

**APPROVED**

**Municipality of the District of Lunenburg**  
**Notes of a Fire & Emergency Services Committee Meeting**

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, N.S.  
Thursday, January 30, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance**

Deputy Chief Dean Schmeisser, Dayspring & District Volunteer Fire Department, Acting Chair  
Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile, Ex-Officio  
Councillor Morgen Reinhardt, District 1  
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2  
Councillor Pam Hubley, District 4  
Councillor Alison Smith, District 6  
Herbert Seymour, Member-At-Large  
Patricia Sharpe, Member-At-Large  
Captain Emily Bowers, Hebbville Fire Department

**Regrets**

Brian Keizer, District 1 & 2 Fire Commission, Chair  
Chief Darren Mulock, Northfield District Fire Department  
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy C.A.O.  
Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Coordinator

**Staff**

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator  
Sandra Challis, Administrative Assistant

**1. Call to Order**

Deputy Chief Schmeisser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Hubley seconded by Councillor Bell that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.**

**3. Presentation**

**3.1 Purpose of the Fire & Emergency Services Committee & Strategic Priorities Review**

Mr. Kennedy gave a presentation explaining the history, purpose and strategic priorities of the Fire & Emergency Services Committee.

**4. Business Arising from Minutes**

**4.1 Policy-036 Revisions to include SCBA Testing in 2025 (repeal & replace)**

Motion 2024-092, repealing and replacing Policy-036 by Council, was included in the agenda package for information purposes.

## **5. L.R.F.E.S. Report**

Mr. Kennedy reported that LRFES had reviewed and discussed their new bylaws and spoke about upcoming Level 1 Training which will use local instructors.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 Nomination for South Shore Glass Limited to receive Recognition Certificate**

**Moved by Councillor Hubley, seconded by Captain Bowers that South Shore Glass Limited receive an Award of Recognition Certificate for supporting Tri-District Fire Rescue for allowing their employees who are firefighters to leave work. Carried Unanimously.**

### **6.2 Fire Services Coordinator – Annual Presentation**

Mr. Kennedy gave his Annual Presentation to the Committee.

This presentation included:

- Details of long-service awards
- The Strategic Priorities for the Committee
- The past year's activities of the Fire Services Coordinator
- Highlighted achievements
  - Safety improvements – Pump testing and SCBA testing (from 2025) mandatory
  - Joint Pump Testing Facility (partnership between MODL & Town of Bridgewater)
  - Leadership Training
  - FAP program established
  - WCB Benefits
- Membership comparison between 2023 and 2024
- Call Breakdown – 16.7% increase from 2022 to 2023
- MODL Funding Breakdown
- Benefits of Firefighters 50/50 draw
- Summary of the Great Canadian Fire Service Consensus of 2024.

Clarification was provided on the following:

- The Joint Pump Testing Facility does not replace or replicate what departments who have an agreement for access can do at Wiles Lake, as Wiles Lake is the main water-source when there is a fire in the area.

- 911 calls go through to a central 911 dispatcher, and dependent on nature of call, and protocols already in place, either some, or all of, RCMP, EHS and Fire Departments are paged.
- The firefighter 50/50 proceeds allow the buyer to select which department they wish to support. The department then receives \$0.37 per \$1.00. The department nominated by the winner received an additional \$1,000. If no selected, this fund is split between all departments participating in the 50/50. The 50/50 draw covers the entire Province.

### 6.3 2025-2026 Budget

**Moved by Captain Bowers, seconded by Herbert Seymour, that the FESC recommend that Municipal Council approve a 2% increase (totalling \$3,947.00) over the 2024-2025 annual grant amounts, with the 2025-2026 fiscal year grants being:**

<b>Matching Grant</b>	<b>\$ 46,816.00</b>	
<b>Municipal Grant</b>	<b>\$ 70,781.00</b>	
<b>Training Grant</b>	<b>\$ 12,038.00</b>	
<b>Insurance Grant</b>	<b>\$ 59,751.00</b>	
<b>Personnel Insurance Grant</b>	<b>\$ 12,038.00</b>	
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$201,424.00</b>	<b>Carried Unanimously.</b>

### 6.4 Draft Training Strategy

As Mr. Dumaresq was not present, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

### 6.5 Information on Fire Tax Rates – Current and Historic

Document showing details of Fire Tax Rates for Fire Departments was included in the agenda for information purposes.

### 6.6 Rescheduling of March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting

The Committee unanimously agreed to reschedule the meeting to Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Added Items – None.**

**8. In Camera – Not required**

### 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.