

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Brant County Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street, Paris
Tuesday, December 23, 2008
7:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Haggart, Powell and Hodge

Staff: Atkinson, Ellins, Underwood, Wamstecker and Lehmann

Councillor Wheat in the Chair.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Deputy Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Emergency Services Committee. Councillor Hodge nominated Councillor Wheat. On a motion of Councillor Powell and seconded by Mayor Eddy, nominations for Chair of the Emergency Services Committee were closed. The Deputy Clerk called for a vote on the nomination of Councillor Wheat as Chair of the Emergency Services Committee, and this motion was carried.

The Deputy Clerk called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Emergency Services Committee. Councillor Schmitt nominated Councillor Hodge. On motion of Councillor Powell and Mayor Eddy, nominations for Vice-Chair were closed. The Deputy Clerk called for a vote on the nomination of Councillor Hodge as the Vice Chair of the Emergency Services Committee, and this motion was carried.

Councillor Wheat assumed the Chair.

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the following consent items be received as information.

- i. Cheque Register – Fire – December 3, 2008;
- ii. Cheque Register – Ambulance – December 3, 2008

.Carried

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Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee meeting of November 25, 2008, be approved, as printed.

.Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Wheat reported that there is an Abcott Construction trailer on site at the future Tranquility Ambulance Station and that there is a fence enclosing the construction site.

In response to questions from Councillor Hodge, regarding the anticipated decommissioning date of Tranquility Fire Hall, the Director reported that the draft Joint Service Agreement will be submitted to Council for review and approval on January 20, 2009 and that the decommissioning will follow in due course.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

The Director reported that Mr. Tom Waldschmidt has been appointed as Fire Prevention / Inspection officer for the County of Brant, effective Monday January 5, 2009.

She reported that Mr. Waldschmidt brings with him over 19 years of experience as a volunteer firefighter with the Paris Fire Station, along with seven years of service as a part time Fire Prevention / Inspector for the County of Brant.

The Director noted that Mr. Waldschmidt is a recent graduate of the Fire Prevention Program at the Ontario Fire College, an indication of commitment and dedication, taking 7 years to complete all of the academic requirements.

The Director advised that although Mr. Waldschmidt's experience and contributions as a volunteer firefighter will be missed, his expertise in Fire Prevention and Inspection will be an added value to the County of Brant Fire Department.

In response to questions from Councillor Powell, the Director reported that the current practice dictates that once a volunteer is offered a full time employment position, they are no longer considered a volunteer.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING

The Emergency Services Committee adjourned at 7:11 p.m., on a motion of Councillors Hodge and Schmitt, to meet again on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in Paris.

Secretary