



Mayne Island Improvement District

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 1:00 pm
Location: Meeting Room, Fire Hall, 520 Felix Jack Rd

Present: Trustees Brian Dearden, Doug Hill & Bob McKinnon
Trustees Deb Milne & Wayne Peace (via Zoom)
Katherine Somerville, Corporate Administrative Officer
Kyle Stobart, Fire Chief
Eric Walker, Deputy Fire Chief
Hailey Flynn, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Chairperson Doug Hill.

2. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS AND MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

CAO Somerville requested to include correspondence received in December 2021 from David Maude.

MOTION: Trustee McKinnon moved and Trustee Peace seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Trustee McKinnon moved and Trustee Milne seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting of November 16, 2021. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motions were brought forth from the in camera board meeting of December 22, 2021.

MOTION: Trustee Dearden moved and Trustee Milne seconded the motion to lift motions from the in camera board meeting to the next regular board meeting. CARRIED

MOTION: Trustee McKinnon moved and Trustee Milne seconded the motion to approve the Mandatory Vaccination Policy as discussed. CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

i. Mutual Aid Agreement

CAO Somerville explained that the Mutual Aid Agreement is a renewal agreement between all the Southern Gulf Islands. There are no changes to the Mutual Aid Agreement other than the term shall renew automatically each year after an initial five-year term.

MOTION: Trustee McKinnon moved and Trustee Dearden seconded the motion to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement as presented and allow the Fire Chief and the CAO to sign on the District's behalf. CARRIED

ii. Vaccination Policy

Several emails were received regarding the Vaccination Policy which were included with the meeting package for Board review. The Board formally accepted the correspondence into the public meeting.

iii. Correspondence from David Maude, December 2021

CAO Somerville brought the correspondence regarding vaccination status received in December 2021 from the in camera meeting to the public meeting.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Administrative & Finance Report¹

i. Finance

CAO Somerville reported a calculation error made in the 2022 budget related to an omission of the new Truck-Checker Program line item in the total. She expects that there will be recovery of the funds from other areas from the budget.

ii. Deputy Chief Employment Contract

CAO presented the updated employment agreement for Deputy Chief Walker. The only changes made were general housekeeping.

MOTION: Trustee McKinnon moved and Trustee Dearden seconded the motion to approve the amended Deputy Chief employment agreement as presented on January 18, 2022.

CARRIED

iii. Health Centre Flooding

CAO Somerville stated that original perimeter drain from 1975 was never daylighted and this caused the flooding in November. This has been repaired. It was also discovered that gutter drain leaders were going the wrong way and into the perimeter drain. New gutters were installed and the leaders diverted away from the building. Repairs went smoothly and further flooding is not anticipated. Trustee Hill asked about flooding alarms in the Health Centre. CAO Somerville explained that an alarm was purchased but there were connectivity issues with the Wi-Fi at the Health Centre. She stated that there is an alarm on the sump pump and there has been no repeat water infiltration on inspection during heavy rain.

¹ Administrative & Finance Report

MOTION: Trustee Dearden moved and Trustee McKinnon seconded the motion to approve the Administrative & Finance Report. CARRIED

6.2 Fire Department Report²

Chief Stobart presented the Fire Department report as submitted. Trustee Dearden asked about recruitment and for explanation about the “six firefighters in training” mentioned in the report. Chief Stobart clarified that there are no new recruits at the moment and that the six members in training are out of the 20 total members. A new recruit class has been delayed up until now and a new class is scheduled to start early this year. BCEHS call volume has returned to pre-pandemic levels and the Department will endeavor to train new members to accommodate the needs. The Chief reported that about 80% of all calls are First Responder medical calls.

Trustee McKinnon asked about a costly repair on Engine 1. Chief Stobart reported that the firefighters removed the damaged door and replaced it with a temporary wooden door. The invoice for the permanent replacement door had not been received yet. There is a contingency fund in the budget for vehicle repairs. The overhead bay door has also been repaired.

