



CHESLEY and AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT JOINT FIRE BOARD MINUTES



April 26, 2022 @ 4:00 PM, Arran-Elderslie Council Chambers

Members Present:

Scott Mackey – Township of Chatsworth
Mark Davis – Arran-Elderslie (Chair)
Doug Bell – Arran-Elderslie
Brian Dudgeon – Arran-Elderslie - electronically
Shawn Greig – Township of Chatsworth

Staff Present:

Sylvia Kirkwood – CAO, Arran-Elderslie
Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk, Arran-Elderslie
Tracey Neifer – Treasurer, Arran-Elderslie
Steve Tiernan – Fire Chief, Arran-Elderslie
Robert Bell – Fire Chief, Chesley Fire Department
Patty Sinnamon – CAO, Chatsworth
Mike Givens – Fire Chief, Chatsworth

1. Call to Order

Chair Mark Davis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The Board passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Member Scott Mackey
Seconded by: Member Doug Bell

Be it resolved that the Chesley and Area Fire Department Joint Board adopts the agenda as circulated by the Clerk as amended.

Carried - Resolution 5-2022

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Member Doug Bell
Seconded by: Member Scott Mackey



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Be it resolved that the Chesley and Area Fire Department Joint Board adopts the minutes of the Regular Joint Board meeting held on February 22, 2022.

Carried - Resolution 6-2022

5. New Business

5.1- SRFIN.22.15 Chesley & Area Fire Station – Financial Update

Treasurer, Tracey Neifer, presented her report to the Board.

After three months of operations the Chesley & Area Fire Station is reflecting positive results with net operating expenses of \$47,062 compared to budget of \$57,842. The report also includes comparative information for December 31, 2021. The Financial Report presented on February 22nd, 2022, showed net operating expenses of \$198,790 compared to \$200,291, representing year-end adjustments of \$1,501.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Board passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Member Scott Mackey
Seconded by: Member Shawn Greig

Be It Resolved that the Chesley & Area Fire Department Joint Fire Board hereby approves a transfer of \$5259.06 from Fire Tower for Bell Mobility Reserve for the fire hall repairs.

Carried – Resolution 7-2022

Subsequent to further discussion, the Board passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Member Doug Bell
Seconded by: Member Shawn Greig

Be It Resolved that the Chesley & Area Fire Department Joint Fire Board hereby approves the Financial Report for March 31, 2022.

Carried – Resolution 8-2022

5.2 - SRFIRE.22.04 Chesley and Area Quarterly Fire Report

Fire Chief Steve Tiernan presented his report to the Board for information purposes.



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The information is comprised of Fire Responses, Training, Apparatus Information, Fire Prevention and Public Education completed from January 1-March 31, 2022.

There were:

- Eleven (11) incidents compared with Nineteen (19) in 2021
- 5 Arran-Elderslie, 6 Chatsworth
- 2 Fires, 5 Medical, 1 Carbon Monoxide, 1 MVC, 2 Cancelled

An analysis of the 10-year usage of Tanker 94 between Chesley Station 90 and Chatsworth was also presented.

Data was reviewed from Jan 2012 to April 2022:

- Tanker 94 responded to 180 calls, 21 of which were within the Town of Chesley. This resulted in a 11.6% usage for in Town calls.
- Pumper 92 responded to 54 calls, 9 of which were in Chatsworth Township. This resulted in a 16.6% usage for Chatsworth Township.

All Public Education activities are on hold due to Covid 19. The hopes are that these activities will commence in the near future.

The Chief noted that there have been some changes to the training certification presented by the Province. He will bring a future update regarding financial implications from the mandatory certification.

District Chief Bell will provide a more detailed breakdown on the use of all the apparatus. This will include all calls for Arran-Elderslie as well as when it is used for Mutual Aid from 2012 to 2022. This will include Tanker 94 and Pumper 92.

5.3 Review of Joint Fire Agreement

The Board discussed the existing Joint Fire Agreement and if there is merit in continuing the agreement or investigating other avenues such as dissolving the Board.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Board passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Member Doug Bell
Seconded by: Member Scott Mackey

Be It Resolved that the Chesley & Area Fire Department Joint Fire Board hereby directs Arran-Elderslie staff to update Report SRFIN.21.17 which will be



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provided to the Township of Chatsworth for written response, and that another Board meeting be held to discuss the reports to determine a recommendation from the respective Councils regarding the continuation or amendment of the Chesley & Area Joint Fire Agreement.

Carried – Resolution 9-2022

6. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be December 13th, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Member Scott Mackey moved to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Mark Davis, Chair

Christine Fraser-McDonald,
Recording Secretary