

**GABRIOLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
GENERAL MEETING**

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

Sean Lewis 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:

June 2, 2021 minutes, moved by Diana Moher that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Sean Lewis, carried.

June 16, 2021 minutes moved by John Moeller that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Diana Moher, carried.

July 28, 2021 minutes: Fred Apstein made a motion to change the title of the minutes to “Extraordinary rather than Special”,

Discussion.

Diana Moher moved suspend the motion until the next meeting, seconded by Chris Windess, carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Water Licence - short discussion regarding names on licence, at the moment it is GVFD, Moeller, and Rooks, once the Strata is in place it will be changed from Rooks.
- Provincial Levy has been received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Penelope Bahr had given a written report to all the Trustees. The Chair asked for a motion to accept the report and discuss it under New Business.

Moved by Penelope Bahr to accept the report and discuss it under New Business, seconded by Fred Apstein, carried.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: (As per written report)

- A thank you was given to Glenys and Oliver Bussler for their times at the Market on Saturdays to educate the public about the Fire Smart program.
- Sean Lewis asked about the Mutual Aid list with the Nanaimo Fire Department and suggested the Board would like to know more about it before anything was signed.
- The Chief gave a brief overview of the GVFD and Cedar Fire Department relationship, starting with Tom Upton’s death and coming over for the memorial to respond should there be any callouts and that they called offering support after the plane crash.

- Diana Moher asked about the youth program and if it would be allowable for the department to give the school the names of the children's who took to course so they could use their new skills at the school. She also noted that she thought the program was awesome.
- Fred Apstein told the Chief "well done on developing a good relation with Cedar."

The Chair thanked the Chief for his report and the amount of work and hours that was needed during the month.

TRAINING OFFICER REPORT: (As per written report)

- Fred Apstein asked if the new truck's pump and roll is limited to the amount of water on board.

Yes.

ASSOCIATION REPORT:

First Association get together since covid began will be a golf game on August 14, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hayley Bennett gave a brief re-cap of the FireSmart grant the department had received and noted that she could only get a draw from them for \$20,000 to put towards projects. Hayley requested that the Trustees approve opening an account under the GFPID account with Paula Mallinson as a signing authority.

Moved by Fred Apstein that the Fire Prevention Officer open an account under the GFPID with Paula Mallinson as a signing authority, seconded by Chris Windess, carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ratification of motion:

The Chair asked that the motion made at the last meeting for the purchase of the ladder truck be ratified.

Fred Apstein moved to ratify the motion from the last meeting allowing the Chief to proceed with the purchase of the ladder truck, seconded by Sean Lewis, carried.

Communications Committee:

Penelope Bahr asked where the Trustees would like the email address to be on the website?

Discussion:

- Drop down list with address
- High up on the list - showing not a confidential site
- Should it go to the Trustees only?

- Corporate Officer could have a different email than the office?
- General Public should be able to contact any Trustee confidentially.
- Do not feel comfortable with a member of the Public contacting me confidentially unless it is for a low level question that I am comfortable answering.

The Chair noted the topic was getting off point.

Penelope Bahr moved that the email address be on the main page of the Trustee section high on the list of topics and in bold, seconded by Fred Apstein, carried.

Bios:

Discussion on length of bio and room on the website.

The Chair suggested the Trustees select someone to meet with Evan and Jenn to discuss this and get back to the Board.

Moved by Fred Apstein that Penelope Bahr meet with the website designers, seconded by Sean Lewis, carried.

Government info and bylaws:

- Copy of bylaws in a hard cover be put into the library.
- Information is on the website.
- Could something be posted in a covered area in both the North and South end of the Island?
- Website is catching on, more viewers.
- What about pamphlets being handed out at the ferry with the rules and regulations?
- Ask the Ferry to announced when there are no fires or in early shift.

Orientation for new Trustees:

- A package should be sent to all new Trustees with information.
- Paula Mallinson stated she sent a package out to both Chris and Fred.
- Fred didn't get his Chris did although couldn't open some of the info.
- Is it possible for new Trustees to get a tour of the Hall? Chief said he would be happy to do that.

It was decided that a list of what is handed out to new Trustees will be at the next meeting.

Signing authority:

It was noted that with Sandra Rudischer gone the Trustees need another signing authority, at this time we have Diana Moher and Paula Mallinson. It was suggested that Sean Lewis might do this, Sean agreed.

Tug Boat Island agreement:

Discussion:

- Change Silva Bay to 3415 South Road for pick up location.
- Take out reference to mutual aid.
- Say \$250.00 callout fee per occurrence plus rates as used by Province.
- Sunset date?
- Agreement states it can be terminated by either party.
- If there is a fire is there a risk to Gabriola?
Yes, if there is a strong wind in the right direction.

It was agreed that the noted changes would be made and then brought back to the Trustees for approval.

Bus:

The Chief noted that the old Bus would be put out to bid to the department at the starting price of \$2500.00

Moved by Sean Lewis that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Fred Apstein, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.