MOTION: Trustee McKinnon moved and Trustee Milne seconded the motion to accept the Fire Department Report. CARRIED

6.3 Occupational Health and Safety Committee Report³

Chief Stobart presented the minutes from the meeting of November 9, 2021 OH&S as submitted. No questions were asked.

MOTION: Trustee Dearden moved and Trustee McKinnon seconded the motion to accept the OH&S Report. CARRIED

7. TRUSTEE DELEGATE REPORTS

7.1 Communications Committee

- i. Formation of Committee as per Terms of Reference

MOTION: Trustee McKinnon moved and Trustee Dearden seconded the motion to form the Communications Committee as per the Terms of Reference as presented today, January 18, 2022. CARRIED

- ii. Appointment of Members

The Board appointed the following committee members: Trustee Dearden, Trustee McKinnon, Chief Stobart, Deputy Chief Walker, Captain Amanda Gunn, Firefighter Andrew Gerbrandt, Firefighter Ash Goertz & Firefighter Aaron Reith. Minutes will be recorded by Administrative Assistant Hailey Flynn.

² Fire Department Report

³ OH&S Committee Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2021

- iii. Appointment of Communication Committee Trustee Delegate & Chair
After a brief discussion Trustee Dearden volunteered to be the committee delegate. As the trustee delegate he will also be the chair of the committee.

7.2 Finance Committee

Trustee Peace reported that he spoke with CAO Somerville about an overage in the budget which was related to additional on-island first responder instructor training that occurred in 2021.

MOTION: Trustee McKinnon moved and Trustee Dearden seconded the motion to accept the Trustee Delegate Reports. CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A discussion was held regarding publishing a press release for public information regarding the vaccination policy. More discussion was requested for the in camera meeting.

10. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

February 15, 2022 at 1:00 pm – Regular Board Meeting

11. IN CAMERA

Deferred until after the communications committee meeting

MOTION: Trustee Dearden moved and Trustee McKinnon seconded the motion to go into an in camera session at 2:57 pm. CARRIED

The regular board meeting reconvened at 3:21 pm.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Hill asked for a motion to adjourn. The board meeting was adjourned at 3:21 pm by motion made by Trustee Dearden.

Approved:

Doug Hill, Chair

Date:

Recorded and Transcribed by H. Flynn

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____; 20__

BETWEEN:

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

625 Fisgard Street
PO Box 1000
Victoria, BC
V8W 1R7

(the "**Regional District**")
(Participating Departments listed in Schedule 'A')

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

MAYNE ISLAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

520 Felix Jack
Mayne Island, BC
V0N 2J2

(**"Mayne Island Improvement District"**)

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

105 Lower Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island, BC
V8K 2T1

(**"Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District"**)

(collectively the "**Fire Districts**")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS:

- A. The Regional District (RD) was, by Supplementary Letters Patent issued the 7th day of July 1983, granted the function of Fire Protection and

Regulation for the Electoral Areas of Juan de Fuca (JDF) and Southern Gulf Islands (SGI);

- B. The Regional District has, by bylaw, established service areas for fire protection and emergency response by the North Galiano Fire Protection Commission (NGFPC), Pender Islands Fire Protection Society (PIFPS), South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department Society (SGVFDS), and Saturna Island Fire Protection Society (SIFPS) (the "Service Areas ") for the provision of fire protection and emergency response services;
- C. The Board of the Regional District is authorized to enter into an agreement under section 263 of the *Local Government Act* with a public authority regarding the provision of activities, works and services within the power of a party to the Agreement;
- D. The Mayne Island Improvement District (MIID) is authorized under section 697(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act*, by bylaw, to make Agreements, and wishes to enter into an Agreement for the furnishing of fire protection and assistance response for or on behalf of the owners or occupiers of property situate within the Mayne Island Improvement District and to provide fire protection and assistance response in exchange;
- E. The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) is authorized under section 697(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act*, by bylaw, to make Agreements, and wishes to enter into an Agreement for the furnishing of fire protection and assistance response for or on behalf of the owners or occupiers of property situate within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District and to provide fire protection and assistance response in exchange;
- F. The Regional District has agreed to provide fire protection and rescue assistance response services to the area of the Fire Districts and the Fire Districts have agreed to provide fire protection and rescue assistance response services to the Service Areas in accordance with this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises and mutual promises contained in this Agreement, the parties covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a) "**Assistance Response**" includes a Fire Emergency or a Rescue Emergency;
 - b) "**Emergency**" includes a Fire Emergency or a Rescue Emergency;

