



EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Mar 13th, 2013-5 p.m.
Century House, Arbutus Room
MINUTES**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr	- Chair
Patrick Johnstone	- Community Member
David Lowe	- St John Ambulance
Captain Braden Greaves	- Royal Westminster Regiment
John Evans	- Community Member
Pastor Sharon Tidd	- Salvation Army
Cheryl Rogers	- Community Member

VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:

Brian Sommerfeldt	- School Board Representative
Nancy Brar	- Community Member
Karou Bracewell	- BC Ambulance Representative
Andrew Reid	- Community Member
Deirdre McLachlan	- Fraser Health Representative

GUESTS:

Les Gilbert	- New Westminster Fire Department
Kathy Ius	- New Westminster Fire Department

STAFF:

Cory McLaren	- Secretary
Inspector Phil Eastwood	- New Westminster Police Services
Chief Tim Armstrong	- New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of January 9th, 2013

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Emergency Advisory Committee meeting held on Jan 9th, 2013 be received and adopted

CARRIED.

All members of Commission voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Fire Prevention Officer Kathy Ius -Speaking on Community Outreach, Youth Fire Fighter Program, Glenbrook Open House and Emergency Preparedness Week

Prevention Officer Ius provided a presentation on Community Outreach, Youth Fire Fighter Program, Glenbrook Open House and Emergency Preparedness Week

The committee discussed updating the emergency training in schools and what Vancouver School Board is currently doing for training.

3.2 New West Fire Training Officer Les Gilbert - Speaking on Structural Collapse Training and Preparation in the City

Training Officer Gilbert provided a presentation on structural collapse training and preparation in the city.

The committee discussed levels of structural collapse training, snow loading, building inventories in New Westminster, stock of building materials for structural collapse incidents and funding of the program.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Committee Oaths and Orientation (Jennifer Janzen, Legislative Services)

Jennifer Janzen from Legislative Services at City Hall discussed the City's rules of conduct, the social media policy, and repeated the Oath with the committee.

5.2 Selection of Vice-Chair (Chair)

Patrick Johnstone was nominated as the vice-chair.

5.3 Report on the Capability of the Radio Room at City Hall from previous meeting (Cory McLaren)

Cory McLaren, Emergency Planning Assistant, read highlighted parts the report that was written by the Emergency Management Office regarding the capability of the telecoms room. The committee discussed taking a tour of the room next meeting, since it will be at City Hall. The report was distributed to all members of the committee.

5.4 New Jersey Update (Chief Armstrong)

Chief Armstrong provided an update that currently a trip to New Jersey may be postponed due to weather events and recovery efforts that are currently taking place and that we may have to bring a speaker from the New Jersey area to New Westminster to speak on Hurricane Sandy. Chief Armstrong also provided an update that the GVFCFA will be bringing up Fire Chief Thomas Stone from the St. Bernard Parish in New Orleans to speak about Hurricane Katrina.

5.5 LMLGA Flood Committee (Chair)

Councillor Puchmayr, the Chair discussed that he is the chair of this committee. The Chair discussed the lower mainland dyking system and what the committee is currently working on. The committee is looking at identifying weaker infra-structure areas.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 New Westminster Fire & Rescue

Chief Armstrong discussed that a task force from key departments will be put together to identify key individuals that can be further trained in the event of an emergency. This year the Home Safe Program will be launched into the community. The Fire Department also is currently looking at making the Glenbrook Fire hall a back up emergency operations center, should city hall not be able to be occupied. Currently mobile command unit training is taking place with the Police Department.

6.3 Public Health Services - Absent

6.4 New Westminster Police Services

Inspector Phil Eastwood discussed that the Police dispatch system will be moving to ECOMM on June 4th, 2013. Four weeks ago a bomb threat was called into the Queensborough Bridge, and because of this several calls were placed on hold, ECOMM has a much larger capacity. New West Police will be participating in Emergency Preparedness Week with Fire and the Emergency Management Office. The department will also be providing their officers with training of their CBRNE Masks, personal preparedness information and victim assistance information. In May a new Mental Health Officer will be hired working with the Police Liaison Officers.

The committee discussed problems with hoarding in the City and how it affects New West Police and Fire & Rescue Departments.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 NEXT MEETING

June 5th, 2013 City Hall EOC 1

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR
CHUCK PUCHMAYR
CHAIR**

**CORY MCLAREN
COMMITTEE SECRETARY**