

Douglas Fire Committee
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Douglas Fire Committee was called to order by Chairman Kevin LeGris. Present were Harry Stuart, Ken Keill, Nathan Harris, Fire Chief Bill McHale and Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Donohue. There were no conflicts of interest.

It was moved by Ken Keill and seconded by Harry Stuart that minutes of the January 11, 2023 meeting be approved as read

Carried

In Old Business Chairman Kevin reported that there has been no movement on the addition to the building. Insertion for the tax bill mailout has been completed.

There was no correspondence or new business

The fire chief mentioned that Trident (a supplier) is coming tomorrow to put tarps on the trucks to protect the equipment from the elements. The old ones are completely done. Hydro is coming on Friday to put a new meter on the building. Someone from the OFM is coming to the fire hall to go over the forms before they are submitted for Certification Legacy. The first aid recertification has been completed last month. The age of the fire trucks was discussed and Chairman Kevin suggested that the committee notify council that it is time to start the process of getting a new fire truck. It is the understanding that there is a three-year wait period. Chief Bill reported that at the last chief's meeting the dispatch system was discussed in great length. Four fire departments have left CACAC and moved to private business for dispatch. If this is the course of action it will mean a larger amount will need to be budgeted to cover cost. Dave Hartwick of McNab Braeside is the liaison for the fire chiefs to the County. A long discussion on the need for a generator for the fire department resulted in a purchase should be made sooner than later. At present the chief or deputy chief report to the fire hall to insure that the battery system is working. The battery backup system only operates the radio for a limited amount of time. In very cold weather there is no heat in the building with no generator. If power outages last for longer periods of time water freezing could cause big problems. The fire chief would like to thank the roads department for snow plowing a couple of long lane ways at recent fires.

It was moved by Nathan Harris and seconded by Ken Keill that the fire chief's report Dated February 8, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

It was moved by Harry Stuart and seconded by Nathan Harris that the payment voucher Dated February 8, 2023 in the amount of \$7,945.15 be paid

Carried

It was moved by Ken Keill to adjourn

Carried