



## **EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 11, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall EOC 1 Meeting Room**  
**Minutes**

### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr	- Chair
David Lowe	- St John Ambulance
Amy Van Sickle	- Community Member
Pastor Sharon Tidd	- Salvation Army
Hennisea Hoy	- Community Member
Richard Desaulniers	- Royal Westminster Regiment
Vickie Trurvey	- Community Member
Sony Johal	- Community Member
Jon Evans	- Community Member

### **VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:**

Glen Henderson	- School Board Representative
Vacant	- Fraser Health Representative
Steven Reid	- BC Ambulance Representative

### **STAFF:**

Cory Hansen	- Committee Secretary
Deputy Fire Chief John Hatch	- New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services
Wendy Bowyer	- New Westminster Police Services
Inspector Phil Eastwood	- New Westminster Police Services

## 1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

## 2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### 2.1 Received the Notes of January 7, 2015

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the notes of the Emergency Advisory Committee meeting held on January 7, 2015 be received and adopted*

**CARRIED.**

All members of Commission voted in favour of the motion.

## 3.0 PRESENTATIONS

## 4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Committee Orientation, Guidelines and Oaths (Stephanie Lam)

Stephanie Lam, Committee Clerk from Legislative Services reviewed the orientation package, rules of conduct, social media policy and swore the committee members on to the committee for the year.

### 5.2 Emergency Preparedness Week – Amazing Disaster Rally, Other events (Cory Hansen)

Cory Hansen, Emergency Planning Assistant discussed Emergency Preparedness Week and the events that will be taking place during May 3-9, 2015. The Emergency Planning Assistant advised the committee that the Amazing Disaster Rally will be taking place again on May 9<sup>th</sup>. *The Amazing Disaster Rally is* designed to demonstrate the important role cyclists can play in an emergency response. In the event of an earthquake in New Westminster, cyclists may be able to access roads, pathways and bridges that vehicles can't, to help move people, information and materials from one location to another.

The Emergency Planning Assistant also advised that there will be other presentations during Emergency Preparedness Week throughout the community.

### 5.3 EOC Drills (Cory Hansen)

The Emergency Planning Assistant advised that an EOC Level 2 set up drill will be held on March 12, 2015. This set up drill will include a communication test to ensure that all phones, laptops and other communications equipment are operating effectively. On June 24, 2015 we will be setting up and testing Emergency Operations Centre Level 3 activation on the Bay Floor of Glenbrook Fire Hall. This activation level has not been tested and requires a large set up area.

The Emergency Planning Assistant advised that testing in the Mobile Command Unit continues with Fire Administration Staff on a monthly schedule. Training will continue with other command staff at the Fire Hall to ensure that everyone knows the basics of setup.

**5.4 Evacuation Planning Quayside Update (Deputy Fire Chief John Hatch)**

Deputy Fire Chief J. Hatch advised that a meeting was held on February 25, 2015 with the Quayside Community Board. At this meeting the transportation of dangerous goods by rail and the evacuation of the Quayside Area were discussed. A tentative date of Sept 26, 2015 was established as date for an evacuation drill/exercise for the Quayside Community. The Deputy Fire Chief discussed this exercise will simulate a mock scenario of a dangerous goods release and will identifying staging locations, and the evacuation of community residents. There will be a meeting held April 1, 2015 with the President of the Quayside Board to further plan the exercise and requirements from the Quayside Board.

**5.5 Lower Mainland Local Government Association Conference (Councillor Puchmayr)**

The Chair discussed the focus of the upcoming Conference in Harrison is Emergency Preparedness. The whole conference is all about how we interact with other levels of government, are we prepared? and how EMBC interacts with us. Fire Chief Armstrong has been invited to present at the conference. The Chair feels there should be a good turnout and this should be a great conference.

**5.6 Committee Meeting Dates (Councillor Puchmayr)**

The Chair discussed tentative dates for the next meeting. The committee secretary will send out the tentative dates via email to all committee members.