- c) **"Fire Chief"** means the Fire Chief (FC) of the party within the respective fire protection area of the Requesting Party, or his delegate;
- d) **"Fire Emergency"** means a fire or the potential for a fire that in the opinion of the Fire Chief or Incident Commander (IC) may escalate beyond the ability of the local fire service resources to safely control and thereby endangering lives, property, buildings or the environment.
- e) **"Fire Protection Area"** means the Service Area, or area within the boundaries of one of the Fire Districts, as applicable;
- f) **"Mutual Aid resources"** means designated persons and equipment, all or a portion of which may be made available to another party for fire protection and assistance response purposes;
- g) **"Officer in charge"** means the senior officer in attendance at a fire representing the Fire Department of a party;
- h) **"Requesting Party"** means a party requesting fire protection or assistance response;
- i) **"Rescue Emergency"** means a real or anticipated situation that in the opinion of the Fire Chief or the officer in charge endangers lives, safety, welfare or well-being of people, animals or livestock and which cannot be appropriately managed with or by the use of local emergency resources from the Fire Protection Area;
- j) **"Responding Party"** means the party or parties providing fire protection or assistance response under this Agreement.
- k) **"Incident Commander"** means the firefighter or officer that is responsible to direct and control all personnel and resources at the emergency incident.
- l) **"Unified Command"** is an authority structure in which the role of incident commander is shared by two or more individuals operating from a shared command post each already having authority in a different responding agency.

2. **Assistance Response - Regional District**

- 2.1. The Fire Districts each agree to provide fire protection and assistance response services to situations of Emergency in the Service Areas and

within each of the other Fire Districts in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

3. Assistance Response - Fire Districts

3.1 The Regional District agrees to provide fire protection and assistance response services to situations of Emergency within each of the Fire Districts in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

4. Term

4.1 This Agreement shall have an initial term of five years, and shall renew automatically for further one-year terms unless terminated in accordance with section 4.2.

4.2 Any one of the parties hereto may withdraw from this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties following which the Agreement shall continue in force between the remaining parties.

5. Assistance Response - Requesting District

5.1 Where a Fire Chief or Officer in charge determines that an Emergency exists, he or she may in his or her sole and absolute discretion decide whether to request fire protection or assistance response from another party.

6. Availability of Emergency Equipment and Personnel

6.1 No party to this agreement shall request assistance unless the Fire Chief or Incident Commander for the area having jurisdiction over the emergency determines that there is either a very high likelihood of the emergency incident overwhelming the capacity of the local area service resources to safely manage, or that the early activation of Mutual Aid resources will significantly and positively affect the outcome of the incident.

6.2 The party who receives a request for assistance response shall have sole and absolute discretion to decide whether or not he or she has sufficient levels of appropriately trained personnel or sufficient equipment to provide fire protection or assistance response to the Emergency.

7. Control

7.1 The Fire Chief or Officer in charge having jurisdiction at the location of the

Emergency is responsible for command and control of all personnel and equipment and shall ensure such control is maintained at all times through a designated Incident Commander or Unified Command structure.

8. Recall

8.1 Mutual Aid resources supplied under this Agreement may be recalled by the Fire Chief or Officer in charge of the responding party at any time following notification of such withdrawal and confirmation from the Fire Chief or Officer in charge having jurisdiction at the location of the Emergency that it is understood the resources are being recalled.

