

**GABRIOLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
GENERAL MEETING - June 07, 2023**

A General Meeting of the Gabriola Fire Protection District was held June 07, 2023 with four Trustees, Corporate Officer and Fire Chief in attendance.

Attendees: Paul Giffin (Chair), Erik Johnson, Diana Moher, John Moeller, Jessie Longo (Corporate Officer), Will Sprogis (Fire Chief)

Regrets: Chris Windess

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Chairperson Paul Giffin

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

Erik Johnson motioned to accept minutes from May 03, 2023. Diana Moher seconded. Carried

Correspondence:

The following was read aloud:

Fire Chief Sprogis, I was recently deployed by the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) to the North Peace Complex Wildfire north of Fort St. John, as a Task Force Leader / Strike Team Leader. After my first Operations meeting, I was assigned as a Strike Team leader of multiple type 1 and type 2 Tenders. I would like to personally thank you for deploying Company Officer Geoff Goodall and Firefighter Carol Waldo in your type 2 Tender. Your team was amazing to work with, and when we were faced with challenging Wildfire conditions, they showed unmatched professionalism, skills and dedication to the Wildfires we were tasked to action. I have been deployed many times and your crew was one of the best I have ever been honoured to work alongside of. Your community is fortunate and blessed to have such dedicated Firefighters in your department. Best, David David Dales - Assistant Chief of Education and Training Nanaimo Fire Rescue

Financial Report: N/A

Communications Committee: N/A

Planning Committee: N/A

Finance Committee: N/A

Business Email Committee: N/A

Fire Chief Report:

Calls for the month 48
Brush Fire - 1
False Alarms - 3
Hydro related - 2
Burn Complaints -7
First Responder - 33
Other - 2

The open house was well attended and we saw about a hundred people come through the event. Displays from:

- FireSmart
- Recruitment
- BCEHS
- RCMP
- Medical Clinic Foundation
- Growls
- EMR
- GFPID Trustees
- New Bylaw & Safety Equipment
- Kids Zone

The Gabriola Department is offering Emergency Medical Responder service starting today and have run our first call at EMR level this morning. 7 EMRs are spread out over the four platoons so the fire department can offer a high level of medical care.

On May 14 Gabriola Volunteer Fire Department assistance was requested, for a type 2 Tender to be deployed to fires near Fort St John. The drive took 21 hours to arrive. Gabriola was assigned to a strike team made up of 7 Tenders to assist with water delivery to protect Structure in the path of the wildfire. What a great experience for our two members bringing back a wealth of knowledge and experience in wildland firefighting. It's estimated that the department will receive approximately \$25,000.00 after expenses from this deployment.

Bylaw 102 in effect and is up on our website at gabriolafire.ca

Today the fire rating move up to Extreme Shut Down

Fire Danger Class (DGR)	Restriction	Duration
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<p>III (moderate)</p>	<p>After 3 consecutive days of DGR III or greater, implement a fire watch immediately after the high risk activity ends for a minimum of one hour.</p>	<p>Until after the fire danger class falls below DGR III.</p>
<p>IV (high)</p>	<p>Implement a fire watch immediately after the high risk activity ends for a minimum of two hours.</p>	<p>Until after the fire danger class falls to DGR III for 2 consecutive days or falls below DGR III.</p>
	<p>After 3 consecutive days of DGR IV, cease activity between 1 p.m. PDT (Pacific Daylight Savings Time) and sunset each day.</p>	<p>Until after the fire danger class falls to DGR III for 2 consecutive days, or falls below DGR III.</p>

<p>V (extreme)</p>	<p>Cease activity between 1 p.m. PDT (Pacific Daylight Savings Time) and sunset each day and implement a fire watch immediately after the high risk activity ends for a minimum of two hours.</p>	<p>Until after the fire danger class falls below DGR IV for 2 or more consecutive days.</p>
	<p>After 3 consecutive days of DGR V, cease activity all day.</p>	<p>Until after the fire danger class to DGR IV for 3 or more consecutive days or falls below DGR IV.</p>

This chart outlines the restrictions that may exist on a high risk activity.

Fire Danger Class identifies the three fire danger ratings for which there are restrictions: Danger Class III (moderate), IV (high) and V (extreme). Note: There are no restrictions on high risk activities when the fire danger rating is I (Very Low) or II (Low).

Restriction details restrictions for the various danger classes. For example, if the fire danger rating goes to IV (high), proponents of a high risk activity must “Implement a fire watch immediately after the high risk activity ends for a minimum of two hours.” If the fire danger rating remains high for three consecutive days, a person carrying out a high risk activity must "cease activity between 1 p.m. PDT and sunset each day".

Duration describes the length of time that restrictions on high risk activities are in effect. For example, a person carrying out a high risk activity must “Implement a fire watch immediately after the high risk activity ends for a minimum of two hours” until "after the fire danger rating falls below Danger Class III", or in other words, until after the fire danger rating goes down to II (low) or lower.

Training Officer Report: N/A

Association: N/A

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Regional Mutual Aid Agreement:

The Chief provided an update on the Southern RDN Mutual Aid Agreement.

Select Committee - Election Review:

Erik Johnson motioned for a select committee to review the elections, procedures and policies. Committee to consist of Diana, Erik, Jessie and Carol. Seconded by John Moeller. Discussion. Carried.

Select Committee - Land Use:

Diana Moher motioned for a select committee to review the land use policy. Committee to consist of John, Chris and Paul. Purpose is to review, update and report back to the Board in September. Seconded by Erik Johnson. Carried.

Chain of command policy:

Diana Moher motioned to accept policy for chain of command. Seconded by John Moeller. Discussion. Carried.

Trustee access to Fire Hall policy:

Diana Moher motioned to accept access to Fire Hall policy. John Moeller seconded. Discussion. Carried.

Late Items:

John Moeller motioned to accept Investment policy. Erik Johnson seconded. Discussion. Carried.

Erik Johnson motioned to adjourn. John Moeller seconded. Carried.

Adjournment: 5:31pm

Minutes approved at the August 02, 2023 General Trustee Meeting