

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19
JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 3, 2012

Present: Steven Jeffery, Sheila Kitz, Lawrence Theroux, Claude Dubrule, Steve Upham, Linda Meger, Danny Weinmeier, Leo Demoissac, Ron Dechaine, Bryan Bepalko, Dennis Bergheim, D.D. Skawronski-Munro

Absent: Ken Warholik, Stewart Bintz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The 22nd Joint Health and Safety Committee meeting of the County of St. Paul No. 19 was called to order by Steven Jeffery, Co-Chairperson for the Employee Group at 3:08 p.m., May 3, 2012 at the Administration Office.

2. ADDITIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Steve Upham and Seconded by Ron Dechaine to adopt the agenda with no additions. All in favor.

3. MINUTES

Moved by D.D. Skawronski Munro and Seconded by Danny Weinmeier that the minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting be approved with the correction adding Ron Dechaine and Bryan Bepalko as members present. All in favour.

BUSINESS ARISING

Team Building Event

This item was brought to Council and they are in full support of having team building events, however, they would not support closing the office to hold these events. Alternative solutions will have to be discussed.

ICS 100 Courses.

This item will be discussed in the fall.

Northern Alberta Safety Council

Bryan and Steven attended the meeting on April 19th. The meeting was held in a round table discussion format. One of the major issues brought forward was WCB claims. A new structure is being introduced that will deal with how loss time is categorized. A Disability management course will be offered that deals with the way claims are now managed. It was decided that Tim, Bryan, Leo and Sheila should attend this course when Bryan gets more details.

Policy for Blasting Beaver Dams

It was decided that Dennis and Bryan will be working on a policy that deals with blasting of beaver dams. The policy will cover items such as "what causes us to go out and blow up the dam" and costs that are incurred.

On Call Schedule for Fire Season

Bryan will work with Lawrence and Randy on setting up a schedule.

Orientation and Training

Bryan advised the group that he has trained approximately 60 staff in the past week and will continue to do training as staff arrive. He is trying to schedule the training sessions around everyone's work schedule. Steven is also do more training of staff, which included WHMIS and TDG.

4. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

INCIDENT REPORTS

Bryan reported that during a house demolition in Ashmont part of a wall fell on the gas riser and broke it. There were no injuries as a result, however, Alta Gas was called and they came to cap it off. An incident investigation has been done indicating that the incident was preventable and a call should have been made to Alta Gas prior to commencing work. During the toolbox meeting the hazard was identified, but not dealt with.

BRYAN BESPALKO

Bryan reported that he had attended a disaster planning conference.

Bryan also advised the group that he will arrange more training for performing hazard assessments.

DENNIS BERGHEIM

No issues to report

STEVE UPHAM

No issues to report

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS (CONT)

STEVEN JEFFERY

Steven advised the group that one of the items that was discussed at the NASC meeting was disposing of break pots. This was an item of concern to many municipalities. He advised that there are companies out there that help to dispose of break pots. Staff will be working on solutions.

Steven also advised the group that staff orientation is going well and he will be working with park staff on conducting hazard assessments.

LINDA MEGER

No issues to report

SHEILA KITZ

Sheila discussed the internal audit for 2012 which will be conducted in the fall.

CLAUDE DUBRULE

Claude advised the group that he is having telephone issues at Westcove. Solutions for using the debit machine from a cell phone may have to be looked at.

LAWRENCE THEROUX

No issues to report.

DANNY WEINMEIER

No issues to report.

RON DECHaine

Ron advised that the Heavy Equipment Operators went through safety training. He also advised that a blasting course will be scheduled through ASB and himself, Jack & Keith will be taking the course and Dean will be doing a refresher training session.

D.D. SKAWRONSKI-MUNRO

No issues to report

LEO DEMOISSAC

Leo advised that lots of new staff have started work and hopes all goes well.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There was a general discussion of screens being removed out of culverts.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Some tree cutting has taken place at Lac Bellevue. The big trees have not yet been cut as we are waiting on the tree removal company

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2012

7. ADJOURNMENT

Steven adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.