

**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, March 14, 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

Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Coordinator

Staff

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy C.A.O.
Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator
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 Whynot seconded by Mayor Bolivar-Getson that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

3. Business Arising from Notes

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

Mr. Kennedy went over the proposed revisions to Policy-036. The following amendments were requested:

- add NFPA to ULC Certification
- Expand definition to explain that SCBA refers to all SCBA units in service within a Department.

Mr. Kennedy confirmed that WCB does cover Junior Firefighters.

Moved by Councillor Whynot, seconded by Deputy Chief Schmeisser that the Fire & Emergency Committee recommends that Municipal Council repeal Policy MODL-036 and replace with the new policy MODL 036, with the additional amendments as discussed. Carried Unanimously.

3.2 Member at Large Vacancy

The FESC nominating committee met prior to the regular FESC meeting to discuss the three applications received for the member-at-large vacancy.

Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Chief Mulock that the Fire & Emergency Services Committee recommend that Municipal Council appoint Patricia Sharpe to serve as a member-at-Large on the Fire & Emergency Services Committee for a 3-year term, expiring March 31st, 2027. Carried Unanimously.

3.3 AGM

The draft agenda for the AGM was circulated with the agenda package. Mr. Kennedy advised that the Manager of Corporate Services and Communications Sarah Kucharski would like to talk to the attendees about the annual Fire Services newsletter. It was agreed to add this before the Presentation.

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

Mr. Keizer reported there had been good discussions at the last meeting. The Committee is looking at the bylaws to understand the role and priorities of the LRFES. The organization currently receives an annual \$10 fee from Departments, which does not cover the expenditure for regular LRFES activities – FIT Testing, advertising Fire Prevention Week, and training. The dissatisfaction with FESC workshop-style meetings had also been raised.

5. New Business

5.1 Changes to Annual Registration Package

Mr. Kennedy reported that a sheet would be added to this year's registration package to gather the following information:

- Numbers of Level 1 Certified or Level 1 Trained firefighters.
- Standard/Automatic Mutual Aid information (if applicable).

The registration package would also remove the requirements for details of revenues received from the Municipality on the Matching Grant Form (this information is easily available in-house).

6. Added Items – Nil

7. In Camera – Nil

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.