

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Brant County Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street, Paris
Tuesday, September 23, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Powell and Hodge and City of Brantford Councillor Kinneman

Regrets: Councillor Haggart and City of Brantford Councillor Sless

Staff: Underwood, Longeway, Dan Tempriple, Public Health, Safety and Social Services, City of Brantford and Lehmann

Councillor Wheat in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the Emergency Services Committee agenda for September 23, 2008 be approved, as printed.

.Carried

MINUTES

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the Emergency Services Committee minutes of July 21, 2008, August 12, 2008, August 18, 2008 and In Camera minutes of August 18, 2008, be approved as printed.

.Carried

AMBULANCE SERVICES

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by – Councillor Kinneman
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the following items be received as information:

- i. Ambulance Services Cheque Register dated September 4, 2008;
- ii. Ambulance Services Cheque Register dated August 6, 2008;
- iii. Ambulance Services Business Status Report;
- iv. Ambulance Services Call Statistics July, 2008;
- v. Ambulance Services Call Statistics June, 2008.

.Carried

In response to questions regarding the Tranquility Ambulance Station, Mr. Charles Longeway, Ambulance Services Manager, reported that the current plan would see the Tranquility Ambulance Station operational in late spring / early summer of 2009. Mr. Dan Temprile, Public Health, Safety and Social Services, City of Brantford, advised that the project is currently at the middle stages of site plan work completion and that a meeting is scheduled with Mr. Joe Somfay, project architect, in the coming week.

Mr. Temprile reported that Linda Simpson, former Project Manager, is no longer an employee of the City of Brantford. Mr. Temprile advised that he will attend to Ms. Simpson's duties until such time as a replacement is hired. In response to questions regarding whether or not the installation of services forms part of the construction contract, Mr. Temprile advised that he would obtain further information and report back at the next Committee meeting.

The Ambulance Services Manager noted that the County and City will be able to exercise the extension clause contained in the lease at Charing Cross.

Councillor Kinneman noted that the Ambulance Services Business Status Report should reflect that a meeting has taken place with respect to the Operational Master Plan and Vehicle Replacement Schedule. She further noted that in December of 2008, there could be a change of Committee members currently sitting on the Operational Master Plan Committee.

Councillor Wheat raised questions with respect to why there are currently only two City of Brantford Councillors who sit on the Emergency Services Committee, whereas there are six County of Brant Councillors sitting on the Committee. Councillor Wheat noted that when reappointments take place in November, Committee may wish to discuss separating the Ambulance Services portion from the Emergency Services Committee.

Mayor Eddy noted that the Ambulance Services Committee is a County-operated Committee with City representatives, just as the Social Services Committee is a City-operated Committee with County representatives and that this arrangement is reflective of the manner in which the Province has designated the services.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT – 2008 / 2009

In response to questions regarding the disposition of the ambulances scheduled for replacement, the Ambulance Services Manager advised that a recommendation regarding the disposition has not yet been made and that either of the County or City Fire Services may be interested in viewing the vehicles.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the Ambulance Service be authorized to replace two ambulances with new Ford Diesel vehicles from Crestline Coach at a cost of \$118,464 each, with delivery to be scheduled for January and March, 2009.

.Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Cross Border Billing

The Ambulance Services Manager reported that he has met with City of Hamilton representatives, as well as representatives from Haldimand County, to discuss cross border billing issues. He advised that he continues to await a meeting with the Region of Waterloo and Oxford County.

In discussion with the City of Hamilton, the Ambulance Services Manager reported that the figures submitted by the County were agreed to by the City of Hamilton and it was further agreed that the City of Hamilton would pay the County approximately \$88,000. He further reported that there is correspondence from the City of Hamilton that will need to be considered by County Council.

The Ambulance Services Manager reported that Haldimand County invoiced the County of Brant for in excess of \$80,000, but when the call data was analyzed by County staff, it was determined that approximately 75% of the calls were located in Six Nations and New Credit, but that geographically, the dispatch falls under the County of Brant. Accordingly, the Ambulance Services Manager reported that those calls were removed from the analysis and the remaining figure payable to Haldimand County is approximately \$21,000. He advised that he is currently waiting for a revised notice from Haldimand County.

The Ambulance Services Manager reported that the process to resolve cross border billing issues continues to move forward, but it is uncertain as to what the cross border billing process and procedure will be in the future.

Councillor Kinneman reported that both she and Councillor Sless would likely be unable to attend at the Emergency Services Committee scheduled for November 25, 2008. Committee concurred that any Ambulance Services items requiring immediate attention could be placed on the Parks and Recreation Committee agenda for the meeting scheduled for October 28, 2008. Councillor Kinneman directed the Deputy to Clerk to advise Councillor Sless of same.

The Ambulance Services portion of the Emergency Services Committee adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion of Councillors Kinneman and Hodge to meet again on November 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Paris.

Kinneman, Tempriple, Papple and Longeway left the meeting.

FIRE SERVICES

In response to questions regarding the appointment of District Fire Chiefs, the Director reported that she is currently working with Cindy Edwards, Human Resources Advisor, to develop a Human Resources Policy and Procedure with respect to same.

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the following consent items be received as information:

- i. Fire Services Cheque Register dated September 4, 2008;

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- ii. Fire Services Cheque Register dated August 6, 2008;
 - iii. Fire Call Report – August, 2008;
 - iv. Fire Call Report – July, 2008;
 - v. Fire Services Business Status Report;
 - vi. Chiefs' Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2008;
 - vii. Fire Prevention Activity Report July – August, 2008

.Carried

Councillor Hodge requested confirmation that the Master Fire Plan includes a provision that would see the replacement of the redeployed Unit 34 (that Station No. 3 is slated to receive) to occur within the next three years. The Director advised that she would review the matter and provide an update to Committee. Councillor Hodge noted that Station 9 sees that three year replacement as key.

The Director reported that the process of recruiting a Deputy Fire Chief is ongoing. She also reported that a Parks and Recreation Service Review update would be submitted to the October Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mayor Eddy reported that at the Council meeting scheduled for October 7, 2008, Jayne Carman, Clerk, would be providing Council with background information and an update with respect to a recent issue involving the 911 Emergency Response System.

POLICE SERVICES

COMMITTEE / BOARD MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the following items be received as information:

- i. Police Services Board Minutes of August 20, 2008;
- ii. Police Services Board Minutes of September 3, 2008;

.Carried

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING

The Emergency Services Committee adjourned at 7:48 p.m. on a motion of Councillors Schmitt and Hodge, to meet again on November 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Paris.

Secretary