



AGENDA

Protective Services Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom webinar and/or phone link

1. Call to order – *Councillor Croft.*
2. Acknowledgement of Mi'kma'ki the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People – *Councillor Croft.*
3. Agenda - *motion to approve.*
4. Protective Services Committee March 12, 2020 meeting minutes - *motion to approve.*
5. Business Arising from the Minutes/Unfinished Business
6. New Business
 - a. Fire Chief's monthly reports March – August 2020 – *overview by Fire Chief, and*
 - b. Request for Town Council and Districts 1 & 2 Fire Commission 2022/23 Budget pre-approval to order a heavy rescue truck #4 replacement – *Fire Chief report and offer to arrange a time to view this and other trucks in person.*
7. Next Meeting Date – *Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.*
8. Adjournment – *motion to adjourn.*

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS – MARCH 12, 2020

1. To recommend approval of the draft Protective Services operating and capital 2020/21 budgets (Schedule “C”) to Lunenburg Town Council and Districts 1 and 2 Fire Commission.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.

(LUNENBURG AND DISTRICT FIRE HALL)

- PRESENT:** Councillor Danny Croft, Chair
Deputy Mayor John McGee
Councillor Peter Mosher
David Afford, Districts 1 & 2 Fire Commission member
David Baugil, Districts 1 & 2 Fire Commission member
Brian Keizer, Districts 1 & 2 Fire Commission Chair
- ALSO PRESENT:** Lisa Dagley, Finance Director
Corey Hodder, LDFD Assistant Deputy Fire Chief and Truck
Committee member
Kathleen Rafuse, Accountant
Bea Renton, CAO
Dave Robb, Deputy LDFD Fire Chief and Truck Committee
member
Darren Romkey, LDFD Fire Chief and Truck Committee member
- ABSENT:** Councillor Joseph Carnevale
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Agenda

Motion: moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Protective Services Committee September 12, 2019 meeting minutes

Motion: moved and seconded to approve the September 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Public Presentations

Nil.

4. Unfinished Business

a. New fire truck fabrication – LDFD update

The Fire Chief advised that fabrication is on schedule. Additional hose, nozzles and a decontamination unit, plus helmets are being provided for free so the company can display it at trade shows and conferences before July 2020. He agreed to this in exchange for approximately \$30,000 of equipment value.

- b. LDFD fire truck replacement schedule – ongoing agenda item from September 12, 2019 Committee meeting

Mr. Keizer advised that some of the proposed purchase dates (Schedule “A”) may need to be revisited with the Fire Department to accommodate future financing requirements.

5. New Business

- a. Fire Chief’s monthly reports September 2019 – February 2020

The LDFD Fire Chief’s monthly reports September 2019 – February 2020 were received for information (Schedule “B”).

Motion: moved and seconded to accept the Fire Chief’s reports for the period September 2019 - February 2020 (Schedule “B”). Motion carried.

- b. Surplus bunker gear donation to Martins River Fire Department

Chief Darren Romkey reported for information that the surplus LDFD bunker gear has been donated to the Martins River Fire Department.

- c. Draft 2020/21 budget – including an overview of Workers Compensation Board coverage for LDFD volunteer Firefighters

The FD and Accountant reviewed the draft 2020/21 budget (Schedule “C”) with Committee members. Added to the capital budget is a \$3,800 metal garbage storage unit which is needed to deter rodents. It will be a locked unit to avoid public access.

Motion: moved and seconded to recommend approval of the draft Protective Services operating and capital 2020/21 budgets (Schedule “C”) to Lunenburg Town Council and Districts 1 and 2 Fire Commission. Motion carried.

Mr. Keizer will provide information about additional Firefighters insurance there may be for Municipality of the District of Lunenburg firefighters. A presentation by a WCB official will be arranged with the assistance of Mr. Keizer at the next meeting if possible.

6. Next Meeting Dates – Thursdays, June 11, September 10 and December 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Motion: moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned was at 4:57 p.m.

Bea Renton, CAO



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Chief Report for March 2020

Training

March 3-Junior fire fighter practice. Group trained on basic Ice Rescue techniques in our station.

March 8-Annual in house Officers training.

LDFD Officers spend the day reviewing general operations of the department such as training, GOGs etc.

March 16-All non emergency activities including training has been suspended due to the Covid19 .

Misc

March 7-Hosted the annual Chowder Cup hockey game with the RCMP. This tradition has been going on for over 40 years.

RCMP won

March 9-#5 Tanker had a complete pump overhaul.