9. Limitation

9.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as requiring a Fire Chief or Officer in charge to dispatch or make available personnel or equipment where the Fire Chief or Officer in charge of the Responding Party reasonably considers that the personnel or equipment are or may be required by the Responding Party.

10. Cost

10.1 Mutual Aid Resources supplied under this Agreement shall be supplied at the expense of the Responding Party, and that Party shall not demand reimbursement from the party to which assistance response has been provided.

11. Fire Chiefs Determination

11.1 The determination of a Fire Chief on any matter required to be determined under this Agreement shall be final.

12. Release

12.1 As soon as the Emergency has been brought under control, Mutual Aid resources supplied under this Agreement shall be released first before any local resources are released.

13. Indemnity

13.1 Where a party is a Requesting Party or accepts fire protection or assistance response services under this Agreement, that party shall indemnify and save harmless the Responding Party, its elected and appointed officers, agents, employees and servants against any and all

claims, causes of action, suits, expenses, costs, fees and demands alleging damage to property or injury or death of any person arising out of the fire protection or assistance response except where any elected or appointed officer, employee, servant or agent of the Responding Party has, in relation to the provision of the fire protection or assistance response, been dishonest, grossly negligent, or where misconduct has been malicious or willful.

14. Insurance

14.1 Each Party shall procure and maintain in force at their own cost during the entire term of this Agreement a comprehensive general liability insurance policy, policies and/or program with a limit of not less than FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) inclusive per occurrence for bodily injury (including death), personal injury and property damage. The policy, policies and/or program shall include but not be limited to, the following coverage/provisions:

- (a) all premises and operations necessary or incidental to the performance of this Agreement;
- (b) products and completed operations;
- (c) "broad form" property damage;
- (d) blanket contractual liability;
- (e) cross liability.

14.2 Each Party shall procure and maintain at its own cost during the entire term of this Agreement, automobile insurance for owned and/or leased vehicles as required by the laws of British Columbia and as required under any motor vehicle lease Agreement. The minimum limit of third party liability shall be TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00) inclusive per occurrence for bodily injury, or death of another, or loss or damage to property of another.

15. Waiver

15.1 The waiver by a party or parties of any failure on the part of another party or parties to perform in accordance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing failure, whether similar or dissimilar.

16. Headings

16.1 Section and paragraph headings are inserted for identification purposes only and do not form a part of the Agreement.

17. Language

17.1 Wherever the singular, masculine and neutral are used throughout this Agreement, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural or the feminine or the body corporate or politic as the context so requires.

18. Law Applicable

18.1 This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws applicable in the Province of British Columbia.

19. Counterparts

19.1 This Agreement may be executed in Counterpart with the same effect as if all parties had signed the same document. Each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original. All Counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have set their hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

Capital Regional District
by its authorized signatories

Senior Manager, Protective Services

the _____ day of _____, 20____

Mayne Island Improvement District
by its authorized signatories

Name

Name

the _____ day of _____, 20____

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
by its authorized signatories

Name

Name

the _____ day of _____, 20____

Schedule "A"

<p>North Galiano Fire Protection Committee by its authorized signatories</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>the ____ day of _____, 20__</p>	<p>Pender Islands Fire Protection Society by its authorized signatories</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>the ____ day of _____, 20__</p>
<p>South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department Society by its authorized signatories</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>the ____ day of _____, 20__</p>	<p>Saturna Island Fire Protection Society by its authorized signatories</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>the ____ day of _____, 20__</p>

Katherine Somerville

From: Katherine Somerville
Sent: January 12, 2022 2:25 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: COVID Policy

Hi Ron,

Thank you for your comments, I will include this in the board meeting package for discussion on Tuesday.

