

**VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD**

**FIRE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**January 13, 2010**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

Chairperson MacKenzie, Mayor Kirkland, Chief MacKenzie, P. Cramp

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• **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

▪ **Approval of Minutes**

November 10, 2009

**Recommendation #1**

THAT the minutes of the Fire Committee meeting of November 10, 2009, be approved.

• **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

• **Council Issues/Correspondence**

None

• **Delegation**

None

• **New Business**

- Verbal Report from Fire Chief

Fire Chief MacKenzie provided the following update:

- the Department had 15 less calls last year than in 2008. It is still one of the busiest departments in Lambton County. They attended some small fires, accidents but most calls were for medical assists.
- All medical training will be completed during January;
- Ice Rescue training is planned for January 30

- There are about 32 firefighters at this time as three are on leaves of absence. One person has resigned as he is moving. There are three recruits at present. It is becoming more difficult to get firefighters out on the weekends.
- The next Mutual Aid meeting will be held at the Fire Hall on January 14, 2010.

- Consideration of Set Fines for Fire Infractions

There have been a couple situations where complaint calls for open burns have been made about the same property owners on several occasions. It would be beneficial to apply for set fines for offences under the existing fire by-laws. In this way, the offender could be ticketed rather than the laying of charges under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act, which is much more onerous and requires more court time. The Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer could be appointed as By-law Enforcement Officers for this purpose.

**Recommendation #2**

THAT application be made for set fines for infractions to existing fire by-laws.

- Letter from County of Lambton re: asbestos inventory for library

**Recommendation #3**

THAT the report for the library that was completed during recent renovations, be provided to the County of Lambton for their records.

• **Review of Financial Statement**

For period ending November 30 and December 31, 2009

**Recommendation #4**

THAT the Financial Statements for the periods ending November 30, 2009 and December 31, 2009, be approved.

• **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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Chairperson Larry MacKenzie

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CAO/Clerk Peggy Cramp