

Lucknow and District Fire Board Minutes

Date: September 19, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Lucknow, ON

Members Present Carl Sloetjes
Curtis Blake
Scott Gibson
Jim Hanna
Glen McNeil
Bill Vanstone, Chair

Staff Present Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief
Jennifer White

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion No.: 09/19/24 LDFB - 01

Moved By Scott Gibson

Seconded By Bill Vanstone

THAT the minutes of the Lucknow and District Fire Board of June 4, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Financial Reports

4.1 Financial Report – August 2024, LDFB-2024-09-06

Motion No.: 09/19/24 LDFB - 02

Moved By Glen McNeil
Seconded By Curtis Blake

THAT the Lucknow and District Fire Board receive for information Report LDFB-2024-09-06 prepared by Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief.

Carried

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Periodic Activities Report April to July 2024, LDFB-2024-09-05

Motion No.: 09/19/24 LDFB - 03

Moved By Scott Gibson
Seconded By Curtis Blake

That the Lucknow & District Fire Board hereby receives for information Report LDFB-2024-09-05 prepared by Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief

Carried

6. Information

7. New Business

Members discussed the potential for a lakeshore satellite station which had been introduced at the last meeting of the Board. Members reported that a review by staff presented to Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council, regarding response times for the Board Coverage Area were satisfactory to their Council and that the Township Council was not interested in pursuing this idea further at this time.

The Board inquired about the potential to provide education to residents within the coverage area on factors which affect response times.

Staff noted that the data collection regarding factors affecting response times is complicated, has come from multiple sources and is difficult to gather. More than 80 hours have gone into collecting data from sources such as Bruce County EMS, Fire Chiefs and Office of the Fire Marshall. There are multiple areas where response times are not being met, but small changes could be made that are expected to impact these times, this includes reviewing how calls are being coordinated at dispatch.

The focus of data collection has been on the lakeshore area north of Amberly road. Staff noted that medical calls were being dispatched prior to the

established guidelines resulting in a large volume of calls being turned around, cancelled or not required. An issue has been identified that the Fire Department is being dispatched in advance of the agreed aid times.

Public Education, Inspections, Fire Safety Standards and Enforcement programs are expected to make a difference to response times in a more cost effective manner. As an example, Staff noted that many fire calls are to unoccupied beach fires, and no longer permitting these may also reduce calls. The Fire Chief noted that the current focus will be on education, early detection and fire prevention. "Have coffee with the Fire Chief" is a possible outreach program in the community to assist in this.

The Board requested the Fire Chief to investigate how to get Fire Blankets into the hands of residents more easily.

8. Meeting Schedule

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Lucknow and District Fire Board is December 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Motion No.: 09/19/24 LDFB - 04

Moved By Jim Hanna

Seconded By Curtis Blake

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7: 20 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Secretary