

# The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle Minutes of a meeting of the Fire Committee Meeting

February 15, 2018, 11:00 a.m. LaSalle Fire Hall - Meeting Room 1900 Normandy Road

Present:

Councillor Terry Burns

Councillor Sue Desjarlais

Regrets:

Mayor Ken Antaya

Also Present:

D. Sutton, Fire Chief

K. Miller, Chief Administrative Officer

J. Milicia, Director of Finance & Treasurer

E. Thiessen, Deputy Fire Chief

S. Nantais, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief

#### 1. Call to Order

Councillor Burns calls the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

## 2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

## 3. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Moved By:

Councillor Burns

Seconded By:

Councillor Desjarlais

That the minutes of the Fire Committee meeting dated November 9, 2017 BE ADOPTED as presented.

Carried.

#### 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

#### 5. New Business

Essex-Windsor EMS is requesting an update of the Tiered Response Agreement to reflect some operational changes to streamline fire department responses. A report outlining the changes will be submitted to Council.

#### 5.1 Quarterly Report

Chief Sutton reviewed the Quarterly Report for the 4th quarter of 2017 ending December 31, 2017.

Moved By:

Councillor Burns

Seconded By:

Councillor Desjarlais

Motion to RECEIVE the Quarterly Report for the 4th quarter of 2017 ending December 31, 2017.

Carried.

#### 5.2 Casual Technical Fire Prevention Assistance

The Chief discussed and provided rationale for the recommendation contained in the report.

Moved By:

Councillor Burns

Seconded By:

Councillor Desjarlais

That the report of the Fire Chief (FIRE 18-01) regarding Casual Technical Fire Prevention Assistance BE DEFERRED to the next Fire Committee meeting scheduled for March 22, 2018.

Carried.

## 5.3 Proposed Provincial Fire Service Regulations

The Chief provided preliminary information on two proposed draft regulations under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. One regulation would require mandatory minimum levels of training and certification for all fire service personnel. The second proposed regulation would require mandatory Community Risk Assessments to be completed every five years and reviewed annually by the municipality to assist in fire protection decision making. LaSalle Fire Service is currently in voluntary compliance with the majority of the proposed new requirements. A further report will be presented to Council outlining any areas of concern with the draft

regulations and recommended comments for amendments, prior to the close of the period for public consultation on March 11, 2018.

Moved By:

Councillor Burns

Seconded By:

Councillor Desjarlais

That the report of the Fire Chief (FIRE 18-02) regarding the Proposed Provincial Fire Service Regulations BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

#### 5.4 Emergency Management Updates

The Province is now recognizing Fermi II in the recently revised Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan. The plant was not previously recognized because it is located in the US. Additional funding and responsibilities for response have been undertaken by the province.

LaSalle does not currently have duties under the current plan. Meetings to take place in the near future for further local response planning.

Moved By:

Councillor Burns

Seconded By:

Councillor Desjarlais

That the verbal update from the Fire Chief regarding Emergency Management BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

# 5.5 Hiring Processes Update

Five new Volunteer (paid-on-call) Firefighters started employment on February 12, 2018.

One previous Volunteer (paid-on-call) Firefighter hired as a Full-Time Firefighter. Started full-time training on February 5, 2018 and will commence full duties mid March.

In the processes of promoting two Volunteer (paid-on-call) Firefighters to Captain/Company Officer to backfill vacancies.

Moved By:

Councillor Burns

Seconded By:

Councillor Desjarlais

That the verbal update provided by the Fire Chief regarding hiring processes for LaSalle Fire Service BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

#### 5.6 Peer Support Program Update

The local Canadian Mental Health Association in partnership with Essex-Windsor EMS was recently successful in receiving significant grant funding to support the development of a regional peer support program comprised of various emergency response agencies.

Moved By:

Councillor Burns

Seconded By:

Councillor Desjarlais

That the verbal update of the Fire Chief regarding the Peer Support Program BE RECEIVED.

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Carried.

## 5.7 Tiered Response Agreement

## 6. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting TBD.

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at the call of the Chair at 11:45 a.m.

Chair: Councillor T. Burns

Recording Secretary: S. Nantais