

**TOWNSHIP OF EAST FERRIS**

**FIRE SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2010**

The regular meeting for the Fire Services Review Committee of the Township of East Ferris was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at the Corbeil Park Hall in Corbeil at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Brent Bywater, Terry Kelly, Frank Loeffen, John Wallace and Al Wharram.

**ALSO PRESENT:** John B. Fior-CAO/Clerk, Martine Caverly-Deputy Clerk and Steve Saloin-Fire Protection Advisor

**ABSENT (with regrets):** Jane Krajc, Stan Lawlor, Bill Vrebosch-Mayor, Robert Point-Councilor, and Frank Loeffen – Fire Chief.

**Adoption of Agenda**

1. Terry Kelly – Al Wharram  
That the draft agenda presented to Fire Services Review Committee and dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2010 be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried

**Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

2. Frank Loeffen – Brent Bywater  
That we accept the minutes of the regular Fire Services Review Committee meeting held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

Carried

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

The draft of Newsletter #2 that was approved at the last meeting was modified to include the Fire Conference information. The Newsletter will also be posted to the Township's website.

**Delegations:**

Mr. Hector Lavigne of Rivet Insurance presented information to the Committee on the level of insurance coverage provided to island residents and on the insurance rates that are associated with this coverage. Rates are always dependent upon the distance from the subject property to a fire hall. Mr. Lavigne informed the Committee that everyone is aware that island properties are unprotected yet insurance coverage is available but the premiums will be higher. However, island property owners may receive a credit if they have some method of personal fire suppression available to them. He stated that island properties will always be considered as an unprotected risk with or without fire protection and that the proposed wording changes to the By-law will not affect insurance premiums. Mr. Lavigne also informed the Committee that, as an insurance broker, he does not recommend that the Township offer fire protection to the island. Mr. Lavigne offered to meet with the Committee at anytime to answer any further questions.

**Review of Alternatives:**

The Committee has decided to review and evaluate all options regarding fire service protection and, to prepare a recommendation report to Council.

**Other Business**

The Committee asked staff to invite a representative from the Ministry of Natural Resources to the next meeting. The Committee also requested that the draft by-law be forwarded to the Township solicitor Mr. George Olah for review and comment.

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The Committee has set a tentative date of Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> for the Public Open House; and Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> to present the recommendation report and draft By-law to Council.

A draft Newsletter will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

3. Al Wharram – Frank Loeffen  
That we do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

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Chairperson