

Setting Lake Fire Department Meeting

Setting Lake Fire Hall Road 2

Sunday, Sep 8, 2024

at 9:10 am

Attendees – 8 firefighters, emergency medical responders, and fire and emergency support volunteers attended the meeting.

Aime Valois	Jeff Henry	Laurent Auger
Al Kozakowski	Jennifer Thackery	Nels Thompson
Harold Smith	Larry Palaniuk	

1. Approval of Minutes Aug 25, 2024 Moved L. Palaniuk Second N. Thompson carried all.
2. Approval of Agenda September 8, 2024 Moved L. Palaniuk Second N. Thompson carried all.
3. Update and discussion on EMS meeting. Jeff gave an update on the August 26 meeting regarding Fire First Responders.

Fire Chief Jeff Henry and Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) Carmen and Ian McKenzie, and Margaret Friesen met with Manitoba Health officials, Jim McKendry, Quality and Standards Officer and Darren Baker, Director of EMS Health Services North to discuss Setting Lake's EMR service.

Manitoba Health is introducing new emergency medical responder guidelines, training, and certification requirements for communities like Setting Lake that don't have municipal ambulance service.

Jeff reported that he will be exploring an agreement with Shared Health that will allow the department to improve its capacity to respond to medical emergencies with specialized equipment, supplies, and drugs, all at no cost to the association.

Jeff presented the department's plan to the health officials, explaining that Setting Lake will soon have full 911 service, connecting cottagers directly to Manitoba's centralized 911 report and dispatch centre in Brandon. The chief and the Office of the Fire Commissioner are working together to purchase P25 radios. P25 radios operate over the same dedicated private network that serves Manitoba's public safety and public service community. They will allow firefighters and EMRs to communicate with each other, and with the 911 call centre, the RCMP, and other fire and ambulance services when they are in the field.

4. SLCOA Corporate Status.

Jennifer Thackery reported that she sent the Articles of Revival and 2023 and 2024 Annual Reports, and fees and penalties to the Companies Office last week. Once the documents are processed SLCOA will regain its corporate status and the fire department can license and insure the fire truck.

5. Water Trailer Deficiencies.

The trailer carries 6,000 pounds of water (not including the weight of the trailer and equipment) so anyone hauling it will need to have a large vehicle rated to haul such a heavy load. The trailer is very low, especially at the rear so the fire department needs to purchase a drop hitch to pull it.

Action – Identify a volunteer to create a list of firefighters who have vehicles capable of pulling the trailer and are willing to do that.

Action - Purchase a drop hitch to store with the trailer.

6. Adjourn 9:40 am