

TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

December 15th, 2021 10:00AM

PRESENT: W. Conley, M. Harman, Councilor O'Keefe, J. Joe, B. Mikkelsen, S. Nelson, C. Newcomb, P. Wills, L. Witzer, B. DeMaere, A. Hicik, S. Janusic, R. Humble

ABSENT: A. Verhagen, B. Robinson, L. Judson, W. Maxwell, C. Cook

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by The Chair, seconded by Jesse Joe that the Agenda of the Emergency Planning Committee Meeting of December 15th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by The Chair seconded by Corey Newcomb that the Minutes of the Emergency Planning Committee Meeting of October 29th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. OLD BUSINESS

a) UNDRR Application

The Chair explained that the UNDRR application is still in progress.

b) Emergency Drinking Water

The Chair explained that there was another meeting with the CRD. Deputy Chief M. Harman attended along with B. DeMaere. B. DeMaere said there was not any new information to discuss.

c) HRVA Refresh

The HRVA Refresh is scheduled for 2022.

d) Cooling Centers Debrief/Heat Response Invoicing

The Chair welcomed Deputy Chief M. Harman to discuss the invoicing. Deputy Chief M. Harman said that the heat response claim was submitted and are still waiting on receiving payment.

e) Evacuation Route Planning

Deputy Chief M. Harman said that we are still working with Jim LaMorte on a draft plan to be submitted and reimbursed later on.

f) Wildfire Invoicing

Deputy Chief M. Harman said that the first two deployments were submitted and have been reimbursed a little over \$80,000.00 and are still waiting on the remaining funds of \$140,000.00. Everything has been submitted.

g) Senior Care Facility Update

The Chair said that there is confirmation that the senior care facilities have received their booster shots and the staff are also getting boosters.

h) Emergency Planning Committee Executive Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked the committee if there were any question son this topic. No response.

6. NEW BUSINESS**i) Vaccine Clinic**

The Chair said the vaccine clinic has been re-establish for seven days a week and will be transitioning to five days per week from Tuesday through till Saturday in the New Year. Tuesday and Saturday are going to be predominantly for the young population of less than 12 years of age. The volunteers of Sidney Fire will aid in vaccinations after completing an add-on course. The clinic will be open till at least June or July. W. Conley asked if it was drop-in, or by appointment. The Chair said it will be by appointment between 11 A.M. – 7 P.M. Councilor O'Keefe asked if staff participating in the vaccine

clinic will be reimbursed to the Town of Sidney. The Chair said that the Town of Sidney will be reimbursed for any wages going to the staff who work in the vaccine clinic.

j) Town of Sidney Winter Storm Preparedness and Business Continuity

The Chair says there is the potential for snowfall events. Sidney Fire has worked with Public Works to get ready for such an event. This could include setting up an Emergency Operations Center to ensure emergency services can be provided to the general public. Councilor O'Keefe asked if the Town of Sidney has their own fuel supply. The Chair said that the Town of Sidney has both diesel and gasoline as well as a partnership with the Columbia Fuels Cardlock. W. Conley asked if the limit on fuel storages to the general public will be changing. A. Hicik said that the limit was lifted as of yesterday.

7. ROUNDTABLE

The Chair brought up the new variant of the COVID-19 and how it could affect the Town of Sidney. This is a concern as if this continues then it could be 2,000 cases a day in BC. The federal government has not made any announcement that this variant is more dangerous. The Chair then proposed a possible re-establish of a Level 1 EOC in response to this variant. R. Humble asked if there was any other discussion among other emergency management organizations on this topic. The Chair said there has been but no one wants to be the first to start a Level 1 EOC. R. Humble is conflicted on what Bonnie Henry is saying and how to respond to the new variant. The Chair feels the same and that more information needs to be collected before making any decisions. A. Hicik commented that it sounded that nothing would really change.

8. NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined.

Committee will continue to meet monthly during the COVID-19 pandemic until the committee agrees to resume to the regularly scheduled quarterly meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by seconded by that the meeting adjourn at 10:23am.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIR