

APPROVED

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
Notes of a Fire & Emergency Services Committee Meeting

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, N.S.
Thursday, January 11, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Brian Keizer, District 1 & 2 Fire Commission, Chair
Deputy Chief Dean Schmeisser, Dayspring & District Volunteer Fire Department, Vice Chair
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Ex-Officio
Deputy Mayor Wendy Oickle, District 3
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Herbert Seymour, Member-At-Large
Chief Darren Mulock, Northfield District Fire Department
Captain Emily Bowers, Hebbville Fire Department

Regrets

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator
Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Coordinator

Staff

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy C.A.O.
Sandra Challis, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mr. Keizer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Hubley seconded by Councillor Bell that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

3.1 Policy-036 Revisions to include SCBA Testing in 2025 (repeal & replace)

The proposed amendments to Policy-036 were included in the agenda. Mr. Dumaresq highlighted the main policy change; Definition 2(i) regarding the introduction of mandatory SCBA testing to take effect in June 2025. The other changes were either housekeeping or improvements for accessibility purposes. Mr. Kennedy had confirmed that all departments are already doing SCBA testing.

The following comments were made:

- 2(i) This should be moved into its own category, under Department Requirements, with a clause added similar to 5(4).
- 5(2) Query over the change to 250 gallons per minute, noting that UCL rating only begins at 500 gpm.
- 10(8) Clause needs clarification, unsure if the removed “that” refers to the fire tax rate
- Sections 6 & 7 appear to be missing but could be a renumbering issue; renumbering will affect 4(1) and 9 also.

Other grammatical errors were noted, and it was agreed that the draft policy amendments be brought back to the March meeting.

3.2 Regional Fire Training Facility – approval of annual budget item

Council’s motion 2023-172, circulated with the agenda, confirmed that Council accepted the FESC recommendation and approve the amount of at least \$100,000 be placed in the account created for a Regional Fire Training Facility as an annual budget amount going forward.

3.3 Member at Large Appointment/Vacancy

Council’s motion 2023-173, circulated with the agenda, confirmed that Council accepted the FESC recommendation to reappoint Herbert Seymour as Member-at Large to the Fire and Emergency Services Committee for a 3-year term, expiring October 31st, 2026.

Following the resignation of Randy Harris, an ad had been placed but no applications were received. Mr. Keizer asked members to ask around their own communities. An advertisement would be put in Municipal Matters, MODL’s website and social media.

3.4 Fire Service Grants increase approval

Council’s motion 2023-174, circulated with the agenda, showed that Municipal Council accepted the recommendation of the FESC to increase the Fire Service grants by 2% in 2024/2025.

4. L.R.F.E.S. Report

Mr. Keizer reported that at the recent LRFES meeting, LaHave Fire Department were seeking funding to upgrade their training facility. Further information was being sought across Departments and the findings would be brought back to LRFES. It was noted that the FESC are considering a new training facility, but perhaps there are opportunities to invest in upgrading existing facilities.

5. New Business

5.1 AGM Date/Location

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at the Best Western, Cookville at 7 p.m.

6. Added Items – Nil

7. In Camera – Nil

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.