



**REPORT OF THE  
FIRE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
Minutes No. FIRE-03-17**

Minutes of the Fire Services and Emergency Planning Committee held on Thursday March 2, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers Halton Hills Civic Centre.

**Members Present:** Councillor B. Lewis, Chair; Mayor R. Bonnette, (Ex-Officio),  
Councillors M. Albano, B. Inglis, M. Johnson

**Others Present:** Councillor C. Somerville

**Staff Present:** A.B. Marshall, CAO; J. deHooze, Commissioner and Chief of Fire  
Services; B. Morrison, Deputy Fire Chief; B. Marshall, Assistance  
Deputy Chief; H. Hennessey, Firefighter; S. Jones, Clerk and  
Director of Legislative Services

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

NIL

**3. COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATION**

A. Hugh Hennessey, Firefighter Presentation to Committee regarding Fentanyl Safety for First Responders.

(Refer to Item No. 4A of these Minutes, Memorandum No. MEM-FIRE-2017-0010)

H. Hennessey provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding fentanyl awareness. He noted that there is a sharp rise in Opioid deaths in Ontario. Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid drug usually used for pain management. It is 100 times more powerful than morphine. Even a small amount poses a serious threat to the health of first responders, as first responders can be exposed on routine calls such as medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents.

H. Hennessey spoke to the forms that fentanyl can be found in such as patches and liquid form. Quite often the drug is often cut with other drugs like heroin or cocaine. A common form of illicit fentanyl is Oxycontin. Exposure can be through absorption via inhalation, ingestion, or skin contact. Symptoms of exposure include difficulty in swallowing, extreme fatigue, dizziness and fainting, shallow and difficult breathing and cardiac arrest. Naloxone is used to block or reverse the effect of opioid medication. All paramedics now carry naloxone (Narcone).

H. Hennessey further spoke to how firefighters are provided awareness training to enable them to recognize the danger this drug poses to not only the victims they treat but also their safety as first responders. Firefighters are provided with the proper personal protective equipment and know how to safely decontaminate themselves if exposed. He concluded by noting that Halton Region's Emergency Service organizations continue to monitor the impact of this drug on first responders.

<b>4. REPORTS &amp; MEMORANDUMS FROM OFFICIALS – THREE (3) ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
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- A. MEMORANDUM NO. MEM FIRE-2017-0010 dated February 7, 2017 regarding Fentanyl and First Responder Safety. **(Recommendation No. FIRE-2017-0014)**

THAT MEMORANDUM NO. MEM FIRE-2017-0010 dated February 7, 2017 regarding Fentanyl and First Responder Safety be received for information.

CARRIED

- B. MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-FIRE-2017-0007 dated February 8, 2017 regarding 2016 Year End Response Statistics. **(Recommendation No. FIRE-2017-0015)**

THAT MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-FIRE-2017-0007 dated February 8, 2017 regarding 2016 Year End Response Statistics be received for information.

CARRIED

- C. MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-FIRE-2017-0011 dated February 9, 2017 regarding Multilingual Prevention Pamphlets. **(Recommendation No. FIRE-2017-0016)**

THAT MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-FIRE-2017-0011 dated February 9, 2017 regarding Multilingual Prevention Pamphlets be received for information.

CARRIED

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

Recommendation No. FIRE-2017-0017

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

- A. MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-FIRE-2017-0009 dated February 9, 2017 regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. (Investigation)

CARRIED

Committee moved into Closed Session at 10:33 a.m.

**6. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

Recommendation No. FIRE-2017-0018

THAT the Fire Services and Emergency Planning Committee hereby reconvene into Open Session.

CARRIED

Committee reconvened into Open Session at 10:56 a.m.

<b>CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS &amp; MEMORANDUMS FROM OFFICIALS – ONE (1) ITEM FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
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- 5A. MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-FIRE-2017-0009 dated February 9, 2017 regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. (Investigation)  
**(Recommendation No. FIRE-2017-0019)**

THAT Confidential MEMORANDUM NO. MEM-FIRE-2017-0009 dated February 9, 2017 regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Investigation) be received for information.

CARRIED

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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Rick Bonnette

MAYOR

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Suzanne Jones

CLERK