

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Fire Administration Building
61 Dundas Street East, Paris
Thursday, March 27, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Haggart, Powell and Hodge; City of Brantford Councillors Sless and Kinneman

Others: Dan Tempriple and Linda Simpson, Public Health, Safety and Social Services, City of Brantford

Staff: Underwood, Hayman, Longeway, Papple and Carman

Councillor Wheat in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the Emergency Services Committee agenda for March 27, 2008 be approved.

.Carried

MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the Emergency Services Committee minutes of January 29, 2008 and February 27, 2008 be approved as printed.

.Carried

AMBULANCE SERVICES

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – AMBULANCE

1. Charles Longeway advised that St. John's Ambulance has taken delivery of the two used ambulance vehicles, and has paid the \$5,000 as recommended by the Committee.

CONSENT ITEMS TO BE APPROVED

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Sless

That the following consent item be approved:

- i. That Brant County Council and City of Brantford Council proclaim the week of May 18 – 24, 2008 as "Emergency Medical Services Week".

.Carried

In response to questions, Mr. Longeway advised that Ambulance personnel would be participating in Police Services Week activities at the Children's Safety Village the week prior, and is also investigating setting up a display at the Lynden Park Mall during Emergency Medical Services Week.

CONSENT ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Kinneman

That the following consent items be received as information:

- i. Ambulance Services Cheque Register dated February 8, 2008.
- ii. Ambulance Services Cheque Register dated March 5, 2008.
- iii. Ambulance Services Business Status Report.
- iv. Ambulance Services Call Statistics – December, 2007.
- v. Ambulance Services Call Statistics – January, 2008.

.Carried

ES-08-11 – AMBULANCE SERVICE OPERATIONAL MASTER PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

The Ambulance Services Manager advised that the initial Ambulance Service Operational Master Plan was approved in 2003, and a five-year review should take place in order to update the plan.

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the establishment of a working group to review and update the Ambulance Service Operational and Financial Master Plan be approved;

And that the membership of the working group be comprised of representatives from the following organizations, similar to the 2003 working group:

- County of Brant Councillor and Chair
- City of Brantford Councillor
- Paramedic representative and Unit Steward (two representatives)
- Hamilton Central Ambulance Communication Centre
- Medical Director, Hamilton Paramedic Base Hospital
- Chief Emergency Physician, Brantford General Hospital
- Nurse Manager, Brantford General Hospital Emergency
- County of Brant Ambulance Duty Manager
- County of Brant Ambulance Administrative Assistant
- County of Brant Ambulance Manager

. Carried

It was agreed that Councillor Wheat would represent County Council and that Councillor Kinneman would represent the City of Brantford Council.

ES-08-16 – MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE REPLACEMENT POLICY FOR RADIOS

Charles Longeway advised that correspondence has been received from the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care that municipalities will now be responsible to pay for the replacement or repair of radio equipment that is damaged or destroyed as a result of an accident. Since the County does not own the equipment (owned by the Province) and due to our high deductible amounts, the County will be responsible for these costs.

Moved by – Councillor Sless

Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the County of Brant send a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care objecting to the process of a unilateral downloading of radio repair costs as advised by Ministry staff in their letter of March 11, 2008;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dave Levac, M.P.P., Brant Riding, and to all members of the Association of Municipal Emergency Medical Services of Ontario for their support

.Carried

INFORMATION REPORTS

1. ES-08-08 – Charing Cross Street Lease Extension -
Mr. Longeway explained that the landlord has agreed to a six-month extension of the Charing Cross Street location at the current rate and conditions, with an option to renew for another six months.
2. ES-08-09 – Status Report: Tranquility Hall Ambulance Station
Linda Simpson, Project Manager for the Public Health, Safety and Social Services Department, provided an update on the status of the Tranquility Hall Ambulance Station. One proposal for architectural services for this project has been received and evaluated by staff. Once the reference checks are completed, the proposal will be awarded so that the project can proceed. Although an ambitious time frame has been suggested for this project, it appears that the project will not be completed until the Spring of 2009. Staff will be meeting with the Optimist Club, who currently lease a portion of this building. Staff will be preparing a detailed report outlining three options for the design and construction of the building, as well as the financing implications. It was agreed that this report would be considered at a special Emergency Services Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mayor Eddy noted that he had received e-mails from two Brant County Ambulance Paramedics requesting that the retirement age be changed to 60 from 65. It was agreed that Mayor Eddy would discuss this matter with the Ambulance Services Manager, as the Committee could not consider this matter until a formal request had been received.

