



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
Tomslake Fire Committee
Budget Meeting Notes

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DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 2010
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Tomslake Fire Hall, Tomslake, BC
PRESENT: Bill Mazanek, Fire Chief
Ernie Heller, President
Kerry Klemmer, Secretary
Iva Tuttle
Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services

- 1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.
- 2) Budget 2010 budget is \$80,000, this will bring the Fire Department close to the tax requisition (.42¢ @ 2009 to .46¢ 2010).

Municipal Insurance will only cover \$2 million in insurance, the Regional District has worked with the Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIA BC) to show that by meetings, etc. MIA of BC will cover the additional amount for 2010. No one is sure what will happen in 2011.

BY CONSENSUS,
that attendance of the Fire Chief or designate be mandatory at Regional Fire Chief's meetings, with notice being provided to the Regional District if the Fire Chief or his designate is not available.

CARRIED.

BY CONSENSUS,
that the Tomslake Fire Committee schedule an additional meeting in September 2010.

CARRIED.

Largest amount from the draft budget comes from equipment expense, i.e. repeater re-location and getting the fire truck on the road.

Training with Target Safety – Justice Institute training requires short notice and is costly. Training and communications are the most important element of the fire department.

BY CONSENSUS,
that the Tomslake Fire Committee recommend submission of the Tomslake Fire Department budget to the Regional District for inclusion in the 2010 Annual Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

3) Tower re-location The current tower is located on Jeff Weaver's home property enroute to One Island Lake, (this has liability and safety issues). With the relocation of the Murphy Oil site, our 9-1-1 repeater equipment will be removed and used as a backup.

4) Equipment coverage Director Hiebert inquired if the coverage study has been completed? Mr. Mazanek responded that the RCMP has their repeater there.

Director Hiebert inquired if Mr. Mazanek will obtain a copy of the coverage study that was completed? Mr. Mazanek will ensure that they get someone who is certified to complete the coverage check.

5) Tower and Service Agreements Mrs. Frech noted that a tower agreement between Murphy Oil, Tomslake Fire Department and the Regional District as 3rd party, should be established. Mr. Storie advised that the Fire Department could enter into an agreement with NP Communications for servicing the 9-1-1 equipment. The current tower will be removed after the new repeater is installed at the Murphy site.

Question: Mr. Darryl Kroeker, in an email dated January 9, 2010 forwarded to the Fire Committee, noted that the definition of "fire protection" includes a lot of things that the department does not do, however it appears the department is obligated to provide according to this agreement. If you use due diligence in decision making then you are covered. If you do not use due diligence, i.e. the road is closed and the fire department does not wait to check the road for snow, salt, etc. to move people and the fire department moves them it is at their risk. It would be against due diligence to consciously go outside the service area. The best line of defense for the fire department would be if you are worried about a decision you are about to make, check with the OFC.

The Fire Department advised that table top exercises with PNG and Murphy Oil will be taking place over the next few months. It was suggested that they invite the Regional District to attend.

6) Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Wayne Hiebert,
Director, Electoral Area 'D'

Ron Storie,
Manager of Community Services