**5.7 Vancouver Dock (Councillor Puchmayr)**

The Chair discussed the incident that occurred at Port Metro Vancouver on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Jon Evans, Community member discussed the types of activations that took place within the City of Vancouver. Some of the challenges faced by Vancouver Fire Department included; other containers with the same products, schools would not release their children to their parents, staffing call-out challenges and Fire coverage for other parts of the City. There were approx. 70 staff onsite at the incident, plus others that were covering the City. The committee discussed the possible cause of the incident, and if a report will be published, but either have not been confirmed.

Police Inspector Phil Eastwood advised that all of New Westminster Police are fit tested and use CBRNE Masks in the event of a hazardous materials incident. The Chair discussed that there was a media channel that had a reporter advising people that if they want to vacate to take shelter in their vehicles and drive away from the plume. The Chair discussed that this is not the proper way to shelter in place and thought this was irresponsible and feels that the reporter and news channel needs to be further educated if they are going to provide information to the public. The Chair advised the committee that he appeared on the Jill Crop Show and discussed the transportation of dangerous goods.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **6.1. New Westminster Emergency Management Office**

The Emergency Planning Assistant advised that the main focus of the department is working on the evacuation exercise in the Quayside Area and updating the evacuation plans for the City. The Department is also continues to update our EOC, work on Emergency Preparedness Week and the resource listing for the City.

The Emergency Planning read the current update from the River Forecast Centre regarding the outlook on current snow pack and melt levels.

### **6.2 New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services**

The Deputy Fire Chief advised a meeting was held with Kinder Morgan. At the meeting the Fire Department was given the Emergency Response Plans for Kinder Morgan. Knowing what the response plans involve and meeting the main contractors from Kinder Morgan were key, as New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services is labelled as a responding Agency in their plans. Currently there is a pipeline that runs through Burnaby and the Tri Cities, with a proposal to have another pipeline that could possibly be installed alongside the Brunette River. There is a non-disclosure agreement in place and NW Fire & Rescue Services has been in contact with the top levels of the organization for response information. The Chair discussed that the City has filed intervener status and responded in opposition of the route of the pipeline along the Brunette River, we are in opposition of the twinning of the pipeline. Kinder Morgan asked to do a presentation at the LMLGA Conference, and was asked to provide a counter point at the table to discuss information and Kinder Morgan declined.

### **6.3 Fraser Health Service**

No Representative on the Committee.

### **6.4 New Westminster Police Services**

Inspector Eastwood from NW Police discussed that resources currently being inventoried at the Police Services Level. Fit testing is currently occurring for their CBRNE Masks. Getting staff trained with these masks is key in emergency response especially during an incident such as the Vancouver Dock incident that occurred. Deputy Fire Chief J. Hatch advised NW Police we can assist training and testing their staff with CBRNE. The Deputy Chief discussed what a portacount testing machine is and how it is used.

### **6.5 SELA Committee (Councillor Puchmayr)**

The Chair discussed the Safe Energy Leadership Alliance Committee (SELA), this committee consists of 150 elected officials, with 4 from British Columbia. Most members are from Washington State, California, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Currently working on developing safe alternatives for oil and coal shipments that are occurring in the Pacific Northwest. New Westminster has signed a supporting letter for the Lumni First Nations, respecting their concern for the oil shipments in their area. They will be signing a letter

supporting New Westminster and the regions concerns regarding coal dust in the Surrey Coal project that is being proposed. Moving forward there will be legislation that is introduced, where communities will have more say. It is anticipated that there will be up to 16 trains a day travelling through Washington State, all a mile long. The Chair discussed that he has brought information forward to the SELA committee regarding the DOT111 cars, hazmat information and emergency response. The Chair discussed possibly hosting the October SELA meeting in New Westminster.

St. John Ambulance is currently looking for new Board Members.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. Next meeting June 10, 2015 TBA

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**COUNCILLOR  
CHUCK PUCHMAYR  
CHAIR**

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**CORY MCLAREN  
COMMITTEE SECRETARY**