NEXT MEETING

A special meeting of the Emergency Services Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The next regular meeting of the Emergency Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the County Council Chambers. Councillors Kinneman and Sless and Dan Temprile and Linda Simpson left the meeting.

FIRE SERVICES

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - FIRE

1. In response to a question, staff was requested to prepare a report regarding the disposition of the former aerial truck, including an estimate of the sale price for this vehicle.

CONSENT ITEMS TO BE APPROVED

Councillor Powell advised that the Paris Community Policing Committee has planned a contest and activities for Grade 4 students in the community, with the assistance of the County Fire Services staff, based on the theme "Are You Prepared for an Emergency".

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the following consent items be approved:

- i. That David Monkhouse be appointed as a captain at Station No. 9 (Tranquility).
- ii. That the Council of the County of Brant proclaim May 4 – 10, 2008 as Emergency Preparedness Week and encourage all citizens to participate in educational activities on emergency preparedness.
- iii. Whereas there have been vacancies in Fire Services in the past two years;

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant appoint twenty-five (25) new volunteer firefighters;

And that membership be offered to the following individuals as Probationary Firefighters for the County of Brant for one year:

John Barrett	Station No. 1 (Paris)
William Zavitz	Station No. 2 (Paris)
Robert Henley	Station No. 2 (Airport)
Brandon Kwist	Station No. 2 (Airport)
Willem Vos	Station No. 3 (Burford)
Shelly Konkiewicz	Station No. 3 (Burford)
Matt Gingras	Station No. 3 (Burford)
Greg Hyde	Station No. 4 (Cainsville)
Tina Rockery	Station No. 4 (Cainsville)
Dennis Warren	Station No. 5 (Mt. Pleasant)
Jonathan Walsh	Station No. 5 (Mt. Pleasant)
David Vanderhorst	Station No. 5 (Mt. Pleasant)
Tyler McBlain	Station No. 6 (Onondaga)

Joshua VanSickle	Station No. 6 (Onondaga)
Chad Gambacort	Station No. 7 (St. George)
Duane Hart	Station No. 7 (St. George)
Derek Morley	Station No. 7 (St. George)
Elijah Rosebrugh	Station No. 7 (St. George)
Ezra Rosebrugh	Station No. 7 (St. George)
Willem Bouma	Station No. 7 (St. George)
William Morley	Station No. 7 (St. George)
John Steinmetz	Station No. 8 (Scotland)
Steven Little	Station No. 8 (Scotland)
Phillip Barfoot	Station No. 8 (Scotland)
Alvin Knight	Station No. 9 (Tranquility)

.Carried

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Seconded by – Councillor Powell

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- ii. Fire Services Cheque Register dated March 5, 2008.
- iii. Fire Services Business Status Report.
- iv. Fire Call Report – January, 2008.
- v. Fire Call Report – February, 2008.
- vi. Fire Prevention Activity Report – January 1 to February 29, 2008.
- vii. Chiefs' Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2008.

.Carried

ES-08-15 – PURCHASE OF A PUMPER RESCUE TRUCK

The Director of Community Services advised that the new pumper rescue truck would replace the 1974 pumper at the No. 2 Airport Station.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

Whereas it has been the practice of Fire Services to obtain Request for Proposals for the replacement of Fire Trucks;

Be it hereby resolved that the provisions of the Purchasing Policy be waived;

That the Fire Chief be directed to secure specifications on in-stock, and possibly units being built-as-stock through a Request for Proposals;

And that the following evaluation criteria be approved:

Low bid price that meets or exceeds minimum specifications	70%
Expected delivery time frame	15%
Residual value of end of life cycle	5%
History of downtime of product	5%
Reputation and reliability of supplier	5%

.Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

1. In response to a question, Councillor Wheat advised that staff was preparing a report on the process to replace the Fire Services Training Officer position. It was agreed that this report would be considered at the special Emergency Services Committee meeting scheduled for April 22.

POLICE SERVICES

COMMITTEE / BOARD MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the Police Services Board Minutes of February 1, 2008 be received as information.

.Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Secretary