

Ron then noted the 10 in 10 response measure is schedule to be replaced with a matching response to risk measure, the program to be reviewed with Council when it is in effect.

Ron then noted on the Order to Close appeal hearing was conducted October 17, reporting it went well and there would be a delayed decision.

Ron then reported 16 false alarm letters had been sent during the quarter.

Ron then noted all Town Company Officers are now enrolled in the Ontario Fire Marshall Company Officer level 1 course.

Ron then reviewed Training and Response averages at both Halls, noting Response averages were increasing but continuing efforts are required to address the situation.

Councillor Halos then questioned if the response average impacts crews being short on-site, Ron replying yes, with those on-site carrying on to the best of their training and in the case of a Hall 2 structure fire, until Hall 1 can be on-site.

Mayor Anderson then questioned the recruitment process and if it would be of assistance to have a brainstorming session including the Human Resources Manager and CAO to collectively consider the situation and possibly come up with a strategy, adding if it could be done before the Budget process the matter could be addressed in 2012.

Ron then noted the more fresh ideas we get the better, Ellen adding a human Resources component may be of assistance.

Ron then noted Emergency Management efforts are ongoing.

Councillor McKean then questioned the proposed change in the 10 in 10 directive, noting in rural areas there is a higher dwelling insurance rate if 16 kilometres or more from a Fire Hall and would this change under the new program.

Ron replied he personally did not believe the insurance practice would change as the response cannot get to a property any faster, adding it was determined the 10 in 10 program was too broad for the entire Province and response is a question of the resources we have and what we have to do.

Chair Gamble noted concern with the proposed Tender for the pumper/tanker truck and with the past year's experience with reduced cash flow and funding sources , adding the Master Fire Plan is five to six years old and was written in better economic times.

Bob then questioned if the Town needed two pumper/tankers within eight miles of each other, noting concern where Council will find the funding.

Ron then noted when both Halls respond to a rural structure fire, a tanker is required apparatus hauling 2,000 gallons and with the ability to pump 1,000 gallons a minute, would be empty in two minutes.

Bob then questioned if the pumper/tanker from Hall 1 could be on site when needed, questioning if there was a review process to determine if we really need the unit based on the past nine to twelve months activity.

Ron then noted the Town has urban and rural components and when there is a fire in the rural area we have to take the water with us, adding the two current tanker trucks are 25 years old.

Bob then noted if there was a pumper/tanker at each Hall and if only one was being called out at a time, could another vehicle take the place of a new pumper/tanker, adding the new equipment is very large and questioned if they could access a trail to a barn in the case of fire. Bob then questioned if the Department could function with one large pumper/tanker at present.

Mayor Anderson then reported on a recent ceremony in Meaford where the Fire Department introduced a memorial beam from the World Trade Centre and noted it reminded her how thankful people are for the work of firefighters.

Councillor Halos then concurred with the Mayor's comments, questioning if a pumper could draw from a pond at a rural fire, Ron replying yes if the water source is strong enough to support the draw from the tanker's pump.

Bob then questioned if the lands below the Escarpment were serviced by hydrants, Ron replying most of the lands are.

A.J. then noted at a rural fire a tanker can attend and quickly off-load 3,000 gallons into a portable tank, but it takes 3 to 4 minutes to re-fill the tanker from a hydrant, not counting the travel time to and from the hydrant location. A.J. further noted if two tankers are not hop-scotching each other in what is termed a tanker shuttle, the water source is reduced by 50% and there is a wait time for the tanker to return.

In response to Chair Gamble's earlier question about hydrant coverage, A.J. noted 10% of the cover area in the Town is serviced with hydrants.

Joe then questioned with a new truck would the tanker shuttle process still be used and would it be possible to get a larger tanker, A.J. replying the pumper/tanker at Hall 1 is 3,000 gallons and is one of the largest available.

Councillor Halos then clarified Building was operating at a \$200,000 deficit, Rob replying we are now looking at a deficit of \$75,000 without showing the deficit loan. Joe then questioned if anything could be done given the current level of growth, Rob replying expenditures have been closely examined, adding there was previously a period of substantial growth and Staff are required to respond to the previous growth.

Rob then noted he will be bringing a Report to the Budget discussions examining the historical trends and activity for the Building Department.

Joe then noted the Water revenue situation is a question, as we encourage users to conserve water and with a reduced level of use, rates have to be increased.

Rob then noted there will be an optimal level of use and revenue and hopefully water use will plateau at some point to allow some certainty in consumption and therefore rates.

Mayor Anderson then noted in hindsight, it would have been better to have established a reserve for Building revenues during the years of strong growth rather than transferring to general revenue. Ron then noted legislation requiring surplus Building revenue to be transferred to a reserve came too late, with one good year of surplus attained, adding had the legislation come into effect in 2000 there would have been significant reserves.

Bob then noted such a reserve might have offset deficits until 2007 or 2008, but we would still have had three years of deficit.

Councillor Ardiel then noted it does not appear the economy will improve any time soon and questioned if there were any Building reserves remaining, Rob replying there are no reserves at present and a deficit is showing.

Councillor McKean had earlier declared a pecuniary interest with regard to Report C.3, Third Quarter Financial Report, Landfill fees and his place of employment and vacated the Council Chambers during discussion of same.

