

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE HUGHENDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL
AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HELD THIS 4th DAY OF MAY, 2016
AT 7:00 PM AT HUGHENDEN GOLDEN CIRCLE**

PRESENT:	Lee Van Koughnett	Village Councillor
	Marje Swelin	Village Councillor
	Lawrence Komaransky	Village CAO
	Cory Lefebvre	Hughenden Fire Dept. Chief
	Dale Roadhouse	Hughenden Fire West End
	Curtis Hughes	Hughenden Fire West End
	Brian Cooper	Hughenden Fire West End
	Tammy Sather	Hughenden Fire West End
	Tyler Lawrason	MD of Provost CAO
	Darryl Carson	MD of Provost Councillor
	Barrie Tripp	MD of Provost Councillor
	Archie Clark	Hughenden Fire
	Laurie Cooper	Hughenden Resident
	Richard Charlton	MD of Provost Councillor
	Dave Griffith	Village Councillor

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER:** Lee Van Koughnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Lee Van Koughnett started by stating that the letter was badly worded and that the Council had no intent on dumping on the Fire Chief and that a couple of items should be withdrawn and that item 7 meant to say Community Involvement and not spirit as obviously just being a fire fighter means having community spirit.

Curtis Hughes then took the floor and indicated that he would be the spokesperson for the Fire Department and that the meeting was being recorded.

Item 1. Curtis Hughes indicated that the Fire Department would endeavour to have 2 members of the Fire Department attend Council Meetings to give a report on the Fire Department. It may not always be the same two people but they would still be able to report on the fire department.

Item 2. The Fire Department is in favor of 2 scheduled meetings a year they suggest January and June. The Village CAO to co-ordinate the dates and meetings.

Item 3. Council was assured that there is plenty participation by West End Fire within the Hughenden Fire Department. This item was worded poorly as well as it could very easily be interpreted that Council was referring to the West End Fire Committee and this was not the intent.

Item 4. The Hughenden Fire Department does not do fundraising as a department but the Hughenden Fire Fighters Association does fund raising and in the past has done a considerable amount of fund raising for various purposes the most recent project being the Rescue Vehicle where they raised \$300,000.00. The Fire Fighters Association has been fund raising for the equipment that is on the Rescue Vehicle as well as many other items.

Item 5. Council has the feeling that the fire department expects the village to be doing more than just providing the building and maintenance. Curtis Hughes replied that the main items of concern are the many items requiring maintenance and that in the future if the village could assist with an addition that would be fine with the fire department.

Item 6. Lee Van Koughnett spoke some to item 6 and thought that perhaps wearing two hats and having to do quite a bit for West Fire was a bit too much for Brian Cooper. The reply was that everything is going well and that having the West End Co-ordinator's position was not really infringing on his job as Fire Chief for the Hughenden Fire Department. This was accepted by council.

Item 7.

Lee Van Koughnett spoke to this and indicated that what was meant was more Community Involvement (not Spirit) and that there appeared to be friction between village council and the fire department particularly when the council had made requests to have buildings burnt within the village. It was felt that perhaps this was more of a communication problem and that at times more questions should be asked to get more clarification on the response from the fire department.

Fire Department Concerns

Curtis Hughes then spoke as to items that are of particular concern to the Fire Department.

1. The rafter that has water damage. This should be looked at as soon as possible. Council indicated that we will have someone look at it to receive advice as to how best to repair the rafter and that it would be done by fall.
2. Man door weather stripping. Lawrence Komaransky indicated that new weather stripping had been bought and will be installed.
3. Water Line and meter beside washroom. Everything that is above the valve for filling trucks is obsolete and not being used by the fire department. They would like everything above the valve removed and just the valve for filling trucks left. Council will have a look and see if public works can remove this rather than a plumber being called to do it.
4. Could a set of stairs be built to the storage mezzanine area above washroom and mechanical room. Council will look at this once the water line and meter are removed.
5. Can Council consider Electric Door Openers for the big doors. Council will look into the cost and if it can be done within this year's budget it would certainly be considered.
6. The Rescue Vehicle requires being plugged in 24/7. Currently and especially in winter the cord is just unplugged and driven over. Could drop cords be installed on the side of each vehicle? Council would ask for a quote for the electrical work that needs to be done.
7. The new pressure washer requires a 220Volt plug and breaker. The area where the washer is also needs a 220volt plug for a dryer. The pressure washer plug should be installed in the mechanical room. Council said they would include this in the quote for electrical work.
8. Storage? Council enquired whether organizational shelves or a sea-can would help. The reply was that at best a sea-can would be a temporary fix. To do proper training really requires an addition.
9. Volunteer Firemen's Group Insurance. The village has been carrying a policy with AMSC and the CAO would check on the status and also supply a copy of the policy to the M.D. CAO.
10. Archie Clark enquired about taking the flashing light bar of the red tank truck that isn't in use anymore. Tyler Lawrason replied that as it was going to be disposed of like for the value as scrap metal that it was okay to remove the light bar.

Tyler Lawrason spoke to the possibility of the village contacting Lisa Seally with Enbridge for fund raising for the addition. The Community Partnership Grant could also be looked at. There is also the possibility of Federal Grants and Lottery Grants. Tyler Lawrason also indicated that communication with Brian was easy and that he talked with Brian almost every day. Tammy Sather indicated that there are times when she feels that there is a lack of appreciation for the volunteer fire department. Brian Cooper indicated that they are in need of new members for the fire department. Short discussion took place trying to

convince David Griffith or Lee Van Koughnett to join the fire department. Lee Van Koughnett agreed to join the Hughenden Fire Department. He hoped that this would also help to improve communication between the fire department and council.

Adjournment Lee Van Koughnett adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER