

**WILLIS POINT FIRE PROTECTION
AND RECREATION FACILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday March 30, 2021

7:30 PM

Present: Vern McConnell, Brent Kornelson, Brian McCandless, Paul Williams, Gary Howell- (Zoom), Gary Anderson, Joel Cotter

Absent: Director Mike Hicks,

Guests & Invitees: Art Wynans

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm

1) Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Paul Williams, **SECONDED** by Brian McCandless, that the Agenda be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

2) MOTION by Joel Cotter, **SECONDED** by Gary Anderson that the minutes of Jan 26, 2021 be accepted as presented, **CARRIED**

3) Chair Report: Vern submitted commission report to Pointer. Gary Anderson has sold his home and moving March 31, Gary has submitted his resignation from commission. A replacement commission member will be selected at next meeting.

4) Hall Report: Brent read report from Mariann (see attached). Art reported Hall fridge has quit, Joel and Brian will arrange disposal, Vern will discuss with WPCA if they will purchase replacement.

5) Business Arising:

- a) Cell Tower: Brent reported on Draft tower agreement received from CRD Stephen Henderson, items of note include the new tower connection to Hydro and the standby generator will now be solely used by community hall.
- b) Tank Farm: nothing new, still waiting to hear about grant application.
- c) Durrance Close: Vern read email from Jonathan Reimer indicating the CRD will be hiring someone this month to assist with the necessary WP fire protection boundary change documentation.
- d) Mutual Aide with Saanich: nothing new to report.
- e) Hall Heating: Brian received 1 quote (for \$24K) for the hybrid Heat pump with new electric backup system. Brian will pursue 2 more quotes before we award the contract.
- f) Financial Report: Gary reports financials and budget are submitted and on track
- g) Picnic Shelter: Art reports that the building permit has been applied for.

h) Rodent issue: Brian reports the trapping was successful and some possible holes in the crawlspace door have been covered. Efforts will continue to address issue.

6) Fire Chiefs Report: department membership is strong and there are no issues. Air brake course was recently completed for some members, no covid exposures.

7) WCPA Report: none

8) New Business: Water Storage, Superior Shuttle service

Brent previously raised concerns that the community fire rating by Fire Underwriters Survey had changed as he noticed his insurance company had rated Willis Point as unprotected. Art and Jonathan Reimer checked with FUS and confirmed the Point still maintained a 3B semi-protected rating. Brent will discuss this discrepancy with his underwriter.

Brent opened a discussion regarding the potential for major insurance cost savings (up to 40%) for community members if we could design and register existing and potential new storage water tanks as “dry hydrants” with the goal of potentially working toward a “superior shuttle service” rating. Brent will work with Art to explore this potential.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

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Hall Managers Report:

Things continue to remain quiet at the hall.

The Fire Department used the main hall for a training program during the weekend of March 5, 2021.

The Fire Department has reduced its practice nights to Wednesdays and Thursdays. They are, however, now using both the annex and the main hall. I am continuing to do the sanitizing after each practice.

There are no additional issues to report at this time.

Submitted by,

Mariann Malvet

Hall Manager