Kind Regards,

Katherine Somerville

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Message Details:

Name: Ron Willick

Email: [REDACTED]

Subject: COVID policy

Message: Your recently implemented COVID policy for the members of the fire department will soon leave us with fewer members to respond to emergency situations. While I understand your reasons for its implementation, I wonder if another strategy might be employed to protect our members and the public. Seeing as the department has done a reasonable job of keeping its members safe from COVID, I suggest in the face of OMICRON even greater vigilance by the department (mask wearing, hand sanitizing, distancing and keeping unvaccinated members out of homes when calls occur. It is my hope that these measures will not let COVID weaken our emergency response. As always thanks for your work on our behalf. Ron Willick

[REDACTED]

To Mayne Island Improvement District

Re: Vaccine Requirement

When applying to become a Volunteer FireFighter, we are told there will be sacrifice and risk. We sacrifice our sleep, our family, and our free time. We are told we will be risking our physical and mental health and safety for the greater good of our community. We must stand with integrity, high morals, values and ethics. We shall not judge or discriminate against any individual's life choices or values while serving our community. Should we not expect the same from our community in return?

There are many questions to be answered about the new policy and how it will impact our department and community as a whole.

1. Our Chief claims that the MIID has received communications from concerned citizens. How many and were they delivered formally?
2. It's also been claimed that 90% of our community is vaccinated. The Government claims we require 85% to be "safe" and no longer require such mandates.
3. Is this policy a temporary requirement or permanent? Is it to only include 2 COVID vaccinations or will it also encompass further doses, future disease and illness requirements, and would it not be fair to also include additional private health information such as all communicable diseases including but not limited to Hepatitis, STD's, any many other potentially transmitted illnesses.
4. Has the MIID done its due diligence of gathering sufficient data from reputable sources to fully inform us of the necessity to impose an experimental pharmaceutical upon our person? (example official government and medical documentation) Have they evaluated all pros and cons beyond the mainstream narrative? If not, then it cannot be cited that it is wholly informed consent.
5. There are many forms of protection that have not been made available to us such as protein-based vaccines, medications that reduce risk of death, blood tests to valuate our immunities and PCR tests to ensure we are healthy to perform our duties. Is it not the obligation of our governing bodies to allow these options to be available?
6. It is within the Human Rights law that we are fully informed about the risks and benefits of any regulations imposed upon us when it impacts our personal autonomy. Presently, the proposed MRNA "vaccine" being forced upon us is still in the "experimental" phase and the science and impacts have yet to be determined. If we were to align ourselves with this policy, will the MIID, individuals that initiated this policy and the Mayne Island Fire Department willing to take the risk of liability upon themselves if our health and safety due to adverse reactions causes medical, physical or mental duress to ourselves or our families?
7. Looking ahead to the future, as a department currently sitting at 21 members potentially losing 4 or more of those members due to vaccine status, exhaustion, fatigue (which in turn becomes a liability in and of itself). Is our MIID willing to potentially lose full service status, lose team morale and confidence? Has it been considered how this will impact the community on a larger scale? This may include impacts to homeowner insurances, community health and safety and response times which in essence puts our community members at greater risk.

8. With regards to First Responders, I respect the higher potential of transmission to the patient and potential undue risk this may cause them, therefore I honour the decision to be stood down while the risk is high. Is it expected that a patient that has not been vaccinated will not be serviced by our department because of their personal and private choice? As a firefighter, we are not posing a risk to anyone other than ourselves during a fire. We are on individual breathing apparatus, not interacting with the public and putting ourselves at extreme risk while performing our duties. In order to impose this policy, is the MIID not required to do a full evaluation of the risk vs reward at the whole community level of allowing exemption for firefighters?

Regards
Christie Meers

Katherine Somerville

From: Katherine Somerville
Sent: January 13, 2022 9:28 AM
To: Andrew Gerbrandt
Cc: Eric Walker; Kyle Stobart
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy

Hi Andrew,

Thank you for your comments, I will include this in the board meeting package for discussion on Tuesday.

