

**MINUTES**

**FIRE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Fire Services and Emergency Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday September 3, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., in the Esquering Room, Halton Hills Civic Centre.

Members Present: Mayor R. Bonnette; Councillors B. Lewis (Chair), B. Inglis, M. Johnson

Staff Present: B. Marshall, CAO & Fire Chief; H. Olivieri, Deputy Chief; J. Martin, Deputy Chief; S. Jones, Town Clerk

**1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**2. Closed Meeting/Confidential Reports from Officials Delegations**

Recommendation No. FIRE-2015-0023

THAT the Fire Services and Emergency Planning Committee hereby convene into Closed Session for the following purposes:

- A. MEM-FIRE-2015-0027 dated August 14, 2015 regarding Double Hatter Update – Bill 109.

CARRIED

Committee moved into Closed Session at 10:35 a.m.

Recommendation No. FIRE-2015-0024

THAT Committee reconvene into Open Session at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED

Recommendation No. FIRE-2015-0025

THAT Confidential MEM-FIRE-2015-0027 dated August 14, 2015 regarding Double Hatter Update – Bill 109 be received for information.

CARRIED

**3. Delegations**

- A. Harry Olivieri, Deputy Chief was present and made a presentation to Fire Services and Emergency Planning Committee regarding Beardmore Crescent Structure Fire. (Refer to Item No. 4E of these Minutes, MEM-FIRE-2015-0030)

H. Olivieri provided a Powerpoint presentation, outlining the sequence of events on August 24, 2015 where a call was received regarding a structure fire on Beadmore Crescent. He spoke to the initial call, response times, and number of resources required, including outside agencies, to battle the fire. Damage to the unregistered two-unit dwelling is estimated at \$50,000. It was noted that this was the second fire incident at the Beadmore Crescent residence.

#### 4. Reports & Memos to be considered by Committee

A. MEM-FIRE-2015-0028 dated August 18, 2015 regarding Credit River Rescue.

H. Olivieri provided committee with the details of a rescue which took place July 25<sup>th</sup>. Fire Services were called in to assist the Halton Regional Police with a search and rescue of two individuals lost in the forest in proximity to the Credit River Valley. Fire Services were requested to respond to provide additional manpower and to utilize Thermal Imaging cameras. The rescue was a success thanks to the teamwork of all involved.

A formal recognition will be made to the Fire Crew involved at a future Recognition Awards night.

Recommendation No. FIRE-2015-0026

THAT MEM-FIRE-2015-0028 dated August 18, 2015 regarding Credit River Rescue be received for information.

CARRIED

B. MEM-FIRE-2015-0025 dated August 20, 2015 regarding Credit Valley Conservation Feasibility Study for Alleviating Ice Jams & Associated Flooding.

H. Olivieri noted that the memorandum provides an update regarding the CVC feasibility study, which speaks to the historical data of ice jams and associated flooding, identifies risk factors, and potential mitigation. The report specifically outlines 5 proposed solutions for possible implementation to help mitigate flooding risks.

Recommendation No. FIRE-2015-0027

THAT MEM-FIRE-2015-0025 dated August 20, 2015 regarding Credit Valley Conservation Feasibility Study for Alleviating Ice Jams & Associated Flooding be received for information.

CARRIED

C. MEM-FIRE-2015-0026 dated August 19, 2015 regarding Ontario Provincial Fire Fighters Association Fire-Medic Proposal.

H. Olivieri provided committee with an update on the Fire-Medic proposal introduced at the Ontario Provincial Fire Fighters Association. The Fire Fighters Association has proposed a new position of a combined firefighter/paramedic role which adds expanded responsibilities to Fire Departments to be able to administer various drugs on scene, through the new position. The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs have indicated that a number of issues need to be evaluated and considered before any informed decision can be made on the proposal, including funding implications, legislative requirements and labour relation impacts.

H. Olivieri advised that the OAFCA is monitoring the situation. When further information becomes available staff will update committee.

Recommendation No. FIRE-2015-0028

THAT MEM-FIRE-2015-0026 dated August 19, 2015 regarding Ontario Provincial Fire Fighters Association Fire-Medic Proposal be received for information.

CARRIED

- D. MEM-FIRE-2015-0029 dated August 26, 2015 regarding Fire Department to Receive Grant Funds for Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Program.

H. Olivieri updated Committee on two grant awards to be received from the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. A public presentation is planned for Council on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Recommendation No. FIRE-2015-0029

THAT MEM-FIRE-2015-0029 dated August 26, 2015 regarding Fire Department to Receive Grant Funds for Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Program be received for information.

CARRIED

- E. MEM-FIRE-2015-0030 dated August 26, 2015 regarding Beardmore Crescent Structure Fire.

Recommendation No. FIRE-2015-0030

THAT MEM-FIRE-2015-0030 dated August 26, 2015 regarding Beardmore Crescent Structure Fire be received for information.

CARRIED

**5. Communications/Updates/Discussion Items**

B. Lewis, Chair, offered congratulations to staff regarding the 911 Ride.

**6. Next Meeting**

Thursday, October 1, 2015 – 10:30  
Halton Hills Civic Centre – Esquesing Room  
(Regrets – Councillor M. Johnson)

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Rick Bonnette

MAYOR

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Suzanne Jones

CLERK