**NBAFC BOARD OF DIRECTORS - January 2020**

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Quentin McGrath - Chauleur

Brian Hunter – Royal District

**Called meeting to order**

Approval of minutes of October meeting: 1st VP Scott Poupart motion to accept minutes as received, 2nd Chief Kevin Theriault, motion carried

**President Report**

 Chief Kavanaugh reported that since the last meeting he had visited a few of Association and will continue to have all the Association. One question he is hearing is hosting of conference. Feedback has been received and Charlie asked if there would be changes to bring to the board.

Several calls with Fire Marshal regarding fire fighters have submitted a claim under the Cancer legislation and nothing has been done to date. This person has gone through treatments and has not heard anything from WSNB.

Chief Price stated a report from the Permanent Chiefs has been forwarded to the Fire Marshal he has been in contact however waiting for his reply to the outcome.

No news for Government relations week.

**MARTIME FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION** – Charlie Kavanaugh reported the 2020 conference will be held in Halifax, NS

**Deputy Chief D. McKinley – CAFC**

The National Advisory Council met on December 13, 2019 and discussed a number of initiatives. This was my first meeting and I spent the meeting getting up to date on the issues. The discussion points were on the following:

**Operating Plan**: There was a discussion on the Operating Plan for 2020. In late November, a draft operating plan was shared with the members. It reviews what is planned in terms of policy focus, projects and member benefits for 2020. See attached appendix.

**Closing the Gaps initiative**: This is a project that deals with advancing disaster preparedness for older adults as well as improving disaster response and recovery.

**Building and Fire Codes**: Items such as residential sprinkler systems, retrofit of older buildings, energy storage systems, wildland interface and improvements for FF safety in fire codes have been brought forward to the Chair of the Canadian Building and Fire Codes Commission for consideration.

**Public Safety Broadband Network**: This system is for voice & data transfer over a secure nationwide system to provide interoperability for all response agencies.

**Redefining Fire**: A discussion paper on some of the challenges of the evolving responsibilities of the fire service. Discussion points are EMS delivery, specialty rescue services, community emergency preparedness, recruitment and retention of firefighters, presumptive illness legislation, budgets, etc.

**R2MR Survey (Working Mind)**: A survey went out in 2019 to Canadian Fire Departments to try to determine how many gaps currently exist in getting firefighters the training and which Fire Departments may have capacity to train others in this.

**2020 Conference**: The Fire Rescue Conference will be held September 13-16 in Montreal, Quebec

**Fire Fighter Certification Chief Jody Price**

Haz Mat program being looked into. He asked Raymond to ask the Fire Marshal to look at a time frame for the committee. It is the certification of the Fire Marshal not the committee.

Department of Post-Secondary Education has approved payment the final cost of the Mobile Burn Unit for the fire service of New Brunswick.

Financial report will be done through NBCC, President Kavanaugh thanked Serge and the staff of NBCC for the timeless work that they did for the NBAFC. This has been a long time coming. We know have to work on schedules for training. The Mobile Burn Unit will be at the Convention for members to see.

Finance Committee Nadine LeBlanc reported the present bank account, and the Revenue and Expenses Convention and Workshop 2019. Small revenue was received for the Convention however the workshop remains over-budget. Chief Mike Walton stated the NBAFC remains in support of this workshop for our fire service.

April/Early may. This course will have consistent modules, Finances, equipment, health and wellness, etc. It is intended for new chiefs, future chiefs, current chiefs looking for development, and senior officers. It does not talk about fire suppression, but rather it talks about managing a department. Dates and content to follow.

As always-Reach out to your PFI if you have any questions!

**FIRE CHIEF Jim Brown NBAFPO Board Report to the NBAFC January 24, 2020**

The NBAFPO met on Friday evening, November 15, 2019 prior to the Remembering When Workshop. Forty-one attended the workshop with 24 fire departments and the OFM represented. As a result of the very positive feedback we received from the workshop we are considering holding another one-day workshop in the fall. Options for and this workshop will be discussed at the board level and at the Annual General Meeting in April.