Kind Regards,

Katherine Somerville

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From: Andrew Gerbrandt [REDACTED]
Sent: January 13, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Katherine Somerville <ksomerville@mayneid.ca>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy

Katherine,

Goodmorning, can you please forward this e-mail to the MIID board of Trustees on my behalf. Thank you.

Chairperson and Trustees:

I would like to express my appreciation to the board for providing a policy to address the question of mandatory vaccination for MIFR. However, I do have some questions as to the process by which the conclusions of that policy were reached and the results for public safety on Mayne Island.

I will disclose to you that I am a doubly vaccinated individual and have recently had my third booster shot of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine. I also believe that individuals have the freedom of conscience to refuse this vaccine, and that they should not be penalized for doing so. I continue to respond to calls with both my vaccinated and unvaccinated coworkers because I have full confidence in my colleagues, the safety protocols implemented thus far by the MIID, and the leadership of our Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and Officers. I respectfully request that the current Mandatory Vaccine Policy be scrutinized thoroughly before the March 15th deadline.

I am grateful for the re-activation of the Communications Committee as it is the best way forward for our community to resolve this conflict. I feel that we can find a more equitable way forward than coerced vaccination or termination of so many of our members who have given so much of their lives to protect and serve this community. There are examples of other jurisdictions in Canada developing policies which take into account a diversity of opinions and experiences. This is fundamental to living in a liberal democracy. I disagree with my colleagues' decisions to not be vaccinated, but I accept that I have to live with people who believe and act in ways that I disagree with.

I will leave the details of my questions for the Communications Committee, but will leave you with some of the general questions which arise from the policy:

What will be the result to public safety and insurance on Mayne Island?

Why were the members of MIFR not consulted on a policy that has so much impact on their lives?

Why were no other options other than coerced vaccination or termination presented to the membership?

How will the physical and mental health of our members be impacted?

Could the MIID not have waited for the Province to have enacted a policy of mandatory vaccination thereby avoiding all internal conflict?

I look forward to discussing these questions and more at the Communications Committee as we move forward to our ultimate goal of protecting public safety.

regards,

Andrew Gerbrandt FFII, ENG, FR Instructor

Hailey Flynn

Subject: FW: Vaccination Requirements

From: David Maude [REDACTED]
Date: December 13, 2021 at 18:46:27 PST
To: Katherine Somerville <ksomerville@mayneid.ca>
Subject: Vaccination Requirements

Board of Trustees
Mayne island Improvement District

As a former Trustee for many years, many on island perhaps do not realize I no longer am a Trustee. However in recent weeks I have been approached by many residents with concerns about the vaccination policy within the Fire Department, including active firefighters who have spoken to me.

There is community concern and it should be addressed.

It seems that there are a few firefighters who are openly and publicly stating they are not vaccinated, as you may be aware a large number of fire departments within the Province have elected (for public safety) to require all active firefighters to be vaccinated.

I recognize it is not currently a specific Health Order, but it seems very common for this policy to be adopted. I understand many local fire departments, including Pender and Galiano have vaccine requirements.

I assume this is on the Trustees radar and certainly don't feel this type of decision should be on the shoulders of the Fire Chief, but I feel it worthy to raise these concerns and formally request that a vaccine mandate be put in place for the Fire Department personnel.

Thank you.

David Maude

<https://www.cariboord.ca/en/emergency-and-protective-services/volunteer-fire-departments.aspx#Current-Mandatory-Vaccine-Requirement-November-19-2021>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8283410/bc-first-responder-vpd-covid-19-vaccine-rules/>



COVID-19: Vaccine mandates for B.C. first responders

While paramedics, and many fire and police departments are requiring double vaccination for staff, not all first responder agencies in B.C. are putting vaccine mandates in place.

globalnews.ca

<https://www.castlegarnews.com/news/west-kootenay-municipalities-mull-mandatory-employee-vaccinations/>



