

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, March 25, 2021 the Emergency Services Committee held a Zoom Meeting broadcasted to You Tube.

Council Present:

Mayor Dumas, Chair
Councillor Sandra Collins
Councillor Dave Harper
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Bongo Bongo
Councillor Richard Shalla
Councillor Joey Vermaire

Township Staff Present:

Holly Hayes, CAO/Clerk Treasurer
Don Kruger, Fire Chief
Carla Gatley, Deputy Clerk, *Recording Secretary*

Chair of the Emergency Services Committee, Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

#7 Correspondence- Recognize receipt of an email from Ayles Lake Property Owners

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: D. Harper

Seconded by: J. Vermaire

To adopt the agenda as prepared for the Emergency Services Committee meeting of Thursday, March 25, 2021 as circulated and amended.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire Permit System: Fire Chief Kruger provided a report that included amendments based on discussion at previous meetings.

Discussion included:

- there will be no user fees for residents
- the purpose of the system is to take the paper fire permit system and move it on-line
- petition that is circulating has not been included as it was not in accordance with our Procedural By-law
- fire permit system has two levels, large fires with control burns and campfires
- campsite camp fires
- permit system could be on a voluntary basis for campfires
- there will be a resolution at the April 7th council meeting.

Firefighter Pay Structure:

Fire Chief Kruger provided a report suggesting a new pay structure for all firefighters and implementing a bonus for training attendance.

Discussion included:

- pay structure would be simple and clear
- pay would be the same for all fire fighters: employed, unemployed, retired or business owner
- recommendation is to pay one rate for call outs and maintenance/training
- pay rate would be applicable for attendance at education sessions
- there will be a resolution at the April 7th council meeting.

Establishing a Fire Department By-Law 12-419 Review: Fire Chief Kruger reviewed suggested updates to the by-law. Council discussed changes. By-law will be discussed further at another committee meeting.

Burning By-Law 18-567 Review: Council discussed some possible updates to the section pertaining to fire permits. Fire Chief Kruger will re-word by-law. By-law will be discussed further at another committee meeting.

Correspondence- Recognize receipt of an email from Ayleen Lake Property Owners. Discussion will take place at a future Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Moved by: J. Florent

Seconded by: D. Harper

To adjourn the Emergency Services Committee meeting of March 25, 2021 at 11:14 a.m.

Next meeting date, to be determined.

Mayor Jane A.E. Dumas,
Committee Chairperson

Holly Hayes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Carla Gatley, Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary