

Douglas Fire Committee
Agenda
May 8, 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of minutes of last Regular Meeting
5. Business from previous meetings
 - Helmet Purchase
 - Dry Hydrant at Dam
6. Correspondence
 - none
7. New Business
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8. Fire Chief's Report
 - April report
 - Fire Truck Repairs
9. Financial Information
 - see April 18, 2024 Admaston/Bromley Council Agenda for list of cheques written
10. 2024 Fire Cost Update
11. Budgetary Control Report April 30, 2024
 - hard copy in agenda
12. Open Discussion
13. Next Meeting—June 12, 2024 7:00 p.m. at the council chambers
14. Adjourn

TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY
DOUGLAS FIRE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday April 10, 2024
At 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Chairman Kevin LeGris call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest –None
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved by Daryl Thom and Seconded by Harry Stuart

Be it resolved that the agenda for the April 10, 2024 meeting be approved

Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by Harry Stuart and seconded by Daryl Thom

Be it resolved that the minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting be approved as read.

Carried

5. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
A copy of the completed inspections of both the ARC and Douglas recreation facilities were circulated. Chief Bill was pleased with how quickly this work was all done.

6. CORRESPONDENCE
There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS
Helmet Purchase
Chief Bill has received sample helmets from various suppliers. The firemen are wearing these sample helmets at fire practice to get a feel for the weight, fit and features of the different helmets. Chief Bill is looking into "LAS-Canoe Procurement " to secure a better price. Chief Bill has concerns about warranty if purchased through Canoe. He would like to do more leg work before making a decision.

8. FIRE CHIEF' REPORT
April fire chief report was reviewed.

Moved by Ken Keill and seconded by Daryl Thom

Be it resolved that the fire chief's report dated April 5, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Guest Speaker at Farmers Breakfast

Chief Bill was invited to be one of the guest speakers at the Farmers Breakfast on March 28, 2024 at the Cobden Agriculture Hall. Chief Bill felt it went very well and has already opened some doors for further discussion as well as possible fire safety days at other events. Housekeeping is the main issue in fire safety—keeping areas clean and garbage removed.

Dry Hydrant at Dam

The dry hydrant at the dam is damaged. At present the dry hydrant at the dam seems to need to be repaired every three years. Some of the firemen would like to see it this hydrant relocated to the beach. Travel time would be the same for either location. Chief Bill feels that a location at the beach could work. He will bring back a report to the next meeting.

9. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A list of cheques written can be viewed on the March 21, 2024 Admaston/Bromley agenda. The question on an entry in equipment rental was answered with it being the hst portion of the invoice that we get back.

10. 2024 FIRE COST UPDATE

This report was reviewed

11. BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT MARCH 31, 2024

The report was looked at and there are no questions.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION

The question on the new delivery format for the agenda was discussed and the committee are going to leave it as is for now. A fellow citizen had high words of praise for the fire department, for the excellent all-round training both for at fires and helping fellow citizens medically without hesitation.

13. NEXT METTING

The next meeting is May 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the council chambers.

14. ADJOURN

Moved by Ken Keill and seconded by Harry Stuart

Be it resolved that the meeting of April 10, 2024 be adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Carried

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REPORT

Date: May 2 2024
To: Fire Committee
From: Fire Chief McHale
RE: Helmet Purchase

Background:

In 2023 the Douglas Fire Department has set aside in the 2024 budget \$17500.00 for the purchase of new fire helmets for the department. NFPA regulations state fire helmets must be replaced every 10 years regardless of condition.

Discussion:

Fire has received demo helmets from 3 different suppliers
M&L Fire---- Bullard
A.J. Stone ----Carins
P.P.E Splotions---Lion Starfield

We are currently waiting on a brand new release from the Carins Company, and after handling, wearing and weighing, we will hopefully come to a decision on which brand. I have received some pricing, but no exact quotes, as we have not completed exact model to order. After getting pricing quotes, I will be further investigating the MLS canoe procurement process. My fear, is losing the supplier/end user relationship. I'm concerned with warranty issues as well as frequent buyer discounts.

Financial Implications:

This item is in the budget and already passed. We will be choosing the product best suiting the members of the department, not necessarily the lowest quote. Will inquire about the canoe process, and follow through with a quote from them as well.

People Consulted:

All current members of the Douglas Fire Department.

Steve Bell A.J Stone

Dave Aiken M@L Fire

Bill Fitzgerald P.P.E Solutions

Office staff regarding procurement process

Direction to Council:

None at this time

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REPORT

Date: May 2, 2024
To: Fire Committee
From: Fire Chief McHale
RE: Dry Hydrant

Background:

In the winter of 2021-2022 the dry hydrant at the Douglas Dam was damaged beyond repair. This is the third time this location has had issues that needed repairs. A decision was made to install another new hydrant at Chris Ruddy Road to serve as a temporary backup. As this hydrant is still operational, it is still the desire of the fire department to have one working closer to the village.

Discussion:

After meetings with Captains of the fire department, Road Super Steve Visinski of AB, and Jack Rosner of Eganville Generation Corp, it has been decided that the best possible option is to move this hydrant to the property owned by the township at the Douglas beach. As it will require prep work, costs will be involved, but the hope is that it will be a one-time cost, and solve the constant damage that is occurring at the dam location. The Douglas beach is in dire need of a makeover, so we are confident this will be the initial steps in the process. Tree removal, landscaping and gravel will be the first phase. The township roads department will be involved in this part as it was likely going to have to happen regardless of the hydrant. The biggest portion of the project will be to haul stone for a base and then gravel to create a base for the trucks as well as widen the turning lane back out on to Van Horne Street. After this is complete the install of the pipes for the hydrant would follow. All projections see the project starting mid-summer and finished by end of September.

Financial Implications:

Moving to property that the township already owns will remove any chance of liability issues in dealing with Eganville Gen Corp, and allow us to put our monies towards benefitting ourselves. By not having to remove bedrock at the dam site, the equipment we already have will be more than enough to complete the required work. Moving to this location should also lesson the need to involve permits from the Ministry of Natural Resources. The main costing involved will be with the stone work, the gravel and the hauling of it to the beach site. Until trees are removed and the exact location of the hydrant, it is hard

to estimate the amount needed. The piping and fittings for the hydrant itself will be the final costs. It should be noted we have budgeted \$10000.00 for this project this year.

People Consulted:

DFD Captains

Road Super Steve Visinski

Eganville Generation Corporation Jack Rosner

Dam Operator Norm

Other Area fire departments

The internet

Direction to Council:

Allow fire and roads to work together towards developing this project. Although all costs are not available at present, we will obviously work to keep at a minimum to protect budgets.

Douglas Fire Committee
Fire Chief Report
April 2024

Date	Men	Hrs	Where	What
Apr 1	12	24	Practice	SP103 training
Apr 3	06	19		Hydro Line
Apr 3	03	09		Hydro Transformer
Apr 3	09	13		Tree across highway
Apr 3	08	12		Tree on line
Apr 4	06	18		MVA
Apr 7	03	06	Practice	Weekend truck checks
Apr 8	15	52	Fire Practice	SCBA Maze at RFD
Apr 9	01	03		Clean fire hall
Apr 15	17	34	Practice	Grain Extrication Tool Training
Apr 22	17	28	Practice	SCBA fitness/turnout gear training
Apr 26	01	03	Practice	Fire extinguisher training at AB office
Apr 29	14	28	Practice	Water shuttle with Porta tanks
Apr 29	07	14		MVA
Apr 30	01	03	Practice	Truck repairs

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REPORT

Date: May 2, 2024
To: Fire Committee
From: Fire Chief McHale
RE: Truck Repairs

Background:

At our recent practice, Monday April 29, we had several issues with our two front line trucks. Our pumper (truck 1) and our tanker (truck 4). We have been keeping up with annual safeties, pump testing and weekend truck checks, but these are very unforeseen issues.

Discussion:

Truck 1, during the practice performed perfectly until about the 7th evolution, where it for unknown reasons to the pump operators, revved to a point of 1700 RPM's in order to maintain a pressure of 100 psi on the only inch and a half line in service. This situation should normally occur at 1150 engine RPM. We repeated the drill several more times, all with the same result, not right. Truck 1 was taken to the hall and we spent some time trying to diagnose. The next morning using google and the operator's manual provided with the apparatus, I performed multiple diagnostic tests. Everything pointed towards the governor or a voltage issue. Upon trial, Truck 1 is working properly, but will need new batteries and possible solid state contact boards, or new style solid state contractors.

Truck 4, has an air leak at the pump engagement on the transfer case. After parking the truck in the hall, we realized the portable air compressor was not shutting off. Trucks are on a continuous air supply when parked, to avoid having to wait on air pressure to build before trucks are mobile. After finding the leak and temporarily fixing, it will continue to leak every time the transmission is put into gear to pump. The truck is in working order and the under hood compressor will continue to supply air when operational.

Several of our maintenance people have been contacted and the repairs are scheduled.

Financial Implications:

We definitely budget for truck maintenance, but we did not expect these issues. By doing the diagnose ourselves and being able to run the fault checks, we have saved service calls. The air leak on #4 can be fixed in our hall, but involves the driveshaft coming down, and several hours labour. The seal kit is approximately \$120. The electronic issues with #1, may take some time and effort to sort out. First are batteries, 2 at a cost of \$690 each. The estimate for the replacement of the contactors is \$2500.00. I'm hoping we can avoid the larger repair costs, but we need be ready as these components are starting to show their age.

People Contacted:

Pat Rowan Captain DFD
Andy St Michael Riverview Metal Township mechanic
Brandon Spears Battleshield Industries
Antrim Western Star

Direction to Council:

I will do my best to limit costs and do whatever repairs can be done in house. With running gear, and electronics, it is a specialty that we will need to farm out in order to follow rules and take away liability from us doing certain repairs ourselves. As equipment ages, we/I must begin to budget accordingly for future, bigger repairs.

**Douglas Fire Department
2024 Fire Costs**

Month	Fire	Practice	Standby Fees	Total Mthly Costs
	Rate/Hr	Rate/Hr	Rate/Wk	
January	183	133	0	
Total Cost	4736.30	3471.57	1300.00	9,507.87
February	52	118	0	
Total Cost	1,382.52	3,057.96	1200.00	5,640.48
March	238	165		
Total Cost	6,087.44	4318.40	2125.00	12,530.84
April	80	180	14	
Total Cost	2,132.00	4667.99	1750.00	8,549.99
May	0	0	0	
Total Cost	0.00	0.00		0.00
June	0	0	0	
Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
July	0	0	0	
Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
August	0	0	0	
Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
September	0	0	0	
Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
October	0	0	0	
Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
November	0	0	0	
Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
December	100	66	5	
Total Cost	2656.00	1724.54	1500.00	5,880.54

Total Hours	653		662		
Total Cost	16994.26	\$	17,240.46	\$1,500.00	\$ 42,109.72