

EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 9, 2019 - 5 p.m.
City Hall, New Westminster – Boardroom A

Minutes

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr	- Chair and Council Member
David Lowe	- St. John Ambulance Representative
Bryan Larabee	- Community Member
Matt Brito	- School District #40 Representative
Vickie Turvey	- Community Member

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Michael Cahill	- Community Member
Richard Desaulniers	- Royal Westminster Regiment
Jonathan Karmazinuk	- Community Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Assistant Deputy Chief Rob Dick	- Fire & Rescue Services Representative
Cory Hansen	- Committee Clerk
Wendy Bowyer	- New Westminster Police Constable
Terry Dhut (NWPD 139)	- New Westminster Police Operational Support

GUESTS:

Mona Chang	- School District 40 Representative
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1.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

1.1 Adoption of the October 9, 2019 Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the October 9, 2019 Emergency Advisory Committee agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the June 26, 2019 Minutes

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the June 26, 2019 Emergency Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Update on the T̓silhqot'in First Nations Emergency Management Partnership– Councillor Puchmayr

The committee chair advised the committee that there was a real deficiency as to how the Province deals with emergency coordination and First Nations / Indigenous communities. A lot of communities are standing firm and advising that they will not leave in the event of an emergency. More supplies are delivered during an emergency. The province is currently working on improving this situation.

Bryan Larabee, Community member advised that there is some funding for emergency training with First Nation Communities. The problem with this First Nations Band was that they had a lack of funding to bring in their own training through the Justice Institute. Mr. Larabee, Community Member advised he would offer a one day abbreviated course using his own material, not the Justice Institute's material. The day course was well attended and since providing the training he is very confident that their new emergency coordinator understands the concepts and their role in an emergency. Mr. Larabee

worked with Councillor Puchmayr to also give the community a set of incident command vests with their embroidered logos. The Committee Chair delivered the vests and the community was very thankful and practiced using them during a Chief's meeting.

The Committee Chair advised that in November we will be going up to sign a sister city agreement with the Tl'etinqox first nations.

The committee discussed the use of incident command system vests and their visibility in an Emergency Operations Centres.

Wendy Bowyer advised that New Westminster Police have completed emergency management course work through that they got accredited through the justice institute.

5.2 Shakeout BC – October 17, 2019 10:17am – Cory Hansen

Cory Hansen, the Emergency Planning Assistant reviewed the drill that will be held on October 17, 2019. City of New Westminster will be participating in various locations throughout the City, including Fire & Rescue Services and New West Police. The Emergency Planning Assistant distributed a copy of PreparedBC's Household preparedness drill and the Household Plan. The committee discussed having a plan and being prepared. The school district advised that they will have several of their schools participating in the drill.

5.3 Upcoming Exercises – Assistant Deputy Chief Rob Dick

Assistant Deputy Chief Rob Dick discussed the joint railcar exercise, Grey Fox that will be held with Whatcom County and Abbotsford. New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services and the Emergency Management Office are responsible for accountability of all personnel attending the exercise. We will be taking our mobile command unit and our new accountability software called Salamander.

At the end of October we will also be assisting a high rise in the Quayside area with an evacuation exercise. We have been working with this building and their residents to establish floor wardens and procedures in the event of an emergency.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 New Westminster Emergency Management Office

The Emergency Planning Assistant reviewed the following work plan The Emergency Management Office is currently working on.

- Winter Readiness discussions with our internal City Departments
- Upgrading some of our EOC documentation next month and ensuring we are ready for any activation
- Conducting an EOC Level 2 drill October 22, 2019 with our Firehall staff
- Developing documentation for procedures for deployment for wildfire season.
- Continuing to train staff on our Salamander Accountability System

6.2 New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services

Deputy Chief Rob Dick from New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services discussed the following points with the committee:

- New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services involvement in the 2019 Wildfire season and how our accountability system was used during the event.
- ESS Program – currently have 7-8 volunteers that are interested in participating in the program once the plan is completed. The Deputy Chief advised that we are looking to create a smaller committed team that we can train and use during an event or activation.
- Purchase of a Gator for large community events. This gator will have a pump on it and will also be used for Pier Park response.
- 9-11 Memorial – New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services and the Office of Emergency Management helped organize the event, we coordinated the ceremony with Whatcom County Fire Department, CBSA and CBP. New Westminster Fire & Rescue Services tested communication systems and our drone during this event.

6.3 Fraser Health Service

- Not in Attendance

6.4 New Westminster Police Services

- Constable Terry Dhut advised that he is working on large event planning in New Westminister.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

January 8, 2019 – City Hall Boardroom A

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Chair

Cory Hansen
Committee Clerk