



MINUTES

MULMUR-MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: David Besley, Chair – Melancthon Township
Earl Hawkins, Vice Chair – Mulmur Township
Ken Cufaro – Mulmur Township
Mathew Waterfield – Fire Chief
Heather Boston – Secretary
Darren White – Melancthon Township

Absent: None

1. Call to Order – meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:55 pm

2. Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by: Cufaro/Hawkins

THAT the February 1, 2022, agenda for the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Motion by: White/Hawkins

THAT the Minutes of the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board dated January 18, 2022, be approved as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Chair Besley stated that if any member of the Board had a pecuniary interest, they could declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

No Declarations of Pecuniary interest were stated at this time.

6. Treasury - None

7. Administration

a) Vacant Volunteer Deputy Chief Position

- Direction was given to the secretary to send a letter to Deputy Chief in thanks for his service

Motion by: Cufaro/White

THAT the Board authorize the Secretary to advertise for the vacant Volunteer Deputy Fire Chief position per the policy

AND THAT the Board create a hiring subcommittee made up of two Board members being Chair Besley and Vice Chair Hawkins

AND FURTHER THAT this hiring subcommittee will carry out the hiring process in conjunction with the Fire Chief and Secretary.

CARRIED.

b) COVID Vaccination Policy (Verbal)

- It was noted that at some calls for County Ambulance that patients are refusing service unless the paramedics are vaccinated
- Department has strict COVID screening and PPE are always used, including N95's
- PPE are worn in the hall and in vehicles as well as at calls
- Four Firefighters tested positive after contracting COVID-19 from outside of the firehall and all the rest are negative
- Some firefighters have volunteered their vaccination information

Motion by: Hawkins/White

THAT the Board establish a COVID-19 protocol that directs the Fire Chief to put in place appropriate situational safeguards to protect staff and the public from COVID-19 exposure.

CARRIED.

8. Information Items

a) Tillsonburg Joint Project

Motion by: Cufaro/Hawkins

THAT the Board accept the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing letter as information.

CARRIED.

9. Adjournment

Motion by: Cufaro/Hawkins

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:34 pm to meet again on March 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

Chair

Secretary