**2020 NBAFPO Seminar and Annual General Meeting**

The Seminar Planning Committee has been busy securing speakers and planning for the April 3-5 Seminar and Annual General Meeting to be held at the Fredericton Motor Inn. The following speakers have been confirmed:

Hon. Carl Urquart Laura King, NFPA Tony Rose, Fire Protection Officer 1, Fire Emergency Services NFLD Adrienne McNair, Alzheimer’s Society OFM Roger Collet, ERD Jean Phillipe Oudin, Deputy Chief, Edmundston Fire Serge Cayouette, Chief, Saint Quentin Fire Jeremy Stuart, NB Power Carol Gilmore, Keswick Ridge Fire

The following are just a glimpse of a few of the topics that will be presented:

**From the Rock: A fire-prevention perspective from Newfoundland and Labrador**

Fire departments - and fire prevention teams – are taught to do the best with what they have, but the government departments that fund and oversee fire services are equally challenged by policy, practices, procedures and, of course, finances. Tony Rose, fire protection officer with Fire Emergency Services Newfoundland and Labrador, and the NFPA network rep for N.L. gives us a peek at the unique ways in which government and the fire service have developed partnerships to help fund province-wide fire-prevention efforts. In this presentation, Tony will tell success stories about building relationships, communication, and co-operation, and provide ideas for programs that can potentially be replicated in New Brunswick.

**How tweet it is: social media for those who’ve never used social media (or want to build on what they’re already doing)**

The key to successful social media is to know and target your audience. Even if you’re in rural New Brunswick and your demographic is older adults, social media is a tool you can use! In this hands-on workshop, NFPA’s Laura King, a former journalist and early adopter of social media, outlines strategies and tactics to build your audience, dissects the different social media platforms and explains how to use them, and focuses on best social-media practices (the ones that won’t get you fired!).

**Effective educational messaging – or, how to get people to pay attention to your pleas for working smoke alarms!**

What catches your eye when you scroll the internet (you all do it!) or flip channels? What makes you laugh? What makes a message memorable? Public education competes with a million other things for people’s attention, so how do we ensure our messages stick? In this workshop, NFPA’s public-education rep for Canada, Laura King, guides participants through effective messaging using everything from shock and awe to pop culture icons and Top 40 hits. Come prepared to participate!

**Membership Issues**

In 2019, only 42.5 % of fire departments registered for membership to the NBAFPO. This has been an ongoing concern and topic for discussion for a number of years, without any resolution as to having all departments as members. The question was and is how do we go about getting it done? How do we get fire departments put this in their budgets? The membership fee per department for the NBAFPO is $50 per year. The board would like, with the support of the NBAFC to make it a goal for all departments in the province to become members of both the NBAFC and the NBAFPO. We propose seeking support from the OFM and the Minister of Public Safety, the Honorable Carl Urqart in making this a possibility. We would like to also propose that there be a joint membership fee, which would be collected by the NBAFC and then the NBAFC would send the NBAFPO a cheque for our portion ($50 a year per department).

**OFM - Gazette Prizes**

The NBAFPO purchased 28 fire extinguishers for the Gazette Back pack prizes and the fire suit for 2019 the Chief of the day. As well, they donated 30 water bottles left over from the 2019 seminar.

The following is the meeting schedule for 2020:

**Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm (Conference call) Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 9:30 (Mew Maryland Fire Department) Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 9:30 (New Maryland Fire Department) Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 9:30 (New Maryland Fire Department)**

Hazardous Material- no report

Eric McLellan reported the name for their department has once again changed to Department Natural Resources and Energies Development.

Discussed the presence of DNRED going to Australia. No one from his department has gone yet as an agreement has to be done prior to allowing any members to attend. Also, fitness test will be required prior to anyone being able to go.

Mapping web apt which he had reported on years ago with non-permanent structures has been updated. Should any one like to receive this document please let him know. Eric advised the members he will be retiring this year.

Chief Mike Walton advised LSD (local Service Department) a member attending their meeting in Central Valley reported that he has been informed that by DNRED member that small grass fires would not be paid. I

Chief Price noted that there are retired members of DNR who have started a business of their own. His department utilizes these people for call out if required.

**New Business**

Fire Fighter License Plates Volunteers – Department Public Safety has announced that the fee of $ 50.00 has been waived for Volunteer Fire Fighters only.

There was also a request for plates for Motor Bikes for the Fire Service. This request was refused through Department Public Safety.

**Fire Fighter Games** – Executive Director brought a request from an Association to allow fire fighters and their spouse to attend the banquet only. President stated there is no more than 5 fire fighters who make a team. Name tag could be done just for banquet, names must be sent with the registration form. Agreed to allow this for one year.

**WorkSafe Issues** is being looked into by the Office of the Fire Marshal with regard to the length of time that members are waiting for their claim to be process and funds received.

**Regional Directors**

Deputy Quentin McGrath - Chaleur

We had our last meeting in Belledune at Station # 2 on January 14, 2020.  Our first guest speaker was Ryan Stacey from Metal Fab who spoke about the bursary programs as well as the offer there training options offered to fire depts.

Our 2nd guest was Carole Landry Scott who is the PSAP Manager in Bathurst and she presented a brief update on where PSAP is in their conversion to TMR.

