

**GABRIOLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
GENERAL MEETING**

A General Meeting of the Gabriola Fire Protection District was held January 13, 2021 at the No. 1 Fire Hall with six Trustees in attendance, absent was Mark Noyon. The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m. by Chairman Paul Giffin.

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

The Chairman asked for any errors or omissions from the November 5 minutes, Sean Lewis noted that the date on line four should read September 30, 2020.

Moved by Sean Lewis that the minutes are accepted as amended, seconded by Penelope Bahr, carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Peter Theocharis

The Fire Chief noted that he had questioned the Duty Officer on call and was satisfied with the response.

Sandra Rudischer stated that she didn't see this correspondence as a complaint, rather a query on our responses that he was possibly unaware of. Sandra suggested the Chief write him a letter enlightening him to what type of calls the department responds to and that sirens and lights are usually used and that the trucks try to stay within the speed limit.

The Fire Chief noted that Christmas is always a busy time of year, especially for F.R. calls.

A discussion followed on the fact that this correspondence was received through the Trustees' website, and that when the new site is up and running an automatic response should be added stating “We have received your email and you will be contacted.”

It was noted that the Corporate Officer had not received this email or she would have responded to it.

Sean Lewis stated he will send a test email out to ensure everyone was receiving the messages.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** N/A

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** (As per written report)

**TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT:** (As per written report)

Sandra Rudischer moved that the Trustee accept the Officer's appointments as presented, seconded by Diana Moher, carried.

**ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Presented by Jenn Knight, President, GVFFA

The Toy Drive was a huge success, bringing in close to \$8,000 in money, food and toys. This year's drive was very well received with the RCMP and Ambulance joining in, some people said it was the best ever.

This year's awards went to, Kitt Stringer - Jay Darman Mentor ship award and Francis Wolokoff, - Tom Upton award

The clothing order should be in by the end of the month.

Moved by Sandra Rudischer that the Association report be accepted as presented, seconded by Diana Moher, carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bylaw change for electronic meetings:**

- Most of the Trustees were happy with meeting in person
- Need to be able to allow the general public to be able to attend, possibly by Zoom.
- Hall Bay can accommodate up to 50 people for a meeting.
- Option 1: To allow electronic participation during emergencies, was the most desirable for the Trustees.
- What constitutes an emergency?
- All kinds of platforms to consider.

A Bylaw committee was struck with, Penelope Bahr, Paul Giffin, and Sean Lewis.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bylaw for charging repeat / nuisance offenders:**

This would be a new Bylaw allowing the Fire Department to charge people who we get repeatedly called out to for fires and alarms activated.

Paul Giffin noted he had written up a rough draft for the Fire Chief to look at which could then be discussed at the next meeting.

Moved by Sandra Rudischer that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Penelope Bahr, carried.

(Meeting went in-camera).