

GABRIOLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Gabriola Fire Protection District was held July 28, 2021 at the No. 1 Fire Hall with seven Trustees in attendance, along with the Corporate Officer and four firefighters. 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 welcomed everyone and handed the meeting over the Fire Chief who explained that with the purchase of the new truck he now needed to equip it which will cost approximately \$30,000.00 to have it front line ready.

The Fire Chief noted that this is normal procedure as the truck had been ordered 1 ½ years ago and although it comes with stock items the other equipment is usually ordered on arrival to ensure the most up to date equipment.

A short discussion followed with the following questions being brought up:

- What is a Pull Saw? This is used to cut tree branches if time permits so the trucks don’t get all scratched up.
- Will this truck help our FUS status? Yes, this will be a main requirement when No. 5 retires in 2024.
- Notice there are charges on the truck, are there rescue mask on a vehicle? Yes, No. 5 is being geared up.
- Sean Lewis introduced himself to the two firefighters he didn’t know, Glenys and Oliver Bussler did the same, and Kitt Stringer noted that they were also Fire Smart Assessors for the department. The rest of the Trustees followed suit and introduced themselves.
- The Fire Chief brought up that the GST we receive back from the purchase of this truck will almost cover the costs.
- Does it have a foam tank? Yes, Class “A”,

Fred Apstein moved that the Trustees approve the acquisition list with the financing being out of the Capital Reserve Fund and replaced when the GST is in, seconded by Diana Moher, question, carried.

The Chairman asked to introduce a late agenda item - the purchase of a ladder truck, all the Trustees agreed to discuss it.

The Fire Chief explained that the North Cedar fire department is will to sell us their 1993 E1 Superior telasquirt for \$20,000 and an anonymous donor had come forward with the money if we issue them a Charitable Donation Receipt.

Discussion:

- Truck will be a back up vehicle.
- 20 year lift span? Yes.
- Will this help the South End with the FUS? Yes.
- Kitt Stringer mentioned that the original price was \$35,000 but because of the relationship Will has built with the Cedar Fire Department they dropped it to \$20,000.
- Are you retiring a truck? Yes No. 9, the old bus.

The Chair suggested he go around the room for questions.

- Are you retiring the bus because we have the ladder now? Basically everything on the bus is getting older and I don't want to be putting money into it.
- What will you do with the bus? Sell it, I will bring that to the next meeting.
- Kitt noted that he is a certified ladder truck operator, and Cedar has offered to send their Training Officer over to give us training.

The Chair asked for a motion, and stated that it will be ratified at the next General Meeting.

Fred Apstein moved that the Fire Chief be allowed to proceed with the transaction, seconded by Sean Lewis, carried.

Fred Apstein made a point of order regarding this meeting being an Extraordinary Meeting rather than a Special one and that this doesn't have to be ratified at the General Meeting.

The Chair noted that the notice on the website only stated that we were gearing up No. 1, so it should be ratified.

Diana Moher moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Fred Apstein, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 16:30