

## PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – AGENDA

VILLAGE OF ANMORE

Agenda for the Protective Services Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the portable classroom at Anmore Elementary School, 30 Elementary Road, Anmore, BC

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3. **MINUTES**

(a) **Minutes of the Meeting held on August 27, 2015**

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on August 27, 2015 be adopted.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

(a) **Wildfire Protection Plan**

Review of the Committee's Wildfire Protection Plan Report to Council.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**



**VILLAGE OF ANMORE  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Minutes of the Protective Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the SVFD Fire Hall at 2690 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC

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**Members Present**

Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele (Chair)  
Sheri DeVito  
Mel Mercier  
Olen Vanderleeden (*via telephone*)

**Guests Present**

Bruce Blackwell, BA Blackwell & Associates  
Dave Gregory, Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiele called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**2. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Nil

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

**(a) Wildfire Protection Plan**

Bruce Blackwell of BA Blackwell & Associates introduced himself explaining to members that he was hired in 2007 by Metro Vancouver to build a Joint Community Wildfire Protection Plan for a number of municipalities.

#### 4. **DELEGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

##### **(a) Wildfire Protection Plan (Cont'd)**

A risk assessment was done along with a model of each community which resulted in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. A power point presentation was discussed. Highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- Currently UBCM is offering assistance in updating Community Plans.
- Fuel type wind and potentially where fire can blow into the community is reviewed.
- Key building blocks of the protection plan are within building codes and bylaw issues.
- With a heavily forested area such as Anmore, the best way to address the risk is to ensure the right type of home is built or when rebuilding ensure the roof has the right materials.
- Anmore faces some of the biggest challenges in terms of access in and out of the community.
- Recommendations were made around emergency response, training, sprinklers, communication and education within the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- Since the plan has been put into place, there has been more education and communication.
- Hazardous fuels throughout the community were identified.
- Up to \$400,000.00 is available per year, with 10% municipal contributions to treat hazardous fuels.
- Most communities have not thought about developing a post rehab plan; what will you do if you have a significant fire that creates steep slopes?
- Metro Vancouver is responsible for watershed protection.

High level recommendations compiled from the report for Anmore:

- Update fire danger information on Anmore's website
- Ensure new public building is fire smart
- Apply to UBCM for money for a pilot project and potentially consider looking at other hazardous areas that were identified in the plan
- Post fire hazard and danger signs throughout the community
- When permitting building next to a forest, allow a 10 meter setback of fuel free zone which allows radiant heat to dissipate
- Review DPA process and ensure a roofing bylaw is included that states that all roofs must be raided
- Consider purchasing portable sprinkler kits that could sprinkle 20 to 30 homes
- Would benefit from an Access Management Plan to look at the future to provide access for roads and an evacuation plan
- The fire hall is the Incident Command Centre which would be smoked out and could go in a fire. Is there a backup? Dave Gregory noted that the SVFD has a rescue truck which is a backup mobile command centre

**4. DELEGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**(a) Wildfire Protection Plan (Cont'd)**

- If required, access to helicopters would be difficult
- Effective fire breaks along roadways are minimum standards of 100 meters, ideally it is up to 300 meters
- Have some form of post fire rehabilitation strategy; possibly collectively with Metro Vancouver

Chair Thiele opened up discussions with members to ask questions or make comments

Highlights are as follows:

- A member questioned which community should be used as an example for the committee? Mr. Blackwell suggested to contact Fiona Dercole, Emergency Management Coordinator in the District of North Vancouver.
- The Chair asked about the dead debris at the end of Buntzen Lake and Mr. Blackwell replied that he does not feel it is a hazard at this point. He noted that the main problem is within the trails.
- Mr. Blackwell felt that 2003, 2009, and 2010 were the highest years as far as fires and that possibly the media is making it seem as though this year is the worst.
- Top priority recommendations for Anmore: revisit and amend the Community Wildfire Protection Plan to focus on Access Management, Building and Plumbing Bylaws, Fuel Management and DPA.

Dave Gregory provided the following high priority recommendations from the perspective of the SVFD:

- 10 meter zone; requires alterations of the Tree Management Bylaw
- Fuel management; high priority should be in behind the Eagle Mountain Middle School where students tend to gather to smoke
- Access Evacuation Plan
- Roadway access on steeper slopes developments; would like the grades to be at reasonable levels to allow access for trucks

*Action Item: Chair Thiele to forward a copy of the Anmore's Evacuation Plan to members for their review.*

**5. MINUTES**

**(a) Minutes of the Protective Services Committee Meeting held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2015 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Wildfire Protection Plan**

Next Steps:

1. Contact Fiona Dercole, District of North Vancouver – Chair to speak with Staff
2. Work on getting funding to update our current plan
3. Work on a fuel management program
4. Work on the Building Bylaw and Access Management

*Action Item: Members to review the 22 recommendations for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and prioritize each item to bring back to the next meeting.*

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Approved:

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Carmen Disewich  
Acting Deputy Corporate Officer

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Councillor Ann-Marie Thiele  
Chair