

TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY
PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Tuesday June 7, 2022
At 5:00 p.m.

Chair Mike Quilty and Committee Members Robert Dick, Michael Donohue

Also in attendance were CAO/Clerk Charkavi and Acting Chief Mchale, Acting Deputy Chief Donohue, Chief Murphy – Bonnechere Valley Fire Department

1. Chair Mike Quilty call the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None
3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Michael Donohue, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee approve the agenda for the June 7, 2022 Protective Services Committee meeting as presented this date.

“Carried”

4. Minutes – Approve February 14 and February 25, 2022

Moved by Michael Donohue, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee accept the minutes of the Protective Services Committee meetings held February 14 and February 25, 2022.

“Carried”

5. Dispatch Calls – Chief Murphy Bonnechere Valey

Moved by Michael Donohue, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chief Murphy, Bonnechere Valley Fire Department, appear before Committee to discuss dispatching in Renfrew County.

“Carried”

Acting Chief McHale reviewed for Committee issues that the department has encountered surrounding motor vehicle accidents. He added that Chief Murphy is here to explain to Committee how to ensure that our Fire Department is being contacted by Dispatch Services.

Chief Murphy handed out dispatch protocol comparisons between the Douglas Fire Department and the Bonnechere Valley Fire Department.

He reviewed the differences between the two. He also reviewed the process of how a dispatch call is completed in Renfrew County.

Acting Chief McHale noted that it is not anticipated to be many more calls that would ultimately affect the overall budget of the Douglas Fire Department. However, he noted it is important for the Douglas Fire Department to receive calls for motor vehicle accidents when an ambulance has been dispatched.

Committee directed Acting Chief McHale and Acting Deputy Chief Donohue to meet with Chief Murphy to review the dispatch response protocol and to change accordingly and provide the updated information to Committee.

6. Fire Hall Garage – Verbal Update

Moved by Michael Donohue, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Dick and Acting Chief McHale provide an update on the Fire Hall Garage Expansion.

“Carried”

It was noted that there was a site meeting on May 31, 2022 with Wren Construction, and their Engineer of Record. Discussions were had on the exterior, accessibility, heating, aesthetics, draining, roof construction and landscaping.

The drawings are due July 8, 2022.

7. FPPA – Firefighter Certification – Verbal Update

Moved by Michael Donohue, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Acting Chief McHale provide an update on the FPPA – Firefighter Certifications.

“Carried”

Acting Chief McHale noted that only 5 of the existing volunteer firefighters do not meet the legacy requirements. He advised that the OFM representative will be attending a future training of the Douglas Fire Department and all firefighters will then meet the certification requirements.

Mayor Donohue stated that this is very good news, however, recruitment will be an issue in the future for all Volunteer Fire Departments.

Committee discussed training and the lack of local resources to accomplish the training requirements.

8. Smoke Alarm Policy – Discussion

Acting Chief McHale noted that in the past the replacement of smoke alarms was a simple process. However, he advised that this is no longer the case as smoke alarms have evolved, they are either dual smoke alarm / CO2 monitors, they are hard wired into homes and should they be removed by Firefighters, the OFM's interpretation is that they exact same device must be replaced. He added that this will be very costly and will carry liability issues for the department.

Committee discussed the issue and directed staff to draft a smoke alarm policy that does not involve replacing smoke alarms but puts the onus on the property owner to ensure that the smoke alarms are to code. Acting Chief McHale noted that the Department will have smoke alarms available should the public require one, but they will no longer replace or install smoke alarms.

Committee also requested that there be more educational announcements and opportunities taken to ensure all property owners ensure they have working smoke alarms.

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Michael Donohue

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Protective Services Committee direct staff to draft a Smoke Alarm Replacement Policy.

“Carried”

9. Risk Assessment – Verbal Update

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Michael Donohue

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Acting Fire Chief McHale provide an update on the Risk Assessment for the Douglas Fire Department.

“Carried”

Acting Chief McHale advised that the OFM would like to undertake a new risk assessment of the Douglas Fire Department, there is a new template with new risks associated. He further added that this is primarily to update existing information.

10. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) – Verbal Update

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Michael Donohue

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Acting Fire Chief McHale provide an update on the Self Contained Breather Apparatus (SCBAs).

“Carried”

Acting Chief McHale reviewed the issues surrounding SCBAs. He noted that during the pandemic Firefighters could no longer share masks. The department has looked into ensuring that all of their SCBAs have masks and the SCBAs that we have masks are no longer produced for these units. He also added that SCBA units are very expensive and the Fire Committee will have to begin setting money aside for their replacement.

He advised Committee that at this time the SCBAs on hand are compliant and have passed their annual inspections.

Discussion was had on how to replace the SCBAs. Staff are directed to research grants available and partnerships for ordering.

Committee also directed that the Fire Committee begin looking at their 2023 budget.

11. Next Meeting – To be called by the Chair

12. Adjournment

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Michael Donohue

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tuesday June 7th, 2022 Township of Admaston/Bromley Protective Services Committee be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

“Carried”