

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
MARKSTAY-WARREN**

**Emergency & Public Services  
FOR THE TERM 2018-2022**

**November 10th, 2020**

**07:00 pm**

**MARKSTAY-WARREN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**Council Chambers**

**Minutes**

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**1. Opening Remarks and introduction**

**1.1 Attendance**

- Mark Whynott Fire Chief, Vince Whynott Deputy Chief, Mayor Steve Salonin, Rheel Forgette C.A.O., Councilor Rachel Pigeau, Councilor Bob Amyotte, Lindsay Maclean Scribe.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

- None

**3. 2021 Budget Discussions**

- Chief Mark Whynott presented to the Emergency Services Committee with a proposal regarding the Markstay-Warren Fire Department budget.
- MWFD revenue is generated through municipal fire permit fees, P.O.A revenue, fees for service (primarily from MTO call outs which have decreased) and other revenue (primarily from Station #1 training ground usage which has also decreased due to pandemic factors). Chief Whynott predicts the revenue portion within the budget is not likely to be as high as it had been in the past.
- Councilor Pigeau inquired whether the final variance budget numbers will be adjusted. Although the current estimates are representative of the final estimated values they are unlikely to change to any extreme level.
- General operating costs include an estimate of maintenance to the MWFD garage bay doors. There are 11 garage bay doors within the MWFD and although it is not presented to the council at this time, a future proposal will include alterations to these doors to make them efficient during a power outage. Additional future proposals may also include determining a preemptive solution to remedy the ice that builds up at Fire Station #4 in Warren.
- Mayor Salonin inquires whether the training budget is an ongoing cost and requests this budget not be funded by the reserve. Chief Whynott explains that it is unlikely the training budget will increase due to training restrictions brought on by the pandemic. And he also agrees we should not be funding operations with reserves. The MWFD surplus revenue was always used to offset the overall budget. Chief Whynott agrees the revenue should not be used to balance the budget. Mayor Salonin requests that the MWFD does not utilize reserves if they do not have to.
- Chief Whynott presents expenses and although prevention is an expense, it also generates revenue though an agreement with the Municipality of Killarney to provide Prevention and Pub Ed and Enforcement services to that community.

- Chief Whynott explains that forest fire season is unpredictable, it is therefore difficult to estimate a cost associated with suppression of forest fires. However, MWFD does have a mutual aid agreement with MNR, where the municipality pays for MNR protection but the MNR will also pay MWFD to respond to their area when required.
- CAO Forgette will have a report at a later date regarding repayment schedule of each of the municipalities fire trucks and the number associated with each truck will be revised when the total is evaluated.
- Chief Whynott explains it may be more economical to remodel water tankers rather than replace them. Mayor Salomin suggests the tanker remodeling costs be included in the budget as preemptive maintenance thereby offsetting the future remodeling cost. The committee also agrees to this suggestion and proposes an additional 4% budget increase to coincide with Mayor Salomin's suggestion with a stipulation that the increase be allotted to a specific unit and eventually the remodeling of all the tankers.

#### **4. Training Center Enhancements (discussion)**

- Chief Mark Whynott presents the Emergency Services Committee with a proposal on enhancing the training center at Station #1 located in Awrey. Interest has been generated though the usage of these training grounds by the Cambrian College firefighter program. The intent of the request is to bring forward to council the opportunity for greater revenue generation through use of these training grounds. The proposal requests to move forward with capital expenditures for 2021 for the enhancements at the training center and thereby expand the MOU already in place. By taking these actions, revenue generated through this agreement may greatly increase. The proposal is a long-term investment because even with the upcoming consolidation plan, the training grounds in Awrey will stay.
- Proposed training enhancements include an inverted sea can, pavement applied to training ground, enhanced lighting, concrete bunkers for live fire training, a water tank (which doubles as an extra dry hydrant for community suppression use).
- Councilor Pigeau inquires on the status of the Cambrian agreement to ensure they will commit if the enhancements are approved. Although there is already an MOU agreement in place with Cambrian College, CAO Forgette explains that the municipality will ensure a business plan is presented to the college in relation to these changes and contract will include rejuvenation of SCBA cylinders. He reminds the group that proposals that generate revenue for the municipality makes good business sense.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

- To be announced.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- 8:29pm