



## **MINUTES**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Roth, Acting Chair  
Deputy Chief Steve Goode  
Michael Dailous, President of Puslinch Firefighters' Association

### **TOWNSHIP STAFF**

Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk  
Michelle Cassar, Deputy Tax Collector

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm.

#### **2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Steve Goode and Seconded by Michael Dailous

**FIR-2014-005**

THAT the Fire and Rescue Committee minutes dated January 15, 2014 be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. CLOSED MEETING**

None.

#### **5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

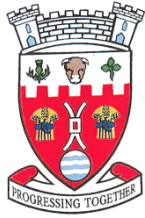
None.

#### **6. REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. Open Air Burning By-Law – Public Meeting set for April 2, 2014 at 7pm

2. Future Initiatives Update

Karen Landry provided updates.



- Development Charge Study – a consultant has been retained. They are currently conducting background work before reviewing with the Departments. Councillor Roth asked for clarification on how funds are dispersed. Karen Landry advised that the consultant will review projects that are related to growth, if they qualify, a percentage can be funded from Development Charges. Once the consultant is complete Council will hold a public meeting.
  - Website – the Vendor has not been selected yet. The development of the website is a very time consuming process, and should be completed by December 2014.
  - Fireworks By-law – will be going to the Council Meeting May 7, 2014
  - Fire Master Plan – The process takes 6-7 months. Once the budget is approved Chief Goode and Karen Landry will be discussing and an update will be added to the next Fire & Rescue Committee Meeting Agenda.
  - Open Air Burning – Chief Goode advised that there are 3 other seasonal sites to be added. He will advise Karen Landry.
3. Response Activity Report – December 2013, January 2014, February 2014
- Chief Goode reviewed his report. He has changed the format for the monthly report. Part of the report will also appear in the Pioneer each month – there is no charge for the Fire Department to submit Public Education articles. This month the feature is about keeping laneways clear so that emergency vehicles have access. Some of the changes include:
- The format is more user friendly.
  - The report provides comparables to previous year's statistics for each month and year to date.
  - It provides an approximate dollar loss for each incident.



- The new report shows incidents as they were originally paged. In the past the report would show what the call was actually for.
- The 'Other' category can include incidents such as hydro pole damage or debris fires where there is not usually a dollar loss associated with it.
- Alarms – these can be due to power outage, water, weather related.
- A new category of 'Burning complaints'
- Response time will be included in future reports
- Prevention & Public Education is included now as a separate category instead of a type of response. The Report includes statistics on Inspections, Investigations, Emergency Planning, Public Education & Meetings.
- Puslinch Fire Calls Chart will have a legend.

Councillor Roth asked if percentages could be added to the pie chart.

Things that were removed from the report:

- Defib used
- Tiered assistance
- Extrication, (though if it's a significant event he will mention it at the Council meeting)
- Stolen vehicle (who decides)
- Chimney fire – it would be included in the structure fire.
- Nothing found/cancel response. The department was called out for a reason and that is how it will be recorded. Chief Goode can report the cancelled calls or nothing found statistics in an annual report.
- Hazardous spills would be included in the 'other category'



Moved by Steve Goode and Seconded by Michael Dailous **FIR-2014-006**  
THAT the Fire Response Activity Report for December 2013, January 2014  
and February 2014 be received.

**CARRIED**

4. Fire Fighters' Association

Michael Dailous reported on the election process that took place on Wednesday January 15, 2014. Michael Dailous will be continuing as the Association's President. It is a 2 year term. The Social Committee and the Health & Safety Committee have a 1 year term.

There are many social and fundraising events that are being planned for the year. The Association will be putting ads in the newspaper – the Puslinch Pioneer and the Wellington Advertiser. They have some fresh ideas, new members and they would like to be more visible to the public.

The Vice President of the Association is Greg Schindler.

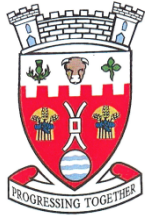
The Association usually has a pancake breakfast and open house event that they host in April or October.

5. Training Update

There are seven recruits doing in house training until the end of the month.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of April the County Training Officer will take the lead. The Auxiliary Recruits will only participate in the in house training. There are three of them. If there is a vacancy, the auxiliaries will be able to apply and will have already completed in-house training. Auxiliary Recruits cannot respond to a call.

Michael Dailous advised that it is sometimes difficult for him to attend meetings during the day. He can usually make them, but the other representatives of the Association



Fire & Rescue Committee Meeting  
Wednesday March 19, 2014  
1:00 pm  
Council Chambers, Aberfoyle

cannot make the daytime meetings. The Firefighters would also like the opportunity to attend the Fire & Rescue Committee. The Committee will review a revised schedule at the next meeting.

Chief Goode requested that he report to Council during the daytime meeting to enable him to participate in the Firefighters Wednesday evening training.

## 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.