



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
September 16th, 2024

PRESENT: Steve Featherstone, Chair Donna Clark, Vice-Chair
Dave Vieira, Deputy Fire Chief

STAFF PRESENT: Santana Chubb, Clerk

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Allan Reid, CEMC

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Donna Clark
THAT this meeting be opened at 6:06 p.m.

Seconded by Dave Vieira

Carried Steve Featherstone

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Dave Vieira
THAT the agenda for the Emergency Services Committee Meeting for September 16, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by Dona Clark

Carried Steve Featherstone

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Donna Clark
THAT the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held August 26, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Dave Vieira

Carried Steve Featherstone

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 August 26 to date, and current volunteers.

From August 26 to current, there were a total of 5 calls. Four medical calls and one motor vehicle accident, called off on route.

- Medical call: August 31, on scene at 11:08, 4 personnel, 2-hour duration.

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- Medical call: September 3, on scene at 09:05, 3 personnel, 2-hour duration.
- Motor vehicle accident/false alarm: September 3, on scene at 21:20, 7 personnel, 2-hour duration.
- Medical call: September 9, on scene at 20:13, 4 personnel, 2-hour duration.
- Medical call: September 13, on scene at 01:38, 2 personnel, 2-hour duration.

Year to date, there have been a total of 49 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:

- The volunteers have been doing in-house training on chapter 15, overhaul procedures, property conservation and scene preservation. The goal for this is training for the firefighters to be able to describe firefighters' roles during overhaul, salvage, and scene preservation.
- On September 30, 3 firefighters are receiving OFC testing, taking place at the Nipissing Fire Department.

Equipment:

- Pumper 5 and pumper 2 passed their pump tests.

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

The Deputy Fire Chief gave the following report.

- Fire Prevention Week starts October 6. The firefighters will be doing a door-to-door smoke alarm campaign, as well as an open house October 7. A second open house night may be possible later in the week, depending on the availability of the volunteers. The open house will include topics such as fire safety, home escape plans, and kitchen safety.
- The Fire Department will be hosting a haunted house on the night of Halloween.

7. Items for Committee Discussion

7.a Receive and review update on the Fire Protection grant.

The Deputy Fire Chief gave a brief update on progress of the grant.

- Two applications were submitted earlier this month for the Fire Protection Grant. One application was for the fire hall located in Bonfield, and the second for the fire hall located in Rutherglen. The Deputy Fire Chief will receive a response in a week or two informing him if the two applications were accepted or denied for the grant.

7.b Receive and review the Wildland Fire grant.

The Deputy Fire Chief gave an update on the progress of the grant.

- The Deputy Fire Chief is currently working on the Wildland Mitigation Strategy with the help of the MNR. With this, they'll be able to reduce structural ignition ability, and creating ignition resistance to the properties in Bonfield. This would focus on cleaning up the properties, as these vulnerable homes have a higher risk of catching ambers, causing fire to spread.
- The Deputy Fire Chief is inquiring into training for the firefighters to become Trained Assessors. This training would allow the firefighters the assess the properties in Bonfield to determine risks.

7.c Discuss the expanded use of CGIS for emergency response and data gathering. The Discussion was postponed till the next meeting due the absence of the CEMC.

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 Dave Vieira

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Seconded by Donna Clark

Carried Steve Featherstone

CHAIR

CLERK