



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
August 26th, 2024

PRESENT: Donna Clark, Vice-Chair Dave Vieira, Deputy Fire Chief
Allan Reid, CEMC

STAFF PRESENT: Santana Chubb, Clerk

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Steve Featherstone, Chair

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Allan Reid
THAT this meeting be opened at 6:01 p.m.

Seconded by Donna Clark

Carried Donna Clark

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Donna Clark
THAT the agenda for the Emergency Services Committee Meeting for August 26, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by Dave Vieira

Carried Donna Clark

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Dave Vieira
THAT the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held July 15, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Allan Reid

Carried Donna Clark

5. Presentation & Delegations: None for this session

6. Staff Reports

6.a Report from Deputy Fire Chief regarding recent call reports.

The Deputy Fire Chief gave a brief report on recent calls from July 15 to date, and current volunteers.

From July 15 to current, there were a total of 5 calls.

Attended two medical calls:

- August 7th, on scene at 00:50, 3 personnel, 1-hour duration.

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- August 17th, on scene at 18:10, 2 personnel, 1-hour duration.

Attended one structure fire:

- July 19th, on scene at 01:30, 7 personnel, 2-hour duration.

Attended two motor vehicle collisions:

- August 16th, on scene at 01:15, 13 personnel, 3-hour duration.
- August 23rd, on scene at 15:35, 8 personnel, 1-hour duration.

This time last year, there was one call (medical).

Year to date, there have been a total of 44 alarms.

Current volunteer staff is 22, with 18 operational, 2 on leave of absence, 1 junior, and 1 probationary.

6.b Report from Deputy Fire Chief regarding recent training.

The Deputy Fire Chief reported on recent training and equipment.

Training:

- Recent training on NFPA alternative fuel vehicles for emergency responders.
- On August 16th, one fire fighter took the air brake course and passed.
- The volunteers have begun in-house training on chapter 15, overhaul procedures.
- On September 16th, the Deputy Fire Chief and Training Officer will be attending an OFM training and certification portal seminar.

Equipment:

- August 28th, the pumper trucks are being pump tested.
- September 12th, the SCBA equipment is being flow tested.

There was a brief discussion about reaching out to other municipalities to inquire about training opportunities with other fire departments. The Deputy Fire Chief has a Mutual Aid meeting coming up with the other municipalities.

6.c Report from Deputy Fire Chief regarding recent community involvement.

- There have been no recent community events/involvement to report on.
- The Deputy Fire Chief was reminded of the annual Halloween event in October. The Fire Department will start discussing their involvement in the event.

7. Items for Committee Discussion

7.a Receive and review completed Fire Department assessment.

The Deputy Fire Chief gave a summary of the final assessment.

The final assessment states:

- There are no immediate safety concerns that pose a risk to the firefighters.

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- There is no immediate risk to the corporation or the corporation's officers.
- The fire department is following to the best of their abilities the regulations, legislations, and industry practices.
- The only major concern found during the assessment was regarding the lack of operational SCBA equipment, and it has since been corrected and the fire department is back in full compliance with NFPA standards.

7.b Receive and review the Fire Protection grant.

The Deputy Fire Chief gave a brief description of the grant.

- The Fire Protection grant was launched in March 2024, and the application deadline is September 5th, 2024.
- The grant is for a total of 10 million dollars to be dispersed over 3 years for the province of Ontario. This will give approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 per active station for qualifying applicants, meaning the Bonfield Volunteer Fire Department could get up to \$20,000 from the grant.
- The grants would be used to purchase additional bunker gear to bring them up to NFPA standard. The Fire Department is requesting 6 additional suits that will cost \$18,000 and 20 flash hoods that will cost an additional \$3,000.

7.c Receive and review the Wildland Fire grant.

The CEMC gave a brief description of the Wildland Fire grant.

- The grant can cover many items the fire department could use, such as generators, chainsaws, tools, etc.
- The Deputy Fire Chief will put together a list of tools and equipment that the fire department could use to help fight wildland fires and the CEMC will aid in applying for the grant.

7.d Discuss the SOLGEN session (Engagement on Proposed EMCPA).

The CEMC, Vice-Chair and CAO recently attended a session for a proposed Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act update.

- The Act hasn't been updated for approximately 15 years.
- There are five focus areas:
 1. The scope of an emergency and emergency management.
 2. One window approach to provincial emergency management coordination.
 3. Enhancing coordination between government and emergency management partners, including boarder public sector and external partners.
 4. Improving the consistency, quality, and inclusivity of emergency management programs.
 5. Reflecting how Ontario works with First Nations in emergency management.

7.e Discuss the modernization of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

Refer to Item of Committee Discussion 7.d.

7.f Discuss the Modernization of Wildland Fire Management.

The CEMC gave a brief description and break down of the topic.

- Wildland fires have changed over the years with how they react and how they need to be dealt with. With this, we need to update how we deal with these fires, such as, the fire fighting, fire prevention, and response.
- There are five focus areas:
 1. Strengthen collective responsibility for wildland fire management.
 2. Improve awareness of wildland fire risk.
 3. Expand prevention and mitigation of wildland fire.
 4. Enhance preparedness and response to wildland fire.
 5. Strengthen rules and consequences for non-compliance with forest fire laws.

8. Resolutions to be Considered for Council Recommendation: None for this session

9. Correspondence: None for this session

10. Closed Session: None for this session

11. Adjournment

Motion 5

Moved by Donna Clark

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Seconded by Dave Vieira

Carried Donna Clark

CHAIR

CLERK