

CANTON·EAST FERRIS·TOWNSHIP



Fire Services Review Committee

THE 'ISLANDER' **NEWSLETTER #2**

This is the second Newsletter from the Fire Services Review Committee. This 'Ad Hoc' Committee was established by Council, during the summer, to review the Township of East Ferris Fire Department By-law regarding the provision of fire protection services to island properties (water access only) and to provide recommendations to Township Council.

The Committee has been meeting once a month, on the first Wednesday of each month. The meetings are held at the Corbeil Park Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 3, 2010. The meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

The following provides a summary of the Committee's considerations:

- The Committee is attempting to define and establish an appropriate level of service to the island properties
- The Committee is currently reviewing four options:
 - 1) Revising the wording of the proposed by-law

- 2) Considering whether or not the use of staging areas (locations to launch emergency operations) to access the islands is feasible
 - 3) Considering whether or not the use of volunteers (residents) and their boats for assistance in emergency situations is feasible
 - 4) Focussing on fire prevention through education and training
- The Committee will be hosting an Open House in the spring
 - Information on fire prevention will be made available at the Township web site in the future (www.eastferris.ca)

The Committee is continuing to conduct research on this topic and will be reporting back to Council, with recommendations, once the review has been completed. There will be at least one Open House and one additional Public Meeting on this issue. Comments are welcome at anytime.

The 12th Annual Northeastern Fire Education Conference will be held on March 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th 2010 at the Clarion Pinewood Park Resort in North Bay. The Annual Trade Show associated with the conference will host many major fire service suppliers. Information on firefighting and all types of firefighting equipment will be available at the conference. The Trade Show portion of the Conference is open to the public. Additional information on the Conference can be obtained at:

www.cityofnorthbay.ca/fire/nepsmaa/conference_2010.aspx .

Please visit the Township web site for further information on this review.

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