March 11-Accepted Gerry Demont as a probationary member.

March 12-Protective Services meeting

March 16-Due to the COVID 19 all rentals, meetings, training of the department will be cancelled.

-Emergency calls will still be responded to.

March 18-Myself and Don Heckman met with Calvin Ripley, dealer for our new truck.

-All conferences and shows have been cancelled, Because of this the extra hose, nozzles and helmets will not be included in the truck.

They are still going to give us the Decon unit and pay for the extra detailed paint job.

He will keep us updated on the status of the new truck and delivery schedule

March 21-#3 Engine participated in a parade by the SSRH where Bridgewater fire fighter Todd Arenburg is an inpatient with terminal cancer.

27 trucks from around the region drove past his window and we all said a few words to him via radio letting him know we are thinking of him.

March 23-EHS MFR services announced a change in fire departments response to medical calls.

Instead of us going automatic to MVCs, cardiac arrests, and at the request of the responding paramedics, we will only respond to MVCs and problematic patient extrications.

Members have respected the closure of the station and have only entered for emergency calls or special duties required and OK'd by me.

Extra cleaning of the trucks post calls is being done.

Post call, all door handles and areas that may have been touched are being disinfected.

The Superintendent than goes over the trucks again.

The Superintendent has been instructed to make the extra effort to wipe down areas especially prone to exposure. (door handle, phones etc)

Members are doing the best they can to perform social distancing both on the scene and at the call.

Members are instructed to inform me if they have been exposed away from the hall and are to stay away until the proper times lapses.

They are also to stay away if they are showing any symptoms.

We have a couple members who have chosen to take a LOA due to family risks.



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Chief Report for April 2020

Training

All training has been suspended

Misc

April 6th-9th-Truck checks have been performed on all vehicles to ensure all equipment is there and in working order.

We took a different approach. Instead of all 8 crews doing all 8 vehicles on the same night, it was split up in 4 nights.

2 crews per night. Social distancing was maintained.

April 16th- Officers meeting required going over several issues.

Social distancing was maintained throughout the meeting.

I will evaluate come mid May to see if we have to hold some training to keep fire fighters up to date and equipment in working order.

Similar procedures may take place as was done for truck checks.

Crews come in on separate nights to limit the amount of members in the hall and allow for easier social distancing.

Members continue to respect the closure of the station and have only entered for emergency calls or special duties required and OK'd by me.

Cleaning supplies added throughout the apparatus floor and Comm room to ensure disinfecting is being done.

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April 1st-Flag lowered half mast for the passing of Former Town Councillor Barbara Zwicker

April 21st-We positioned our ladder truck with the ladder up and blue ladder lights on, accompanied by 2 RCMP vehicles and Officers for a quiet memorial for the victims of the Colchester County shooting tragedy

April 22nd-We took part in a province wide “10 second sounding of our sirens” in respect for the weekend shooting.

April 23th-A parade of local fire apparatus and members from our station to the RCMP station in appreciation and memory of the fallen Officer took place.

At the request of the FSANS, and Dr Strang, we will not be participating in any more parades or memorials until the bans have been lifted.



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Chief Report for May 2020

Training

May 27-General monthly fire practice consisting of basic hose lays, new training on gated wyes for tanker to pumper supply and drone training

This gave the trucks a much needed running of the pumps

Crews were well spread out and social distancing was possible most of the time

Misc

-hall remains closed to all members for non emergency, training or maintenance events.

-May 5th- the new washing machine has been delivered

-May 6th- question from Brian Kaizer regarding the use of a tanker to public works.

-They did borrow one to clean out a catch basin.

-It was explained to former Town Engineer Lee last year, when a tanker was used on a daily basis, that when we get our new truck, and one of the tankers will be sold, leaving us with only one, that the remaining tanker will not be available as much.

-It was suggested that the town look at keeping either the tanker or pumper for public works.

-I also spoke to Peter Baker about it this month as well.

-May 14-hose for the new Engine has been delivered to the station

May 19th-Truck committee met virtually with Chris Kerr of Mic Mac Fire and Safety to discuss the design and logo placement on the new Engine

-Truck is still looking to be on schedule for the mid July delivery date

-final inspection will most likely not happen at the Quebec facility. This will be decided as the date gets nearer

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Chief Report for June 2020

Training

June 24th-General practice consisting of pump operations, SCBA, Boat Operations and Drone

Misc

-We have resumed filling pools for the residents of Lunenburg and the District.

