

Kingsclear Local Service District (KLSD)

Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Minutes



November 24, 2015, 7 pm

Kingsclear Forest Nursery Boardroom

Island View, NB

Present:

Debby Peck, Chairperson

Roger Cyr, Secretary

Geoffrey Alders

Murray Crouse, Jr

Andrew Chamberlain

Invited Guest:

Murray Crouse, Sr.

Murray Crouse, Sr, UKFD (Upper Kingsclear Fire Department) Fire Chief was welcomed to the meeting by the AC members.

Chief Crouse gave a brief outline of the UK Fire Department and its activities. In 2015 the Firefighters responded to 333 calls/events/meetings. The Island View Station #3 was acquired at the Kingsclear Forest Nursery and Station #2 was established in Hanwell Rural Community. There are 50 volunteer firefighters (includes 2 Co-op students). At present Chief Crouse has not encountered any issues getting and maintaining a level of volunteers to meet the area's needs. The major challenge that continues to be an issue is

easy access to water in some areas.

Both the KLSD AC and UK Fire Department will work together to plan the Emergency Preparedness Day scheduled for May 16, 2016. As a result of Hurricane/Post-Tropical Storm Arthur some issues were highlighted such as having electrical power at the station during a long power outages. Accordingly over the past year the Fire Department has acquired a generator as part of its Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Chief Crouse excused himself from the meeting at 7:20 pm.

- 1) Meeting called to order by the Chair at 7:20 pm
- 2) Agenda approved. Moved Greg Alders, seconded Andrew Chamberlain
- 3) Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2015 meeting. Moved and seconded: Geoff Alders and Andrew Chamberlain. Approved.
- 4) Matters Arising from last meeting
 - i. AC members will endeavour to attend Community Policing Committee quarterly meetings and Regional Service Commission 11 monthly meetings; a schedule was circulated and members penciled in their availability.
 - ii. A significant discussion was had as to how to make sure that the AC has a satisfactory means of communicating with the residents of the KLSD as it concerns the AC's activities as well as in case of emergencies (in addition to current New Brunswick Emergency Measures capabilities).

It was determined that the best way to evaluate the current availability and future needs of information sharing issues to the KLSD residents that we should enlist the assistance of professionals. It was moved by Andrew Chamberlain and seconded by Murray Crouse Jr to:

"Hire a communications consultant to recommend to the AC an overall strategy on communication with the residents of the KLSD as part of our Emergency Response Plan." Motion Andrew Chamberlain, Seconded Murray Crouse Jr. Approved.
 - iii. Again as a result of Hurricane Arthur, the Province has begun an initiative to formalize local Emergency Preparedness Plans with local ACs. In this regard the AC will work cooperatively with New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government (NBDELG), UK Fire Department etc. to prepare an outline of what needs to be done as a plan of action. AC member Geoff Alders will lead this initiative with assistance of Roger Cyr.
 - iv. The Chairs of both the Kingsclear LSD and Keswick Ridge LSD ACs have over the past year discussed the need to have the ACs of these

two adjacent LSDs meet periodically to discuss common issues and look at working together on issues such Mactaquac Dam refurbishment, taxation issues etc. A meeting has been organized for the members of both ACs on January 26, 2016 at the Riverside Resort.

5) Update on activities since the last meeting

i. Response to concerns of residents

Some issues have been raised by residents to the AC as it concerns land use issues. While the AC has no authority to resolve these issue they have been discussed by the Chair with RSC 11 staff, NBDELG staff and our local MLA to address these important matters. Chair will continue to follow up as appropriate.

ii. Future of recreation facilities

There was much discussion on the maintenance and upgrade of recreation facilities in the KLSD. Currently several residents in the area are interested in working together to ensure that facilities do not degrade and are maintained and improved as appropriate. With this in mind AC members Crouse, Chamberlain and Alders will work on establishing a recreational committee made of interested residents who work together to come forward with a proposal to AC. The AC is prepared to recommend financial support to NBDELG to support proposals from residents to enhance our recreational facilities for residents. Budget for this purpose was \$20,000 in 2015.

6) Other Business

i. Future invoices for website hosting will be forwarded to Chair until further notice.

ii. NBDELG Fall Fire Conference November 27-28, 2015 at Fredericton Motor Inn. It was agreed that AC member Crouse would attend on behalf of KLSD.

ii. A request by the Rotary Club to make announcements on KLSD website was approved. Chair will approve requests as appropriate.

7) There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

No meeting in December, 2015. Special Meeting with Keswick Ridge LSD AC on January 26, 2016.