



Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

Minutes of the Zone 2 Meeting

September 30th, 2015

Pelham Fire Department

Peninsula Lakes Golf Course

569 Hwy 20 West, Fenwick ON L0S 1C0

Participants: Rob Grimwood, Phil Ross, Jim Boutilier, Larry Jones, Bill Blake, Harry Flagg, Terry Dicks, Monique Belair, Mike Cain, Greg Hudson, Bill Thomson, Mike Seth, Brian Kennedy, Paul Boissoneault, Larry Coplen, Jeff McCormick, Can Stephenson, Geoff Hayman, Grant Dix, Bill Pitman, Rob Simonds, Dave Cunliffe, Alex Burbidge, Jo Zambito, Brad Bigrigg.

Recording Secretary: Barb Quinn

1. Welcome

- Chief Grimwood extended a warm welcome to all members and guests and thanked Pelham Fire for hosting.

2. Announcements

- Grimsby has space available in Ontario Fire College Fire Prevention training programs they are holding-check their website for further information
- Midterm is November 18 – 19 - Niagara Falls
- Labour Relations seminar in Toronto-January 20 & 21.
- St Catharines went through a recent appeal with the Fire Safety Commission related to care occupancy definition – information is available for those interested.

3. CAFC Update – Paul Boissoneault

- Conference well received in Victoria B.C.
- CFO program – 2016 roll out
- Redefine the National Advisory Council – terms of reference tweaked

- November – meeting with new board members
- Paul's term will be done at the St. Johns Conference
- Government Relations week is in March – National Advisory Council will set the direction.

4. Fatal Ammonia Release in Fort Erie – Larry Coplen

- Key Points: ensure something is in place for managing Social Media messages. Information will get out there and it is much better to get the proper information than inaccurate information.
- Think about back phone line into the municipal building because lines will be busy with inquiries from the public.
- Think about back up for cell phones and contact information.

5. Section 21 Update – Rob Grimwood

- 14 new or revised Guidance Notes released.
- Topic for discussion:
 - How much regulation do Chiefs want? - there is a struggle to seek balance.

6. OAFIC Update – Brad Bigrigg

- Update handout provided
- Some key points: MTO electronic billing – rate increase requested, more information to come in about mid April on *FireSmart*, issues around the tanker shuttle accreditation, talk about higher water volume in a shorter time.
- Reminder that NFPA grandfathering ceases the end of 2015.
- Reminder of the Duty to Report for active fire fighters re: presumptive legislation – WSIB.
- Reminder to send resolutions to Rob within 3 – 4 days.

7. Zone 2 business & updates:

- No Resolutions at this time.

8. Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm

Next Meeting – March 2016 – Host – Brant County