



Special Combined Road / Fire Committee Report Sept 23 2023

Meeting opened at 10:00 am

1: Attendance: Rick Johnson, Greg Agerbak, Todd Reynolds, Larrie Coles, Bob Dyck, Rick Dansereau, Blaire Sapergia, John Clark, Darryl Hedman

2: Minutes of last meeting read and accepted unanimously. Copy on Website

3: Outstanding Items from last meeting have been completed.

4: Financial report:

Questions arose regarding report submitted by Treasurer. Left to be clarified for next meeting.

5: New Business:

Welcomed Darrell Hedman to group. Darrell has worked for many years for the Manitoba Forest service and offered some suggestions for pump purchases in the future.

He suggested we look at changing our present order (duplicate pump of what we have) to purchasing a floating pump type as they have used frequently in the wild fire service. Wajax Mark 3 pumps were discussed however because they are temperamental they were not a suggested alternative.

The units described were portable , required no intake, and quickly deployed.

It was decided to accept a change in the type of pump based on our discussion to a floating type.

Other considerations: Floating unit that requires no intake hose

4 stroke as apposed to 2 stroke as the possibility of mixed gas issues was not a headache we needed to add to the issue. All our present units are four stroke.

Light weight should be able to move around easily.

Specs for floating pump to be circulated to crew for approval before annual agm for budget approval.

Done.

Note: *All pumps were at least 6 to 8 week delivery. (no guarantees).*

Radios for fire crew and road crew.

Discussion regarding purchasing 4 handheld radios for safety reasons on both issues.

Radios were spec'd and quote given \$370.00 taxes in.

Water tank and trailer.

Discussion regarding purchase of water tank and trailer for first response at a fire and also for use to wet road to deal with dust conditions.

It was decided that a water tank and trailer would be a useful addition to our efforts for both situations. A cost allocation of \$6000.00 would be appropriate to purchase a tank, trailer, piping, and miscellaneous expenses to make the unit suitable for our needs. Greg Agerbak is authorized to look after the details of this matter.

Motion: change pump spec to floating unit from original request Approx \$5100.00 Can.
Purchase 4 hand held radios for fire/road crew. \$370.00 taxes in
Allocate \$6000.00 for trailer and tank purchase.

Blair Sapergia. sec Todd Reynolds. Passed unanimously.

Second test of Fire call system before end of October. R.D.

Pump check discussion: Is it necessary to do a full pump test procedure twice a year? After discussion amongst crew consensus was yes, therefore pump checks twice a year will be continued.

Ensure at least 300 feet of hose present at each cache, this to be confirmed at pump test check Oct 4 2023. Pump test complete October 4 2023 all units in running order, gassed up, fuel additive included, pump filled with antifreeze, motor fogged . Thank You Bob Dyck, Todd Reynolds, Larrie Coles, Blair Sapergia, Greg Agerbak.

Training on fire Equipment has been lax and requires a renewed commitment on our part. Discussion identified a different strategy whereby some members of the fire crew bring equipment to cottage owners property and demonstrate locally. Details of this strategy to be made into proposal for approval at spring fire comm meeting 2024. R.D.

Wildfire Smoke detector initiative.

Vendor supplied a smoke detector unit for our evaluation. Blair Sapergia, Todd Reynolds, Rick Dansereau involved in practical test to see if unit performed as advertised. Group were satisfied unit responded as described. Unit will be moved to various locations in the coming months for further evaluations. We expect to initiate a pilot project for our area in spring 2024 before the fire season begins.

6: Next meeting tentative May 4 2024. Gregs Garage. 10:00

7: Motion Close meeting 11:15 am

Todd sec Greg
Meeting closed @ 11:15 am.

Road Committee Report: Sept 23 2023

1: *Financial Report*

Work on road this season Budgeted \$50 k
Expenditure \$33k

2: *Activity*: 400 cubic meters material added to road prior to application of mag chloride. Graded in preparation for binder application.

May 23rd 2023 30k of mag chloride applied to road from #10 hwy to koba Lane turnoff. Application of mag chloride has reduce the frequency of grading. Reduced costs by \$14k. (\$1000.00) per grader usage.

Culverts were marked and in some cases extended for road material did not plug the up. Ditching was done to bring up road material back up onto road way. Rocks from ditching removed.

Big thank you from Greg Agerbak to all the people who assisted in the road work!

3: *2024 Agenda*

It is expected that considering the positive results from the binder application this spring that a similar effort will be undertaken for next year (2024) and a budget proposal will be in place for this initiative.

4: Meeting adjourned 12:25