We also had NBAFC President Charles Kavanaugh in attendance for our meeting.

Our 3rd guest was Regional Fire Investigator (RFI) Leon Ross who is moving on to other opportunities and will no longer be our RFI.  We were advised that RFI Paul Boudreau will be relocating and taking over our area.

Leon Ross is now Fire Chief of Tracadie-Sheila

We are currently working on increasing our attendance mostly from the Northern part of our association.  We would gladly accept any recommendations if they are any available.

We have recently completed an English Firefighter 2, a French firefighter 1 is in progress and we have a fire officer 1 and auto Extrication planned for the spring.

Acadian Peninsula – Deputy Chief Guy Paulin informed of their meeting in December; with the next meeting to be held in March.

Fire Fighter Level 1 is ongoing. Their coordinator and Vice President have left and they will be looking for replacements.

Leon Ross is now Fire Chief of Tracadie Sheila.

Paquetville Fire Department will be receiving a new title.

Guy reported that one of their members lost his hearing aids at a fire scene and applied for the Village to cover the cost of new hearing aids unfortunately the Village refused. Guy was informed to have this member fill out a WSNB. Guy to work with Raymond LeBlanc- Regional Fire Marshal regarding application for WSNB.

# Southeast Fire Fighters Association Deputy Chief Paul Bruens.

# On December 10th, 2019, a meeting was held in Moncton to review the E- manifest program.

The next scheduled NBAFC meeting is being held in Moncton on 25/26 Jan at Chateau Moncton.

NBCC has sent out a flow path for review and implementation for personnel who are members of a Fire Department and have attended Texas Training Division. These individual(s) will be still required to write a Level 1, 2 Awareness and Ops exam with NBCC. Then the Chief is responsible for sign offs. This would then recognize the individual as Fire fighter1 and 2 with Awareness and Ops in NB with NBCC Certification only.

Divisional Chief Louis Dupuis, Moncton Fire Department passed away; his funeral was held on 10th of January, 2020. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family, colleagues both at MFD and ANB.

18/19 Jan ICS 200 course was sponsored by SEFFA, 18 pers participated sponsored by Moncton Fire.

07/08 Feb – SEFFA is hosting a media (Public Information) course, sponsored by City of Moncton. Spring Training is moving forward, attentively scheduled for June.

**NORTHWEST FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION – Deputy Chief Yvon Pelletier**

December 2019 - Firefighter level 2 training

Firefighter level 1 to be finished in January 2020

Forest fire training to be given by DNR personnel in January 2020

Planification for a workshop day for early 2020

Auto extrication training February 2020

Air Brake training in the planning stage

Inspection and maintenance of Bunker gear training session by Atlantic Bunker in 2020.
Northwest Association tournament set for June 5th to June 7th, 2020 in

St.Anne-de-Madawaska.

**Chief Brian Hunter – Royal District**

There have been no Royal meetings since the last Board meeting in October. Our next meeting is on Monday night.

Elections are planned for the positions of 1st Vice President and Treasurer.

Training in Royal consisted of:

Initial planning is underway to hold the Pt. Lepreau Workshop again in conjunction with the Fundy and Capital Associations.

Firefighter Level I has started with a target completion date of May 19, 2020. An attempt was made to hold a Firefighter II Course last fall however, it was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Visual Inspection Courses for SCBA cylinders (re-cert and full) was completed in November.

One item to be brought forward in Royal is to look at providing training funds for Departments that wish to provide a regional rescue service. Still preliminary, however the costs of the course could be covered by Royal based on a set criteria. I have talked with several Chiefs and they are looking at or are interested in a regional model among several FD’s to benefit their citizens for non-fire related rescue.

**Fundy Chief Theriault** -Our last meeting was on Nov. 27 in Oak Bay Charlie Kavanaugh, Michael Lewis, and Serge Gallant were in attendance.

RFD/TMR road show is scheduled for Jan. 30, @ 18:30 in St. Andrews

* LSD contract has been signed (so we hear)

Currently have an Instructors course finishing up.

Fire Officer Course will be starting in a couple of weeks

More R2MR courses are scheduled, and are looking to hold some for family.

Next meeting will be Feb. 19

**Miramichi Valley Roger Pitre**

Quiet winter so far in Miramichi Valley

Last meeting Jan 6 in Doaktown.

A level 1 course was started before Christmas, Block 1 is complete, and students are scheduled to take Block 2 in middle of February.

We are trying to get an auto extrication course set up this year. Location to be announced.

Blackville Chief Garth Underhill retired on Dec. 31, after 40 years of service. The new Chief is Chris Sturgeon.
Doaktown Fire Department will be hosting a curling fun spiel in March, date TBA.

