

Shirley Fire Protection & Emergency Response Commission
Monthly General Meeting 02/26/2024
Minutes
Approved: (Motion #)
Call to Order: 1930 Adjourned: 2130

Present: Chair B. Einarson, M. Taylor, S. Rafferty, J. Powell, R. Gardner, A. Wickheim
Ex officio: Fire Chief L. Hill
Absent: H. Williams
Guests: Chris Vrabel

Agenda & Item #	Action Taken:
1. Agenda	Motion To approve agenda, M. Taylor, R. Gardner Carried
2. Approval of Minutes	Motion To approve August Minutes: R. Gardner, S. Rafferty Carried
3. Correspondence	
4. Fire Chiefs report	<p>Two fire calls, one medical, six crew going to spring training. Some issues with the lights on battalion. Need a new laptop for the office; Chief will look into sourcing one out. Quake early detection system moving forward could be installed within the next 2-3 months.</p> <p>Motion: S. Rafferty M. Taylor Carried</p>
5. Treasurers Report	Treasurer unable to attend this month, no report submitted.
7. Old Business	<p>Governance Review: Chris Vrabel CRD Mgr Fire/Protective Services. Second round of consultation re: Governance review. Chris has heard us... "Marginalization of Boards" was one of the comments that resonated during his first round of consultations with other commissions. Chris also heard from commissions that there were good parts to the report. There are 11 service areas that are covered within the report. A pattern was developing as he was going out to the various service areas. Recommendations 17 & 18 were the most contentious issues that</p>

came out of the feedback. Chris laid out pertinent points contained within the Commission handbook. Local Government Act set out differences between advisory and administrative commissions. Bylaw 1927 was the initial bylaw. We are indemnified under the local gov't act for civil liability issues. The current path moving forward: If the Chief's role becomes a paid position the "hiring" of fire chief to become advisory. Volunteer Fire Chief will continue to be appointed by the Shirley Fire Commission. Collaboration between hiring of contractors and salaried employees requires collaboration and consensus between CRD and commissions. Authorize fire chief to appoint members to SVFD. There may be some issues regarding the maintenance staff, conversations around these financial arrangements to be discussed moving forward to ensure the department is protected from civil liabilities. Request from Chair to include some definitions in the final document ie. oversight. Al Wickheim commended Mr.Vrabel for his work on this review and his attempts to reach consensus among the various commissions and societies.

8. New Business

9. Next Meeting

March 25, 2024

10. Adjournment

2005 Hrs **Motion** to adjourned to 09.23.2023 J. Powell, M. Taylor **Carried**