



## Special Combined Road / Fire Committee Report June 24 2023

### Meeting opened at 10:00 am

**1: Attendance:** Ed Nowlin, Gord Hill, Rick Johnson, Greg Agerbak, Jerry Strom, Todd Reynolds, Larrie Coles, Bob Dyck, Rick Dansereau, Blaire Sapergia, Brady Highway, Kevin Maynard, Ray Power

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

**3:** Outstanding Items from last meeting have been completed.

**4: Financial report:**

#### Schist Lake / Big Island Bank Balance 2023

Date	Deposit	Withdraw	Balance
3-Jan	statement fee	2.25	14285.54
3-Jan	chq fee	2.00	14283.54
3-Jan		0.12	14283.66
13-Jan	salt	1680.00	12603.66
17-Jan	L E.	588.00	13191.66
1-Feb		0.11	13191.77
3-Feb		2.25	13189.52
1-Mar		0.10	13189.62
3-Mar	statement fee	2.25	13187.37

#### **Balance 13187.37**

Date	Deposit	Withdraw	Balance
<b>Fire Fund</b>		3480.00	3480.00

#### **Fire Committee**

##### **Capital**

Jan 1 23	189.23	1009.09
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##### **Maintenance**

Jan 1 23	189.23	0.00
Jan 1 23	200.00	200.00

<b>Fire Smart</b>	deposit	withdraw	Balance
Jan 1 2023	551.18		

**Balance available 7947.10**

#### **Fire Committee**

##### **Capital** 400.00

1-Jan	200.00	600.00
1-Jan	19.86	619.86
1-Jan-22	200.00	819.86

**Maintenance** 200.00

#### 4: Financial Report con't

Discussed with a focus on providing executive with a budget for our expenses for the fall general meeting discussion and approval. This matter came up because the executive has only limited approval amounts (\$300.00) and requests for any amount above must be done through the full membership participation. If we consider how far we have come in being accountable for our financial situation it is a major advancement to have a budget presented and approved for the next fiscal year! This would be a reflection of a proper business procedure used by most businesses today. Even with this structure in place it is understood that situations may require reallocation of funds based on necessity, however with proper financial planning becomes more prevalent these situations will diminish.

#### 5: New Business:

**Purpose of meeting was to update committee members of road work at to seek approval for further research into early warning system for wildfires.**

#1. Road condition from #10 highway to Kobe lane turn was a major improvement after the application of binder and dust control agent. Questions arose as to the effective duration of this material and how to maintain the road in future.

G.A. is to assess what and when further action is required and follow up.

Discussion centred around purchasing a water tank and trailer to provide addition moisture to the present application to enhance its longevity. The tank and trailer would also be available for fire fighting duties. As this unit would be available 24/7 for fire fighting duty and only periodically for wetting the road it was felt the unit should be purchased through the association account entirely.

Motion: Gord Hill / Larrie Coles..... Fire committee to purchase a water tank and trailer. Tank to be 800 gallons if possible and trailer able to be pulled by cottagers vehicle.

**Vote for motion was unanimous.**

*Note: In a discussion regarding financing it was decided if a unit suitable for our purposes become available and circumstances permitted, Greg would purchase the unit and our association would reimburse him once invoice were provided.*

**Discussion** regarding procurement for Storage container (form May 31 st mtg)

We are looking at Spending \$5000.00 for a storage container from Alexanders. This unit would be delivered. We require a decision for where it would be located and some addition funds for site prep. The unit would ellivate the congestion at some of our fire caches (which are supposed to be for fire equipment!) and equipment stored at local members garages as well.

Money would come from our innr account and as such necessary approvals will be required.

At our May 31 2023 mtg a motion was passed to purchase another high volume pump. (\$approx \$9000.00) and the effort to formalize our expenditure approvals procedure it would be prudent to move this request to our fall annual meeting. I have made an executive decision to delay this request until then. R.D.

Our meeting included a new member *Mr Brady Highway*, Regional Wildfire Superintendent based in The Pas. Brady informed us of his position in the Wildfire Services and requested: A tour of our facilities

2: a letter from our committee outlining where we see possible improvements to our area fire coverage.

3: Designated contact person to provide detailed information on our committee .

A tour was organized for after the meeting with L.C. G.A. E.N. and Brady visiting our caches and an overall view of area.

A letter regarding item 2 will be drafted and forwarded to our members to critique before forwarded to Brady.

R.D. to produce draft letter of improvements.

Ed Nowlin has been designated our contact person with Provincial Wildfire people.

Early Warning Detection System:

An information handout provided members with opportunity to question and discuss this initiative.

The people who sell this equipment would be interested in providing sample equipment .

Investigate this opportunity further, include Provincial Wildfire people, including sample test, and report back to committee at fall fire committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

***Motion: Blair Sapergia second Bob Dyck.***

*6: Next Fire Committee meeting Wednesday Sept 23 2023 Greg Agerbak Garage 10 am. We will do the semi annual pump check at this time. Location at the govt dock Schist Bay.*

7: Close meeting.