

GABRIOLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of the Gabriola Fire Protection District was held June 2, 2021 at the No. 1 Fire Hall with six Trustees in attendance, absent was Mark Noyon. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Paul Giffin.

Diana Moher gave the opening greeting "The GFPID acknowledges that we are gathering within the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw Nation"

The Chairman asked for any errors or omissions from the May 5, 2021 minutes, moved by Sandra Rudischer that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Diana Moher, carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Four (4) nominations for Trustee, Fred Apstein, Dan Backe, Todd Todd McNicoll and Chris Windess, all four (4) accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: N/A

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief explained that there was no written report this month as he had been busy with the investigations of the house fire.

- The burn building is coming along.
- GERTIE is moving forward with getting the electrical upgraded at the old hall.
- The new truck should be ready June 17 - 18, so I will fly out and inspect it and drive it back, this will save us money and we can be sure everything is as it should be.
- In training we have been focusing on water supply and the FUS this month, we passed a self test but need another water supply or upgrade the source. A business at the South end is willing to pay for the upgrade, as it would benefit their insurance. We won't take the actual test until this is done and the new engine is in service.
- With a lot of our FFs being vaccinated we can now join two platoons together.
- Have found a natural area in the 707 for a helipad and have practiced a mock call to this site.
- We have been doing a lot of training on setting up the helipads quickly, we are now all up to speed.
- New ambulance policy that any heart attack is an automatic helipad call.

Diana Moher mentioned that after the post on the Gabriola Fire website regarding a practice being held in the 707, someone had asked if the Duty Officer's number could be added to the trail markers rather than just 911?

The Chief agreed it was a good idea and will speak to the Parks Board about it.

Penelope Bahr asked if notices could be put up on the GVFD website as well, since not everyone subscribes to Facebook or Instagram.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT: N/A

ASSOCIATION'S REPORT: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Earthquake insurance:

- 15% deductible is standard.
- Where would we come up with the \$600,000?
- What is the building's seismic rating?
- The need to protect the vehicles is critical.
- If the old hall falls down that's \$300,000 would just have to come up with the rest.
- If it was so devastating that the new Hall collapsed we could go the government for a short term loan?
- Trustees must do due diligence, especially if we expect the Provincial government to come to our aid if needed

It was agreed to keep the insurance as is for now but check into other providers next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

AGM/election:

- We have a Returning Officer.
- Do we hold the election and AGM on the same day?
- Need people to work the sign in tables and count the ballots.
- Voting should not happen during the AGM.
- If we do it outside might need a tarp.
- Could be too confusing if we don't do it the same day.
- Need to accommodate as many people as possible, voting hours are a big concern.
- Should be careful setting policies during pandemic times.

After much discussion it was decided that the voting will go from 3:00 to 7:00, and once the AGM is over, approximately 7:30, voting will continue until 8:00.

Penelope Bahr disagreed believing the voting hours should be longer or on a different day.

Sandra Rudischer moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sean Lewis, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.