

**OAFC ZONE 5 COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 31, 2015**  
**EASTERN ONTARIO EMERGENCY TRAINING ACADEMY, NORWOOD**

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A regular meeting of the OAFC, Zone 5 was held on March 31, 2015 at the Eastern Ontario Emergency Training Academy, Norwood.

Present:

- Gord Jopling – Fire Chief, Selwyn
- Don Mitchell – Fire Chief, Trent Lakes
- Chris Snetsinger-Fire Chief, Peterborough
- Scott Manlow – Fire Chief, Prince Edward County
- Robert Rutter- Deputy Chief Prince Edward County
- Chuck Pederson- Fire Chief, Douro-Dummer
- Derrick Little– Fire Chief, Stirling-Rawdon
- Tim Blake- Fire Chief, Trent Hills
- Dave Wright-Fire Chief, Alnwick Haldimand
- Darryl Payne—Fire Chief Asphodel-Norwood
- Rick Caddick- Deputy Chief, Brighton
- Lloyd Hutchison – Fire Chief, Brighton
- Ken Clapperton –District Chief, Baltimore
- Jim Wheeler-Fire Chief Port Hope
- Mike Vilneff- Fire Chief, Cobourg
- Bill Balfour—Fire Chief, Cavan Monaghan
- Mike Cavanagh – Fire Chief Algonquin Highlands
- Miles Maughan-- Fire Chief Dysart
- Tony Brownson—Fire Chief Marmora and Lake
- Gene Thompson—Deputy Chief Cobourg
- Scott Maracle—Fire Chief Mohawk Fire
- Mark MacDonald—Fire Chief Belleville
- Bruce Greatrix—Deputy Chief Belleville
- Ray Ellis—Deputy Chief Belleville
- John Whelan—Fire Chief Quinte West
- Dan Smith- Deputy Chief Quinte West
- Mike Boyd—Fire Chief Tyendinaga
- Rick Middleton—Fire Chief Wollaston
- Kelly Serson—Fire Chief Hamilton Township
- Bob Branscombe Fire Chief Centre Hastings
- Ron Raymer-Deputy Chief City of Kawartha Lakes
- Mark Pankhurst-Fire Chief City of Kawartha Lakes

The OAFC meeting commenced at 13:17 p.m. with Zone 5 Rep, Gord Jopling in the Chair. A large turnout of members with introductions around the table.

**MINUTES**

### **Resolution No. 2013-01 – OAFC Zone 5 Minutes**

Moved by: Dave Wright

Seconded by: Miles Maughan

That the minutes of the OAFC Zone 5 Committee meeting held March 19, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

### **Business from the Minutes**

None

### **DEPUTATIONS AND/OR INVITED PERSONS AND/OR PUBLIC MEETINGS**

OFMEM Rep Dan Koroscil wasn't able to be present and did provide the members with an update sheet from the OFMEM

### **CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION**

None

### **ZONE REPORT**

Introduction of new members and/or changes to Chief Fire Official positions.

Kelly Searson has decided to run for a position as an OAFC board member and took a few minutes to talk to the members.

### **OAFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Given by OAFC Executive Director Richard Boyes

1. Update on WSIB Coverage a) Volunteer issue cleared up for changes of duty of a firefighter. Proper wording needs to be used on the provided forms for a legitimate claim.
2. New elections process for board and zone members. Nominations must be in prior to the AMES conference and validated. Voting will start On the Saturday morning of the AMES conference at the registration area. Voting will continue up until Tuesday morning at 08:30 hours. For those not attending can cast a proxy vote. Check the OAFC website for all details.
3. MTO Billing is going electronic. Those that bill the MTO for MVAs will need to sign up with the MTO as an authorized requester with a onetime fee of \$250.00. There is also a \$14.00 cost to get the licence plate info. Discussion are

underway to look at increasing the MTO fees we charge to cover the new electronic fee system.

4. OAFIC has entered a partnership with the Solar Power Industry to develop training and information for the fire service. The solar safety handbook is coming out soon. Hopefully the week of April 13<sup>th</sup> 2015. Arranges will be made to try to supply booklets to each firehall.
5. Pan am Games, specialized funding has been secured for fire departments that are required for standby at certain areas of the games.
6. Ted Bryan and John Hays are part of a committee looking at whether changes or additions to the current IMS system are required from the Elliot Lake Inquest.
7. Next generation 911 becoming an issue with some 911 call centres. Texting is not set for use. Implementation costs are a factor for the change to the current system.
8. AMES conference ready to roll. Great speakers lined up. Trade event floor space sold out. Looking for a Sargent at Arms for the Memorial Service.
9. The board of directors are looking for members for the rural suburban committee.
10. Gravenhurst fire department had an incident with an injured firefighter. The OFM investigator wanted to seize firefighting equipment for the investigation. Thus taking a serious piece of equipment out of operation.
11. Occupational Stress Injury is the new handle for Mental Health issues.
12. The Senior Officer further education process is in swing for new or upgrading credentials.

## **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Mark MacDonald-Belleville, Rail safety is becoming a large issue with residence of all Municipalities along the main lakeshore track system. Belleville also has plans coming forward for a large fuel transfer station for gas and diesel. A supply station for the 401 corridor.

Mike Vilneff- Cobourg, OAFB health and safety committee is starting to hold more meetings. Moving forward. Cobourg Fire has also stopped providing service for functions that had people jumping into ice water for liability reasons.

Chuck Pederson, Douro-Dummer, Chuck brought up an issue from FUS on a number of footnote changes to apparatus life span in comparison to the size of a Municipality. Could affect insurance policy ratings.

Lloyd Hutchinson, Brighton, is also hearing from residence about railway safety. An issue in a neighbourhood about heating a home with wood, smoke an issue with next home owner. Has anyone else have these kind of issues and what is a reasonable fix? Kelly Searson mentioned that VFIS has some new services, one mainly for mental health programs.

John Whelen, Quinte West and Robert Rutter, Prince Edward County are both using the VFIS driver training program.

Scott Manlow- new fire station in the works presently with a second to be constructed hopefully soon. Scott also mentioned that a sales person with a very aggressive sales pitch is trying to sell fire suppression systems for the windmills going up in the County.

Bob Branscombe cautioned members on any old fuel stations that may be in their Municipalities. They currently are having problems with a private property that needs to be cleaned up. May end up becoming the Municipalities liability to have it remediated. Rick Middleton, is working on the department's communications system. May need to update the whole radio system.

Mark Pankhurst- volunteer firefighters are now organized in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

### **OTHER, NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Gord Jopling has decided to step down as OAFB Zone 5 Rep

### **NOMINATIONS FOR ZONE 5 REPRESENTATIVE**

Chad Brown has put his name forward for Zone 5 Rep.

### **ADJOURN**

15:40