



CHESLEY and AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT JOINT FIRE BOARD MINUTES



February 22, 2022 @ 4:00 PM, Arran-Elderslie Council Chambers

Members Present:

Scott Mackey – Township of Chatsworth
Mark Davis – Arran-Elderslie (Chair)
Doug Bell – Arran-Elderslie
Brian Dudgeon – Arran-Elderslie

Members Absent:

Shawn Greig – Township of Chatsworth

Chatsworth Staff Present:

Patty Sinnamon – CAO

Arran-Elderslie Staff Present:

Sylvia Kirkwood - CAO
Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk
Tracey Neifer – Treasurer
Steve Tiernan – Fire Chief
Robert Bell – Fire Chief, Chesley Fire Department

1. Call to Order

Chair Mark Davis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The Board passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Member Scott Mackey
Seconded by: Member Brian Dudgeon

Be it resolved that the Chesley and Area Fire Department Joint Board adopts the agenda as circulated by the Clerk.

Carried - Resolution 1-2022

3. Election of Chairperson

Clerk, Christine Fraser-McDonald opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Member Scott Mackey nominated Member Mark Davis as Chairperson.
Mr. Davis accepted the nomination.



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The Clerk turned the meeting over to the Chairperson.

4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Board passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Member Scott Mackey

Seconded by: Member Brian Dudgeon

Be it resolved that the Chesley and Area Fire Department Joint Board adopts the minutes of the Regular Joint Board meeting held on November 16, 2021.

Carried - Resolution 2-2022

6. **New Business**

6.1- SRFIN.22.09- Chesley Fire Station Year-end Update

Treasurer, Tracey Neifer, presented her report to the Board.

She noted that she had completed a detailed review of the departmental budget to identify revenue opportunities and cost savings, which resulted in the Operating Budget for the Chesley & Area Fire Department achieving a decrease of \$20,411 to \$231,368. This represents a 17.2% budget increase compared to the 2021 Budget. This report provides an overview of the budget changes. These budget changes have been included in the amended budget adopted by Council on February 14, 2022.

The report also provides a reflection on the operating results for 2021. Year-to-date results show a slightly unfavourable position of \$1,324.

There was a discussion regarding the Municipal shares of tanker use. The Board directed staff to prepare an update report regarding the tanker use.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Board passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Member Brian Dudgeon

Seconded by: Member Scott Mackey



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Be it Resolved that the Chesley & Area Fire Department Joint Fire Board

1. Approves the amended Chesley Fire Department 2022 Operating and Capital Budget, and
2. Approves the Financial Report for December 31, 2021.

Carried – Resolution 4-2022

6.2 – 2021 Year-end Responses

District Chief Robert Bell presented his report to the Board for information purposes.

Calls were down from 2020 for a total of 71.

6.3 - SRFIR-2022.01 – Changes to Mandatory Certification for Firefighters

Fire Chief, Steve Tiernan presented his report to the Board for information purposes.

He noted that this report is being brought forward to advise the Fire Board of the changes to firefighter training and mandatory certification within Ontario.

On January 28, 2022, Ontario's Solicitor General Sylvia Jones announced the Provincial plan to bring back firefighter certification and to introduce mandatory minimum training standards for Ontario's Fire Service. The Regulation is now out for public consultation for 30 days.

This regulation will come into force on July 1, 2022, and this mandatory certification touches every aspect of the fire service, from Fire Officer, Instructor, Fire Prevention, Pump Operator to Suppression Firefighters and HazMat Operations. At this time, the Fire Chief is waiting for the final draft of the regulation.

The Municipality's will be providing a comment through their respective Councils.

Member Scott Mackey requested to see the development of automatic aid with Chesley Fire Department. Fire Chief Steve Tiernan will prepare a report to this effect.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be April 26, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.



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8. Adjournment

Member Scott Mackey moved to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mark Davis, Chair

Christine Fraser-McDonald,
Recording Secretary