West Kootenay municipalities mull mandatory employee vaccinations – Castlegar News

Some West Kootenay/Boundary local governments are still thinking about whether to follow the lead of Creston, Vancouver, and other municipalities by making COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for employees.

www.castlegarnews.com

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/news/article/2021/10/13/capital-regional-district-to-implement-vaccine-mandate-for-employees>



Capital Regional District to implement vaccine mandate for employees - crd.bc.ca

Victoria, BC– Today, to protect the health and safety of our staff, our workplaces, and the public we serve, and to support the efforts of the Province of BC in the fight against the pandemic, the Capital Regional District (CRD)

announced it will be making COVID-19 vaccination a requirement for its 1,100 employees. "Throughout the pandemic, the CRD has aligned its response to support the ...

www.crd.bc.ca

Mayne Island Improvement District

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – JANUARY 18TH, 2022

Due to the recent approval of the Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy provided to the firefighters, interest has been expressed in the formation of a communications committee. In the interest of expedience, I have provided the draft terms of reference for the Board to review. The firefighters have put three names forward for appointment to this committee; Aaron Reith, Ash Goertz and Andrew Gerbrandt. According to the draft terms of reference the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, one other Officer along with two trustees will also be appointed to this committee. The board may wish to add other members at its discretion. If this committee is formed, I have suggested that perhaps the best time to meet would be immediately following the regular Board meeting on Tuesday.

I have received correspondence from three members related to the policy. The correspondence has been provided in the Board package.

As discussed in November I have provided the updated Deputy Chief contract in the meeting package for approval by the Board. All changes are housekeeping in nature and are highlighted on the draft for your review.

The 2016 mutual aid agreement amongst the southern gulf island fire departments requires renewal. Included in this package is the updated agreement. The sole update from the 2016 agreement is to automatically roll-over this agreement in future years (*Section 4.1*) essentially creating a contract in perpetuity. I will ask the Board for a motion to allow the Fire Chief and myself to enter into this agreement.

Year end is on track, I expect to complete the year end processes by the middle of February. I anticipate the Auditor to begin the audit shortly after the 2021 year end closing is finished.

The reason for the flooding that occurred at the Health Centre after the “river of rain” in November has now been solved. It seems that when the original structure was built in 1975 the perimeter drain was never daylighted. The water from the perimeter had nowhere to go. The perimeter drain has now been daylighted properly and since then we have had quite a bit of rain and snow melt with no signs of water in the basement.

To follow up with this there is one other small area of the perimeter drain that was discovered to be draining in the wrong direction possibly due to settling over the years. I have arranged to reconfigure the rain leaders from this area and divert the water to the water storage tank thereby minimizing any water entering this section of the perimeter drain. No flooding has occurred in this area of the building but I think this will be a good preventative measure.

Sincerely,

Katherine Somerville

Corporate Administrative Officer

Attachments:

FD & HC Budget vs. Actual (Prd 12, 2021)

Balance Sheet (Prd 12, 2021)

Action Items:

Motion/ApprovalCommittee/members/Contract/MutualAid/MotionsForward

Health Centre Tax Summary 2021

December 31, 2021

	# of Properties	\$ Amount Outstanding
Current Year	327	11,549.28
Arrears	57	1,793.06
Delinquent	4	17.02
Credit Balances	43	(2,386.32)
Total Outstanding		<u>\$10,973.04</u>

Fire Department Report

To: **Board of Trustees**
CAO Sommerville
 From: **Fire Chief Kyle Stobart**



Date: MIID Board Meeting January 18th 2022
 Fire Department summary to date

Mayne Island Fire Rescue
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Alarms: 10				
There were 11 calls in November and December: See breakdown below, TOS means time on scene.				
Date	Time	Type	T.O.S.	Responders
Nov 11 th	12:14	Tree on hydro lines	0:06	8
Nov 11 th	20:51	Res. Alarm bells	0:04	1
Nov 16 th	16:12	Chimney fire	0:15	14
Nov 19 th	17:02	DO-open burn	n/a	1
Nov 20 th	10:54	DO-tree on hydro lines	0:06	1
Nov 30 th	04:44	First Responder	0:17	5
Dec 5 th	18:10	First Responder	0:15	4
Dec 7 th	16:21	Chimney fire	0:14	11
Dec 14 th	00:36	First Responder	0:19	5
Dec 30 th	10:39	Smoke sighting	0:09	13
Dec 30 th	19:35	First Responder	0:20	4

Response
BCEHS, has reinstated our pre-pandemic response procedures, which will increase our volume for First Responder calls. We will still carry ample PPE if dispatch indicates possible Covid infection at our response location.

Attendance
Pager Responses: 134 hrs. Fire Practice: 174 hrs. Special training/Community Events: 89.5 hrs. Practice hours were low because of Christmas break.

Practice and education
November practice focused on search and rescue, apparatus driving & address hunting and electrical safety for firefighters (hydro emergencies). December's sole practice focused on SCBA air management (firehose bowling).

Active personnel	Firefighter 1 & 2 and Exterior	First Responder	FF in training
20	20	1	6

Equipment and Apparatus

A side door on Engine 1 was damaged in collision with bay door frame. The door frame was repaired by firefighters and the side door replacement has been delivered. Sensors are being installed to help prevent future truck/door interactions.

News

November "Live Fire" on Pender Island was a success with good reports on all our attending firefighters. Live fire is a necessary component of firefighting accreditation, and we are able to train on Pender Island because of their new burn facility.

On December 7th our dispatching center switched from Langford to Saanich Fire.

Firefighter appreciation or "Chief's night" was a good time for all. Due to abundant officer contributions, likely the name will be changed to "Officer's night".

Fire Chief Kyle Stobart

Mayne Island Fire/Rescue
Occupational Health and Safety Committee Meeting



Tuesday November 9th, 2021

Present:

Fire Chief K. Stobart, Deputy Chief E. Walker - Chair/Recording Secretary, CAO K. Somerville

Absent:

Admin Assistant H. Flynn, Firefighter D. Beer

Guests:

None

Meeting called to order at 10:00 hours, November 9th, 2021

1. Agenda:

K. Somerville moved and K. Stobart seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Previous Minutes of the OH&S Committee Meeting:

K. Stobart moved and K. Somerville seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, as amended, held September 14th, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) **COVID-19 – Proof of Vaccination Requirement of Members / Public – Group Discussion**

K. Somerville stated that non department members who use the fitness facilities at the hall must show proof of vaccination and suggested that this be tracked by making a note on the signed waiver forms of those who use the fitness facility.

4. New Business:

a) **P.H.O. Order – Oct. 14, 2021 – Proof of Vaccination Required for FR's – E. Walker**

E. Walker reported that as per the *ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER – HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY (HEALTH CARE AND OTHER SERVICES) COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS INFORMATION AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES – OCTOBER 14, 2021*, all Mayne Island Fire Rescue Medical First Responders must show proof of vaccination in order to continue responding to medical incidents. E. Walker reported that all members have been made aware of this.

b) **Surgical Masks to be Made Available to for Practices and Incidents – K. Stobart**

K. Stobart reported that in order to continue with Mayne Island Fire Rescue's requirement for its members to wear a face mask during practices and incidents when physical distancing cannot be maintained, a supply of surgical masks has been acquired and a stock of masks will be maintained at each entrance to the fire hall building. K. Stobart also reported that he has reminded the members of this requirement.

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Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 hours, November 9th, 2021.

5. Agenda for Next Meeting TBA.

Please submit any items to include on next month's agenda to: ewalker@mayneid.ca or telephone 250 539 5156; or drop-off at the fire hall.

Next OHS Meeting will be Tuesday December 7th at 10:00 hrs.

E. Walker, Chair

Recorded by E. Walker, Recording Secretary