



**Township of Southgate**  
**Fire Department Advisory & Support Committee**

October 22, 2019

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor John Woodbury  
Deputy Mayor Brian Milne (arrived at 2:31 PM)

Members Absent: Councillor Michael Sherson

Staff Present: Dave Milliner, CAO  
Derek Malynyk, Acting Fire Chief  
Mike Thompson, Captain  
Lindsey Green, Deputy Clerk

The meeting did not reach quorum until after the 30-minute time allotment and in accordance with Section 10.2 of Procedural By-law 2019-120, a meeting must be adjourned and noted who was in attendance.

The following members and staff remained in attendance:

Mayor John Woodbury  
Deputy Mayor Brian Milne  
CAO Dave Milliner  
Acting Fire Chief Derek Malynyk  
Captain Mike Thompson  
Deputy Clerk Lindsey Green

The discussion began at 2:38 PM.

**Items discussed:**

**1. Community Safety and Well Being Plan**

CAO Milliner explained that the County of Grey is facilitating a County-wide Committee to work on developing a Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

## **2. Update on Returning Firefighters**

Acting Chief Malynyk explained that two former firefighters have come back to the department and possibly two more in the coming months.

## **3. Future New Recruitment Plan**

Ideas were shared for the recruitment of firefighters and what has worked in other areas that Southgate could do to try to attract new members. Recruitment has been advertised at the Firehall and social media with hopes of getting the word out.

## **4. Mutual Aid**

Mutual aid shared with neighbouring municipalities was discussed.

## **5. Second Full-Time Fire Staff Position**

The pros and cons of hiring for a fire prevention officer position versus a deputy fire chief position was discussed.

## **6. 2020 Capital and Operating Fire Budget**

Inclusions in the 2020 capital and operating budget for the fire department were discussed.

## **7. Miscellaneous items discussed**

- 7.1 Acting Chief Malynyk advised that the fire department received 100 working smoke detectors from Enbridge Gas that have a battery life for 10 years. Members of the fire department are going to be going door-to-door and doing random inspections, without penalty to the resident, and giving them a smoke alarm, free of charge, where deficiencies are found.
- 7.2 Acting Chief Malynyk discussed looking into Fire Marquee and setting up a presentation to Council to explain the software.
- 7.3 A discussion was held about the fire departments 1950 dodge truck and the future restoration and storage of that vehicle.

The discussion ended at 3:49 PM.

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