

**GABRIOLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
GENERAL MEETING - December 06, 2023**

A General Meeting of the Gabriola Fire Protection District was held December 06, 2023 with six Trustees, Corporate Officer and Fire Chief in attendance.

Attendees: Paul Giffin (Chair) via Zoom, Diana Moher, John Moeller via Zoom, Charleen Wells, Kent Moen, Erik Johnson, Jessie Longo (Corporate Officer), Will Sprogis (Fire Chief)

Regrets: Chris Windess

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Diana Moher.

Diana Moher gave the opening greeting, "The GFPID acknowledges that we are gathering within the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw Nation"

Paul Giffin motioned to make Diana Moher Chair for the meeting. Charleen Wells seconded. CARRIED.

Erik Johnson motioned to accept November 01, 2023 minutes as dispersed. Kent Moen seconded. CARRIED.

Correspondence: N/A

Chris Windess arrived at 4:08 p.m.

Financial Report: N/A

Communications Committee: Will firm up a date in January to deal with information dispersal.

Planning Committee: Requested to the Board for a motion to set up a Planning Committee to consist of Kent, Erik, Charleen, Will, Diana, Carol and Paul, with Charleen as Chair.

Chris Windess motioned the board to form a long range planning committee with the trustees mentioned, Chief and Carol. Erik Johnson seconded. CARRIED.

Next scheduled planning meetings are for January 10 and January 24, 2024 at 2:45pm at Fire Hall#1.

Finance Committee: N/A

Business Email Committee: Hope to present a policy in the February meeting for the methodology of Trustees using email.

Fire Chief Report:

Call for the Month: 26

Alarms - 1

Rubbish Fire – 1

Structure Fire - 1

Burn Complaints - 2

First Responder – 17

MVI - 1

Hydro Related - 3

Year-to-date call volume: 527

Last Year call volume: 554

Good news our Firesmart grant was approved! Firesmart coordinator Carol Waldo is moving forward with some of the Firesmart initiatives, and we hope to offer another drop off day in the new year.

The department is making all preparations for the retest on the superior tanker accreditation. I will be booking the test for March when the water table is high.

Our Day Firefighter program opens in January; two spots are available, Junior and Senior position. The program is in place to have members of the Department clean, maintain hall and apparatus and conduct service tests while being response ready in 90 seconds.

I advertised for a training officer within the Gabriola Fire Department no one applied, next step I will advertise in the Sounder and on our website.

I would like to congratulate the new Lieutenants, Alex Dewar, Pat Conley, and Dave Hayes. Could I get a motion to appoint these positions by the Board?

Charleen Wells motioned for Alex Dewar, Pat Conley and Dave Hayes to be approved for the positions of lieutenants. Chris Windess seconded. CARRIED.

Fire Chief Report Continued:

I have been working on the proposal to replace #4 our 1995 bush trucks for the last year and half, from 2021-2022 the cost of apparatus went up by 25% and we had to put off the project for a year to save more money in our capital reserve. The apparatus I propose is a wildland urban interface engine which will serve two purposes: one, a nibble 4x4 truck with wildfire fighting capability including, pump and roll with a rear mounted pump. Second a ULC (Underwriter Laboratories of Canada) rated First line engine serving Albert Reed Memorial Fire Hall #1 for the next 20 years.

A first line engine and tender within 20-year service life are required at each of the Gabriola fire halls to maintain Gabriola Island's Fire Underwriter Study and the insurance savings for the community.

Proposal #1 Option 1. Quotation amount with FGFT providing the complete truck including the Freightliner chassis: **\$723,210.00 CAD + taxes.**

Option 2. If you purchased the apparatus body / plumbing from Fort Garry only (chassis supplied by others), the price would be **\$517,899.00 CAD + taxes.**

Proposal #2 Proposal for 4x4 Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Apparatus On behalf of HUB Fire Engines & Equipment Ltd. One (1) Freightliner M2 Plus Crew Cab 4x4 Chassis with Body by HUB \$ 200,696.00
Freightliner M2 Plus Chassis \$ 527,662.00 HUB Fire Engines WUI Package \$ 728,358.00

Proposal #3 Rosenbauer Coyote Stock Unit 19152, with a Rosenbauer NH-55 pump rated at 1050 IGPM mounted at the rear of the apparatus. The apparatus shall be assembled on a new 2024 Freightliner M2 106 4X4. Built to NFPA 1901-2016 standards and tested to ULC-S515 by UL staff. BASIC PRICE \$ 764,614.00 **

Option chassis separate from P&R. The major specifications are as follows:

- Detroit DD8 375HP engine
- Allison 3000RDS Automatic Transmission
- 14,000lb front axle
- 27,000lb rear axle
- 4-wheel drive
- Crew cab

Truck Price: \$199,200.00

Training Report:

12 new members completed the Grant funded IAFF Hazmat Operations course as part of their requirement as part of the NFPA 1001 accreditation. The course was hosted at Albert Reed Memorial Fire Hall #1 Nov 24-26 with our mutual aid partners North Cedar and Cranberry. Value back to the department of \$12,000.

The new officers are enrolled in Fire Officer 1 and the two Captains in Fire Officer 2.

Five Officers are enrolled in the Wildfire Service Engine Boss held in Errington on March 23.

Chris Windess motioned to pass Chief's recommendation for the new equipment, with the provision of a Board meeting to double check the figures that meet the Long Range Plan. Charleen Wells seconded.
CARRIED.

The Board requested to have the minutes show the budging for and purchase of the fire truck has been discussed in previous meetings. The fire department is obligated to replace the trucks every 20 years.

Association: N/A

Old Business:

Paul Giffin motioned to accept the land-use policy as amended. Erik Johnson seconded. CARRIED.

New Business: N/A

Late Items: N/A

Chris Windess motioned to adjourn. Erik Johnson seconded. CARRIED.

Adjournment: 4:50 p.m.