



Minutes

**Rosemont District Fire Board
Friday, March 14, 2025 at 9:00 am**

Present: Julius Lachs – Chair-Adjala-Tosorontio Melinda Davie – Vice Chair-Town of Mono
Miklos Borsos – Adjala-Tosorontio Patricia Clark – Township of Mulmur
Elaine Capes – Town of Mono Earl Hawkins - Township of Mulmur
Mike Blacklaws - Fire Chief Chris Armstrong - Deputy Fire Chief
Heather Boston - Secretary-Treasurer

1. Call to Order

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Anishinaabe, and Petun 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. Appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair

Moved by: Clark/Borsos

THAT Julius Lachs be appointed as Chair, Melinda Davie be appointed as Vice Chair and that Heather Boston be appointed as the Secretary/ Treasurer for the Board.

Carried.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Clark/Davie

THAT the March 14, 2025 agenda be approved.

Carried.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Davie/Clark

THAT the minutes of November 8, 2024, be approved.

Carried.

6. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

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

7. Public Question Period

- None

8. Deputations and Presentations

- None

9. Treasury

9.1 Operating Surpluses

Moved by: Clark/Davie

That the Board approve the transfer of the 2024 and any future operating surpluses into Capital Reserves.

Carried.

10. Administration

10.1 Fire Board Governance

The Board discussed municipal impacts regarding Board governance and possible changes to eliminate or change the Board structure.

Earl Hawkins joined the meeting virtually at 9:24 am

Discussion ensued regarding equal service levels, the idea of creating a North Dufferin fire service, financial implications, inclusion of the Fire Chiefs in the discussion, next steps, varying agreements and by-laws, and the high infrastructure costs related to multiple fire departments.

Direction was given to the Secretary to provide background reports related to fire services.

Direction was given for the Chief to provide a report for the next agenda summarizing the impacts of the North Dufferin Service Area and elimination of the Boards.

Councillor Hawkins left the meeting 10:15 am

10.2 Medical Oversight

Moved by: Capes/Lachs

That the Board approve the Fire Chief to move forward with implementing medical oversight for the Rosemont District Fire Department as budgeted.

Carried.

10.3 Fire Chief General Update (Verbal)

The Chief would like to have meetings at fire hall, since they have fixed their internet speed issues.

Earl Hawkins joined the meeting in person at 10:57 am

The Board needs to provide direction on the required level of tech rescue training. An assessment of area risks, such as water rescue, should be conducted, noting that Orangeville and Clearview have trained teams.

Direction was given to Chief Blacklaws to prepare a report outlining options, costs, current capabilities, and services offered by neighbouring departments. This report may include a chart summarising call types, certifications, and potential service expansions.

The new tanker is now in service, and the old 2001 tanker is ready to be sold. An offer from a fire department in Saskatchewan has been received. The Board approved listing it on GovDeals, with the option to sell privately if necessary.

11. Information

11.1 Fire Chief's Year-End Report 2024

Moved by: Davie/Clark

THAT the Board receive the Fire Chief's Year-End 2024 Report as information.

Carried.

11.2 YTD Fire Call Summary

11.3 Purchases

Moved by: Clark/Capes

THAT the Board receive the accounts payable listing in the amount of \$223,005.07 for 2024 and \$66,639.56 for 2025 that were paid in accordance with the budgets.

Carried.

11.4 YTD Comparative Income Statement

11.5 County-Wide Fire Chief's Minutes October 9, 2024

11.6 County-Wide Fire Chief's Minutes November 13, 2024

11. Items for Future Meetings

- Job Descriptions
- Report on Technical Rescue Training
- Board Governance
- Update on Inspections
- Minutes from January meeting
- Community risk assessments

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Clark/Borsos

That the meeting adjourn at 11:54 am to meet again May 30, 2025 at 9:00 am or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer