

TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

DOUGLAS FIRE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday September 13, 2023

At 7:00 p.m.

Present were Chair Kevin LeGris and Committee Members, Ken Keill, Harry Stuart, Fire Chief Bill McHale and Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Donohue. Regrets Nathan Harris and Daryl Thom.

1. Chair Kevin LeGris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest—None
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Ken Keill and seconded by Harry Stuart

Be it resolved that the agenda for the September 13, 2023 meeting be approved.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting
Moved by Harry Stuart and seconded by Ken Keill

Be it resolved that the minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting be approved as read

Carried

5. Old Business
DISPATCH UPDATE—the new dispatch system is in place and working. Cost/payment is being discussed at county level.

GENERATOR UPDATE—The generator is installed. McCarthy is supplying the propane. By the end of September there will be a commission test.

BUILDING UPDATE—The septic system is installed and the grass is growing over it. The installation took three days to complete.

SCBA UPDATE—New SCBA's arrive on September 18, 2023. The new masks are in and fitted. Each fireman will have their own mask and face piece bag. There will be full training on the SCBA's in house prior to them going into the trucks.

6. CORRESPONDENCE
An email from Treasurer-Deputy CAO/Clerk was received informing the committee that the septic system was installed and paid. Information on the maintenance instructions for the septic tank filter were included along with a detailed location map.
7. NEW BUSINESS
DRY HYDRANT AT DOUGLAS—This is the most used of all the dry hydrants as the trucks are topped up after each call. The hydrant is not working. On Sunday September 11, 2023 it was discovered that the pipe was disconnected and in need of repair. Chief Bill and Steve from Public Works are going to try and find a way forward to repair and resolve this situation.

DOUGLAS BEACH—There are campers staying at the beach for extended periods of time. They are having campfires. The fire chief has been down and had conversations and explained the burning by-law. Councillor LeGris reported that there has been a new by-law (2023-40) passed at council to establish requirements for open air burning.

DISPERSAL OF OLD EQUIPMENT—At a fire chief’s meeting Chief Bill learned that there are areas that have little to no fire fighting equipment. Old and not being used equipment at the fire hall is taking up valuable space and could perhaps help other fire departments. Chief Bill is looking into perhaps selling or getting this equipment to a new home where it can be used.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK—Enbridge Gas has supplied boxes of give aways for fire prevention week which is October 8 to 14, 2023. The campaign is “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to FIRE PREVENTION”. Thank you to Meagan at the municipal office for completing the application to receive the give aways.

CANADIAN NUCLEAR LABORATORY NEW RTC—The Canadian Nuclear Laboratory in Chalk River now has a training centre for fire personnel. Chief Bill toured the site and was most impressed. The chief and five other members of the fire department also got a tour of the site at a later date. The first course is in October. New recruits can get certified at this site. Both the chief and deputy chief has words of praise for this facility. CNL is a team player and the whole county is working together.

8. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill review the fire reports for July, August and September 2023 with the committee. Questions on some of the larger fires were answered.

Moved by Ken Keill and seconded by Harry Stuart

Be it resolved that the fire chief’s reports for July 12, August 9 and September 8, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

9. BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

The payment vouchers were reviewed and it was noted that the cost of repairs on the fire trucks is up more than anticipated due to the age of the vehicles. Questions and answers on other invoices were answered. Chief Bill remarked that a fire suit ordered three years ago has arrived.

Moved by Harry Stuart and seconded by Ken Keill

Be it resolved that the payment vouchers dated:

July 12, 2023 in the amount of	4596.47
August 9, 2023 in the amount of	18793.45
September 7, 2023 in the amount of	18870.06 be paid

Carried

10. 2023 FIRE COST UPDATE

The wage costs for 2023 were reviewed and are nearing the top of the budgeted amount.

11. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT AUGUST 31, 2023

The report was reviewed and amounts in the current column were explained. Chair Kevin noted that it was important to review the figures.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION

Chief Bill has applied to Kiddie Smoke Alarms to get free alarms that are battery operated. The new fire Marshall's representative is Shannon Armitage. Greater Madawaska Fire Chief is to do a full report on how the Centennial Lake fire for future reference should this type of a fire occur again.

13. NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall.

14. ADJOURN

Moved by Ken Keill and seconded by Harry Stuart

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Carried