Rob then reviewed the Monthly Flash Reports, noting development charges were currently below projections, adding three By-laws would be before Council shortly authorizing levies to benefitting landowners for servicing projects with plant charges to go to the dc funds in the amount of approximately \$1.3 million.

Joe then questioned if in the future will the billings show on resident tax bills in 2012, Rob replying yes.

Gail then questioned how much of the billings are expected to be received in cash payments, Rob replying perhaps 30%, given the favourable interest rate for payment over time.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by:

THAT Council grant the request from the Beaver Valley Probus Club for use of Town Hall space during normal business hours.

In speaking to the proposal, Councillor Ardiel noted she was divided on the question, stating the Probus Club was a wonderful group that were absolutely not involved in fund-raising, adding she did not want the Town Hall to take away from other facilities such as the Marsh Street Centre.

Councillor McKean then questioned if other meeting spaces had a digital projector and screen, Carol noting the Library had a digital projector with screen and Staff available through the day, a charge being applied for use of the Gallery.

John then proposed the Club be allowed to meet for a six month trial basis to see how it fits in with operations and offered to move the original Recommendation with this amendment, the Mover agreeing to the friendly amendment.

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by:

John McKean

THAT Council grant the request from the Beaver Valley Probus Club for use of Town Hall space during normal business hours for a six month trial basis.

In speaking to the amended Recommendation, Gail asked if we were aware of the times the Club wished to use the Town Hall and when there might be Town meetings during that time and if the Club was to be charged. Lisa replied the original Policy was that the Town would not charge a non-profit group providing a service to the community for meeting space.

Rob then questioned if the Club would require Town Staff to provide set-up and take-down for meetings, Lisa replying the original Policy noted Staff would provide some minor technical support for a non-profit group serving the community.

Mayor Anderson then suggested some additional information on what service the group provided to the community would be of benefit, adding she did not want the Town Hall to have art shows for example, so as to not take away from the Library.

Carol then noted if the Town continues to broaden use of the Town Hall by community groups it would begin to compete with the Library, adding in terms of what is being proposed here, it would not compete with Gallery events, further adding there are currently several groups who use the Library on an ongoing basis.

Lisa then clarified the Probus Club is focus group organization that provides networking opportunities.

The Committee then voted on the amended Recommendation:

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council grant the request from the Beaver Valley Probus Club for use of Town Hall space during normal business hours for a six month trial basis, unanimously Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 2012 Budget Process

Rob then noted the discussion was to involve the 2012 Budget process going forward and distributed a revised 2012 Budget Timeline and proposed Budget Change Paper format.

Rob then reviewed the Timeline, noting the primary change in the 2012 Budget procedure is the Service Delivery Review component. Rob then noted the Committee could review Departmental Service Delivery Review for consideration at a Committee of the Whole meeting addressing Operating Review on December 7, 2011.

Rob noted this process requires Committee involvement in the Service Delivery Review.

Rob then reviewed the 2012 Proposed Budget – Change Paper proposed to be used during Service Delivery Review, adding Committee Chairs will need a tool to consider Service Delivery Review for presentation at Committee of the Whole.

Rob then reviewed a sample Change Paper addressing municipal insurance coverage.

Councillor Halos then questioned if there had been any consideration of self-insurance, Rob replying the Town may be a little small for self-insurance, but we could consider shifting some of the risk to the Town, following increased efforts in Occupational Health and Safety and Risk Analysis consideration with perhaps an increased deductible level being acceptable

Councillor Ardiel then reported at the recent AMO Conference this issue was raised and even with increased Health and Safety and Risk Analysis, premiums still increased and it was a concern as well that adequate coverage was present.

Gail then questioned if there were other municipalities the Town could partner with in seeking coverage, Rob replying one concern would be that it is difficult to assess partner municipalities risk.

Gail then questioned if we could look at other insurers, Rob replying this could be done for the 2013 Budget, adding the Town currently has \$150,000 in a deductible reserve and with an increased deductible from \$25,000 to \$50,000 , we could consider setting aside funds on an annual basis in a reserve fund that would earn interest.

Councillor McKean then noted noted a good starting point would be the deductible level.

Rob then noted a special meeting of the Committee could be called to address Budget matters, Chair Gamble noting a meeting could be called when Rob has collected the relevant information.

E.2 Request for Proposals – Hosting the 2014 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board Meeting

Lisa then reviewed the request for proposals, noting if an application to host the Board meeting was successful, the applicant would have to provide two complementary hospitality events for the delegates, one complementary dinner event and provide computer equipment for the meeting.

Lisa further noted Blue Mountain Resort provided an estimate of \$16,050 for the three complementary events, provision of computer equipment extra, plus there may be Town Staff involvement.

Mayor Anderson then questioned if area municipalities could be approached to partner on a proposal, as at present the hosting could be too much of a financial commitment for the Town alone.

Chair Gamble then proposed an upset cost of \$20,000 and as the event is not until 2014, \$6,500 could be put aside per year in the Budget so as to support the economy in the area, adding perhaps the Blue Mountain Village Association could be approached as a partner.

Councillor Halos then questioned number of attendees, Lisa replying the requirement is to accommodate up to 150 delegates.

Gail then noted \$20,000 seemed excessive for 150 delegates, adding she agreed with the Mayor's regional approach.

Joe then noted agreement with the cost, adding he thought the delegate number would be much higher, further agreeing with the regional approach.

