon Training / TIC

CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Training Completed by Chief Sprogis & F.F. Baker on January 10, 2025

CISM Training Scheduled for LT. Knight and FF Wolokoff May 2/2025

Wildfire resiliency and training summit April 14-16 Carol

March 08 Engine boss One Day Course in Nanaimo