

Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

President	Vice-President	Past President	Secretary-Treasurer
Tim Jenkins	Rod MacDonald	Bill Gourley	Gordon MacFadyen
Charlottetown 1	East River	North River	Summerside

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
October 4, 2009
Kings Playhouse Georgetown

The PEI Firefighters Association annual general meeting was called to order at 9:15.

2008 Minutes

The minutes of the 2007 annual general meeting were circulated prior to the start of the meeting. Scott Ryan moved, Dave Rossiter seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2008 as presented. **Motion carried.**

Business Arising

None

President's Report

Tim Jenkins presented his report to the membership. Tim Jenkins moved, Allan Gallant seconded acceptance of the President's Report. **Motion Carried.**

Finance Report

A detailed revenue and expense statement along with an asset liability statement was distributed to all members present. Gordon MacFadyen moved, seconded by Kent Cooke that the 2009 statements be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried**

Training

Miles Boulter provided a report on the training activities held throughout the year. Miles moved, Allan Gallant seconded acceptance of the Training Report. **Motion Carried.**

Fire Marshal's Office

Fire Marshall Dave Blacquiere thanked the Georgetown Fire Department for hosting the AGM and congratulated the Association for another year of excellent work .which includes first and foremost providing 24 separate accredited training courses for the fire service. The Fire Marshall informed the group that Ken Campbell retired this year and his departure has left a big hole in the office.

The Fire Marshal reported that there is a push by the associations of engineers and architects to bring in the National Building Code. Currently the province uses the life safety code as the standard for building construction.

Fire Departments can bill insurance companies for services provided when responding to MVAs. There is however a need to develop a consistent approach to determining the amount. The billing is intended to be a nominal amount for assistance provided. A recent accident that involved a fatality and the department was on scene for an extended period of time resulted in a \$2,700 billing submitted. Insurance companies want some consistency.

The Fire Marshall indicated that some departments are experiencing recruitment issues which in turn will lead to leadership concerns. This issue is present in many provinces and in some areas has led to consolidation in some areas.

Maritime Fire Chief's Association

Noel Palmer PEI's representative on the executive provided an update on the activities of the association.

Fund raising continues to be a challenge for the association. The association operated the annual conference in Lunenburg and the experience was not positive. The group decided to attempt to operate the next conference scheduled for Yarmouth in a partnership with the host department. The hope is that the partnership will be a better operational model.

Noel Palmer offered a motion to accept his report seconded by Jason Peters. **Motion Carried.**

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs

David Rossiter provided an update on the activities of the CAFC. The CAFC is an important lobby group for the fire service.

Dave Rossiter offered a motion to accept his report seconded by Tim Jenkins . **Motion Carried.**

New Business

President Jenkins provided information to the group that the Association has been working with Government through the Island Communities Fund to obtain funding to build a new classroom space and heated truck bay. A number of designs have been reviewed and costing has been obtained for the design of choice. It is anticipated that the total cost will be \$440,000. The Province will contribute \$300,000 with the balance being required by the association. The board has approved the project and the borrowing required. Support of the membership is being requested.

A motion to permit the association to borrow up to \$140,000 as our share of the building project was made by Allan Gallant seconded by Jason Peters. **Motion Carried.**

The hope is to have the building completed and available to host the AGM in 2010.

Nominating Committee

Bill Gourley and Dave Rossiter presented a report on the proposed executive for 2008-09

President Tim Jenkins

Nominations from the floor called three times. Moved by Jason Peters nominations cease.

Vice President Rod MacDonald

Nominations from the floor called three times. Moved by Alan Gallant nominations cease.

Secretary-Treasurer Gordon MacFadyen

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Bill Gillis nominations cease.

Prince County Directors Dale Harris, Harley Perry

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Scott Ryan nominations cease.

Queens County Jason Peters, Bob Morrison

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by John Donahoe nominations cease.

Kings County Art MacKay, Glen Cameron

Nominations from the floor call three times. Moved by Mark Gotell nominations cease.

Bill Gourley moved the acceptance of the nominating report seconded by Dave Rossiter. **Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned 3PM