We have had requests to fill pools outside our coverage area but have denied that.

-June 1st- The washing machine for washing bunker gear and coveralls has been placed in service. This was purchased 100% by funds raised by the LDFD Auxiliary.

-June 3rd- Honorary Engineer George Feener passed away.

-June 3rd- The Drone has been placed into service

-June 5th- Parts of the station have reopened to the members with restrictions.

-the Clubroom is open to members only to a maximum of 10 and social distancing will be done

-the Exercise room is open to a maximum of 2 members at a time

-the apparatus floor and personal washing of vehicle is opened

June 7th-Members “Took a Knee” against racism for 8 m 47sec in front of the station.

June 12th- A couple trips to the city have been done to complete the annual visual testing of our SCBA bottles

June 18th-Our flag was placed half staffed in honor of the passing of active town councillor Joesph Carnevale

June 22nd/23rd-Annual pump testing performed on all the trucks

All trucks have passed with minor repairs and general maintenance.

June 25th-Lt Hunt and FF Romkey assisted with parking at the LCLC for Parkview graduation ceremonies.

June 26th-#6 Tanker required repairs to the exhaust system.

New truck is still running pretty well on schedule.

We will be doing the final inspection virtually on July 9th, instead of traveling to Quebec.

Once this is complete we should have a delivery date.

We will have to strip all the equipment off both trucks prior to delivery and we will be without a second Engine (pumper) for a couple weeks.

Automatic mutual aid agreements will be in effect.

These include;

For confirmed structure fires in the district

-Dayspring for a tanker directly to the scene

Mahone Bay for a pumper to the station.



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Chief Report for July 2020

Training

- July 20-several members attended the orientation and training on the new engine.
- Other members attended equipment orientations on hose TIC and other equipment from Mic Mac Safety Source, the dealers of the new truck and fire equipment.
- July 22-General monthly training on SCBA, hose and ladder operations, training on the new Engine
- Continuous training on the new Engine
- Continuous boat operator training throughout the month
- 2 members took extra training and are now certified to operate the ladder

Misc

- filled several pools throughout the month
- several hours have been put in on the new engine moving equipment, training and mounting
- Mike Hull and Noah Romkey have completed their probationary period and are now active fire fighters. They actually completed it in May but due to Covid wasn't accepted until July meeting.
- July 8th- We have resumed our general monthly meetings with social distancing when possible
- July 9th-Virtual final inspection of the new truck. All went well. Truck will have the few minor changes done at the Quebec plant than driven to the Que/NB border where the sales Rep and LeBlancs will pick it up on July 16th and take it to their Moncton facility to give it a mechanical overhaul and install our TIC and Flashlights.
- July 8th-Adam Dzarenowski has been accepted into the department as a probationary fire fighter. This makes our membership at 49 out of a maximum of 50.
It will be delivered to our station on July 20th at Noon
- July 15th-Myself and Donnie Heckman met with members of the Neils Harbour FD to look at our #5 Tanker
- July 16th-29 members showed up to remove the hose and equipment off #2 and #5 to prepare for the change over
- As of 5pm Dayspring FD will automatically respond directly to the scene of a confirmed structure or grass/woods fire in the District. Blockhouse will respond to our station with a Tanker, and Mahone Bay with an Engine and BA crew to our station for back up.
- Bridgewater FD will respond with their ladder and BA crew to confirmed structure fires in town.
- Chester FD will respond directly to the scene to any boat rescue calls.
- July 20th-The new engine arrived at noon time.
- Councillors, Fire Commission members, fire fighters, CKBW, staff of the Bluenose office and Captain Watson of the Bluenose II attended.

After the viewing, and BBQ supplied by Mic Mac, members attended the training and orientation of the new Engine, as well as other equipment training.

Once training was done, members started placing equipment on the new engine.

Most members were there until 8pm.

July 23rd-myself and several members trained the Bluenose II crew on fire extinguishers, medical and SCBA



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Chief Report for August 2020

Training

-Continuous training on the new Engine

-Continuous boat operator training throughout the month

-August 1-The boat and crew went to Chester to do some combined training. Chester will be responding automatic with their boat and crew to all our boat calls. We are also on automatic call out for Chester.

August 12th-monthly truck checks and general meeting

August 15-Pump Operator training

August 19-Medical First Responder training

Aug 26-Monthly practice-Boat Ops, SCBA, Vehicle Extrication and water operations

Misc

-continuing to fill pools upon request.

