

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**  
**MINUTES OF THE FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Board Chambers**

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| In Attendance:      | Director V. Craig      Chair  |
|                     | Director S. McLean      Vice Chair (joined electronically)                |
|                     | Director C. Pinker      Electoral Area C                                  |
|                     | Director B. Rogers      Electoral Area E                                  |
|                     | Director L. Salter      Electoral Area F (joined electronically)          |
|                     | Director L. Wallace      Electoral Area G (joined electronically)         |
|                     | M. Taylor      Bow Horn Bay VFD Deputy Chief (joined electronically)      |
|                     | P. Doyle      Bow Horn Bay VFD Chair (joined electronically)              |
|                     | C. Hillsden      Coombs-Hilliers VFD Deputy Chief (joined electronically) |
|                     | N. Acciavatti      Dashwood VFD Chief (joined electronically)             |
|                     | T. Bater      Errington VFD Chief (joined electronically)                 |
|                     | G. Bing      Errington VFD Chair/Treasurer (joined electronically)        |
|                     | G. Klemm      Errington VFD Deputy Chief (joined electronically)          |
|                     | D. Penny      Nanoose Bay Fire Chief (joined electronically)              |
|                     | A. Poirier      Coombs-Hilliers Fire Chief (joined electronically)        |
| Regrets:            | Director K. Wilson      Electoral Area A                                  |
|                     | K. Young      Extension VFD Chief   |
| Also in Attendance: | C. Morrison      Mgr. Emergency Services (joined electronically)          |
|                     | C. Golding      Recording Secretary                                       |

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **Fire Services Advisory Committee Meeting - May 4, 2022**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Fire Services Advisory Committee meeting held May 4, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORTS**

### **Fire Services Project Status Update - Q2 2022**

The Fire Services Project Status Update - Q2 2022 was received.

### **Fire Chief's Q2 2022 Fire Department Update - Verbal**

#### **Bow Horn Bay Volunteer Fire Department - Deputy Chief Mark Taylor**

Deputy Chief Mark Taylor updated the Committee regarding ongoing essential wildfire training, member health and safety, increase of emergency incidents, recruiting and training hours.

#### **Coombs-Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department - Deputy Chief Chris Hillsden**

Deputy Chief Chris Hillsden updated the Committee on the status of recruiting a new Fire Chief, and stated that while the department is transitioning and without a fire chief they have not undertaken any significant projects but have continued with normal training and operations.

#### **Dashwood Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Chief Nick Acciavatti**

Fire Chief Nick Acciavatti provided updates regarding membership numbers, strategic and staffing plan, 2022/23 recruiting drive, training and training hours, FireSmart events and assessments within the community, and the Tour de Rock head shave event.

#### **Errington Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Chief Troy Bater**

Fire Chief Troy Bater provided updates on staffing, membership, recruiting, training hours, number of call outs, and the drone program.

#### **Nanoose Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Chief Doug Penny**

Fire Chief Doug Penny provided updates on training, call outs, recruitment, long service member recognition event, and the launch of the 2nd Annual Fire Smart campaign. Chief Penny shared a link to an app called What 3 Words and urged the Committee to watch it.

#### **Extension Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Chief Kevin Young**

Fire Chief Kevin Young submitted the department's update which was included in the agenda package.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Regional District of Nanaimo Fleet Technician Feasibility**

The Committee discussed the feasibility of a dedicated technician to service fire engines and other small equipment.

**Retention Program for Volunteer Firefighters**

The Committee discussed different incentives to offer volunteer firefighters as a way to increase recruitment and retention.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 8:04 P.M.

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CHAIR