

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19
JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 9, 2011

Present: Ken Warholik, Dennis Bergheim, Danny Weinmeier, Steven Jeffery, Sheila Kitz, Bryan Bespalko, Linda Meger, Lawrence Theroux, Ron Dechaine, D.D. Skawronski-Munro

Absent: Steve Upham, Leo Demoissac, Stewart Bintz, Claude Dubrule

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The 17th Joint Health and Safety Committee meeting of the County of St. Paul No. 19 was called to order by Sheila Kitz, Co-Chairperson for the Employer Group at 3:08 p.m., November 9, 2011 at the Administration Office.

2. ADDITIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Dennis Bergheim to adopt the agenda with no additions.

3. MINUTES

Moved by Ron Dechaine that the minutes of the October 14, 2011 meeting be approved. All in favour.

BUSINESS ARISING

S.I.P. Course

Tabled to the next meeting.

Food Handler's Course

Tabled to the next meeting.

4. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

INCIDENT REPORTS

BRYAN BESPALKO

There were no incidents to report.

Bryan advised the group that he had moved the speed board signs to the Moose Hills road. This has slowed traffic down substantially while the road is being repaired.

The Town of St. Paul will be borrowing the speed board signs to be erected in the school zones as soon as they get permission from Alberta Transportation.

The sewage dumping sites in Mallaig and Ashmont will be revisited in the spring.

Bryan will be bringing a defibrillator to the Shop and Administration Office. Staff training will be done in the new year.

KEN WARHOLIK

No issues to report

DENNIS BERGHEIM

No issues to report.

STEVEN JEFFERY

Steven reported that there were no issues to report on construction. However, he reported that some employees are being dismissive when wearing their safety vests. He felt that staff should be reminded of the importance of wearing their vests. Bryan will be inspecting the work sites.

LINDA MEGER

No issues to report.

SHEILA KITZ

Sheila reported that the new cell phones have been ordered and the blue tooth devices seem to be working.

LAWRENCE THEROUX

Lawrence asked if employees are required to wear their PPE equipment when washing their trucks. It was discussed that safety attire should always be worn even when washing trucks. The new truck wash bay in town fits the units much better and since the wash bay at the shop is in high demand, and not properly equipped, the new truck wash will better meet the requirements of the employees. Staff can check with D.D. or Leo once they have all the details worked out with the new truck wash scheduling.

RON DECHAINED

Ron advised the group that when the chipping crew were working near the horseshoe bay road no signs had been erected advised the public that they were there. When he drove by the chipper, it was still in the proper position and they had the equipment facing the wrong side. He felt that proper orientation and a refresher course may be required.

DANNY WEINMEIER

Danny reported that the water in Mallaig is good now.

D.D. SKAWRONSKI-MUNRO

D.D. reported that the headsets are not working as well as they would like. The employees feel that they are heavy and uncomfortable. However, due to the background noise these seem to work the best.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sheila spoke of the diesel shortage; however, the County will not be affected when filling up at the UFA as we are considered an essential service.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7th at 3:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Sheila adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.