-With the arrival of the new engine, and elimination of 1 tanker, we now have Dayspring Fire on automatic call out for any confirmed structure or grass/brush fires in the district.

Mahone Bay will respond with an Engine, and Blockhouse with a Tanker to the station.

-For confirmed structure fires in town, Bridgewater will be automatic to our station with their ladder truck and crew.

-filled several pools throughout the month

-several more hours spent on the new engine mounting equipment.

Aug 6-the new Engine has been placed in service. We had the first call within 2 hours for an illegal burn.

The Farm Credit of Canada, an organization that makes charitable donations to non profit organizations donated up to \$25 000 for the installation of heat pumps to the auditorium

The installation of heat pumps has been discussed with the Paul Bracken and was going to be suggested to be placed into the town operating budget with the next few years.

This system should greatly reduce the fuel consumption of the station to heat in the winter, as well as entice more rentals in the summer months where the lack of a cooling system made it very uncomfortable due to the heat.

We invited several companies to come in to view the building and give us a quote. We hope to have a company picked early September.

Servicing will be the placed in the town operating budget.

August 19-during pump operator practice we developed an issue with the ladder truck.

With the new regen system in the trucks, they aren't being run enough to build up enough heat to burn off the excess exhaust in the truck.

We will have to have the trucks run out on the 103 up to a couple times a month for this to happen. While the truck was at Silvers garage, we discovered there were a couple recalls on the engine that the dealer did not pass on to us. These will be dealt with when the part for the ladder truck arrives.

August 20-Members of the Neils Harbour Fire department came and picked up the 2000 GMC Tanker that they purchased

August 28-Members of River Herbert FD came and picked up the 1998 Freightliner Engine



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To the Protective Services Committee
Re-2002 Rescue replacement

Since we purchased the 2002 #4 Heavy Rescue we have added services such as vehicle extrication, Ice Rescue, Rehab, drone to name a few.

With these extra services we have out grown our current rescue truck.

Some of our equipment has to be left outside the truck at the station, and others is jammed into the truck, possibly delaying our response.

This truck responds to all of our calls in the town and district, and is our back up for medical calls when our first out medical truck is out running errands.

It also responds to Mutual Aid calls for SCBA personal, SCBA bottle filling.

It carries a wide range of equipment needed at most fire, haz mat, water, ice, MVCs, drone etc that can't be carried on our Engines and Ladder Truck. As well as an additional 4 fire fighters, (not including the driver and Officer who remain with the truck on scene).

We run Incident Command from this truck on all calls, and also carry a Cascade system that allows us to refill up to 35 SCBA bottles on scene, as well as up to 15 extra SCBA bottles.

The uses of this truck are endless, and it is basically a mobile tool box.

This truck was originally scheduled to be replaced when it becomes 20 years old, in the 2021/22 budget year. This has already been pushed back to the 2022/23 budget year.

Production of these trucks are now over 1 year from the time of the order, to delivery.

When we replaced our Engine this year, we were able to get pre-approval in the 2019/20 budget year for delivery and payment in the 2020/21 budget year.

Being able to begin the order process by having it pre-approved has many advantages.

It allows us to have more control of the actual delivery date, and gives us an opportunity to possibly work with the winning bidder to allow it to be displayed at the Fire Chiefs convention prior to delivery, and possibly get some equipment donated by equipment supply companies.

As you know, we had agreed to have our 2020 Engine displayed and was going to get \$12000-\$15 000 worth of hose, \$4-5000 worth of nozzles, a decon unit, and helmets.

Close to \$25 000 worth of free equipment that was unfortunately scrapped due to the Covid pandemic. This obviously is not guaranteed, but more likely if the delivery date is around the convention.

I am asking Protective Services to pass at the September meeting to recommend to Lunenburg Town Council to pre approve the replacement of the 2002 #4 Heavy Rescue this budget year for the delivery in the 2022/23 budget year.

It is my hope that this can be done at a Council meeting this fall, (October or November) to allow the committee to begin work on designing the truck and have RFP's go out early spring of 2021.

Working on designing a new truck first involves meetings with Officers and members of the department to see what we want to see on the truck, and what its uses are, or could be in the future.

Once we have an idea of what we are looking for, it gets handed over to the truck committee where their work begins which involves research, endless conversations with manufacturers, other departments, and site visits to those departments who recently purchased a similar truck.

Thank you on behalf of the Truck Committee,

Darren Romkey
Cory Hodder
Don Heckman
Trevor Lohnes
Donnie Parks
Brian Church