

Setting Lake Fire Department Meeting and Wet Fire Practice

Minutes

June 30, 2024 - 9:00 am

Attendees – Twenty-two firefighters attended the meeting and wet practice.

1. Approval of agenda

Moved – Jennifer Thackery, seconded – Darren Pulak. Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved – Margaret Friesen, seconded – Linda Toews. Carried.

3. Pumper Update

Safety Inspection Results

Jeff reported that the pumper is back at Setting Lake following the safety inspection that Sapach Trucking conducted in April. Sapach has issued a Manitoba Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection Certificate that is valid until April 20, 2025. The pumper has just one minor defect; there is a problem with the rear lights – backup and clearance – that needs to be repaired as soon as the vehicle is licensed.

The pumper's power train, suspension, brakes, steering, electrical system, tires and wheels, instruments and auxiliary equipment, and coupling devices were inspected and no defects were found.

Compliance Officer

Jeff reported that because the pumper has a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of more than 4500 kilograms, new provincial legislation requires the fire department to have a compliance officer. Compliance officers must be trained in fleet safety management and national safety code standards and certified by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. Jeff is enrolled in a 5-day compliance officer course in September. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure has agreed to cover his \$1100 tuition fee. After Jeff writes the exam, the department will be in full compliance with provincial legislation.

Pumper Registration and Insurance

Operators of vehicles with a GVW of 4,500 kgs or greater require a Safety Fitness Certificate (SFC). SFC's are valid for one year and are tied to the operator's vehicle registration cycle. The SFC must be in place before the pumper can be registered.

Jeff has applied to Manitoba Training and Infrastructure for an SFC, which will be issued after he takes the compliance officer exam. In the meantime, Manitoba Motor Carrier Safety & Permits is fast-tracking Setting Lake's application for a temporary vehicle permit that will allow the department to insure the pumper on an interim basis and begin training and using it in early July.

Pumper Driver Qualifications

The fire department has at least nine members who have a class 4 or better licence that authorizes them to carry passengers. If none of these members are available for a call-out, any member with a standard Class 5 licence can drive the pumper as long as there are no passengers.

4. Firehall Water Tanks and Sprinkler System Update

Jeff purchased a second water tank in Winnipeg and delivered it to the firehall this morning, along with all the plumbing supplies. He asked for a few volunteers to move it into the building after today's wet practice. He will send out a notice with a date calling for volunteers to help install the water supply system and connect it to the rooftop sprinkler system.

5. Rooftop Sprinkler System Update

Jeff thanked Margaret Friesen for coordinating the distribution of 125 rooftop sprinkler system guideline flyers and rebate application forms to cottagers.

Reliant has advised that the backordered systems should arrive by July 24.

Once Setting Lake has a cluster of cottages that have installed approved sprinkler systems, MB Wildfire Service will hook up their pumps, hoses, etc. to the cluster and demonstrate how the system would work during an evacuation.

6. Branded Gear

T-shirts branded with the National FireSmart Day logo and Setting Lake Fire Department are available for members who sign up to consult with cottagers regarding FireSmarting their properties and/or inspecting rooftop sprinkler systems.

7. Turn-out Gear

The department needs to determine what kind of identification it will use to brand each member's turnout gear. Once a member claims a set of gear, it is theirs. A set of gear may be claimed by more than one person; the first to arrive at the firehall gets the gear and is assigned to a fire suppression role, the other is assigned to a fire support role.

8. Winter Training

Jeff provided an update on the winter training that will commence once wet practices are complete. Training will include some work as well such as the construction of hose dryers and turnout gear dryers.

9. Wet Practice

Practice held at the boat dock. Three teams established – structural fire, wildfire, medical and firefighter support centre.

10. Debrief