Annual association elections will be held next month, all positions are open

Fire Chief Harry Farrell – Capital District

* Last meeting 13 Oct, two Level 1 coming up with approximately 43 members
* EFF course will be held prior to fire season
* Dues are being increased to $ 300.00
* Also training for tandem trucks
* Harry will still remain as acting ATR

Next meeting February 10, 2020

Level 2 will also be carried out

**Central Valley – Stephen** **Armour (Unable to attend)**

22 students registered in this winter level one program representing 12 departments.

Course being held at NBCC in Woodstock with home cooked meals being served by spouses.

12 students currently registered in the level two program and again NBCC in Woodstock will be utilized.

JPR weekends we are adding Friday night portion to cover soft skills such as ropes & knots, tarps, salvage.

Planning to accomplish 70-80% of skill sign offs over two JPR weekend.

JPR weekend will be hosted at Debec Fire Department.  DFD purchased sea can and working to include live fire training on second weekend.

EFF will be offered to Level 1 students and all departments in March 15 in the am.

Lengthy discussion on the travel of the mobile burn unit. Chief Price stated this is being looked into by the committee.

**Awards Committee**

Hall of Flame Deputy Chief Yvon Pelletier on behalf of the Awards committed; Moved that Raymond LeBlanc be inducted into the Hall of Flame 2020. Motion to accept Brian Hunter, 2nd Kevin Theriault, motion to carried

Deputy Chief Dan McCoy Regional fire dispatch (unable to attend) – As far as RFD goes – the last word I had was LG has signed the contract with SJ.  Departments in the immediate area will start training and switching over.   The first two to move are Nauwigewauk and Millstream, the balance including Charlotte County should move along quickly. The committee is holding a Q&A session in St. Andrews on Jan 30th for the Charlotte County departments and Municipal folks. There will be another session held soon for Sussex, Norton and others who haven’t had the session yet.   There will also be sessions set up for Grand Manan, White head and Campobello soon.  It is hoped that Moncton and Local Government will sign their agreement soon, training has started in the Codiac area.

Martin Corbett will provide an update on the contracts.   It is intended that once they are signed moving departments to RFD (Regional Fire Dispatch) should move along quickly.

Permanent Chiefs – Chief Jody Price discussed contract negotiations was discussed.

The matter of inspections being carried out by Fire Prevention Officers; Government buildings. Permanent Chiefs will meet with the Fire Marshal to discuss this issue.

Mental Health was also discussed. Chief Killingback Fredericton will be presenting a Mental Health program at the Permanent Chiefs meeting May 29, 2020

**Volunteer Chiefs Report -Tim Corbet**

Fall meeting was held on Nov 22 during the ELG Fall Fire Conference

Good group of fire chiefs were present for the meeting.

***Any feedback from this group on having the meeting during the Fall Fire Conference rather than a separate date??***

Some of the questions that came up before or during the meeting:

1. Update from NBCC on where they are at with online training: **It was discussed that online training is not a top priority at the moment.**

2. Update on the Fire Service 2025: **This was addressed by OFM in their report on Saturday**.

3. A question came up about the fire service and NB Power in regards to slow response times etc by NB Power: **I am in the process of setting up a meeting with the proper people at NB Power. Meeting should be taking place early to mid February.**

**A couple other questions came to us that did not need to go before the whole group. These questions/concerns were able to be resolved one on one at the meeting, with either the Fire Marshals Office (Mike Lewis), or the Department of Local Government representatives. Thank You!**

Industrial Chiefs – Walker Clark November 1st Grand Falls. They continue to recruit new members to their committee. Mobile Burn Unit was discussed for use in the Industrial Sector.

he will be meeting with the Executive members to obtain information regarding propane from JD Irving for the Mobile Burn Unit. Their next meeting will be in May during our conference.

**Associate Directors**

**OFM Report – PFI Raymond LeBlanc**

* OFM is now at 12 McGloin Street (Gibson Place) in Fredericton.
* New Plans Review Officer joined OFM-Josh Bradley. He is an active FF with Millville fire department as well. Kevin Kaye has left the office to join PLC.
* Leon Ross has retired from the OFM and is now chief of Tracadie. In the interim, Mark/Paul/Raymond will be sharing his area.
* We will be posting a competition for PFI in the Grand Falls area shortly-we would encourage anyone in that area that is interested to apply.
* We are continuing to work on improving the FIRS system. Several departments are on the trial FIREQ system which will allow inputing FIRS reports directly from FIREQ.
* We are working on FIRS improvements this year-we are looking to add some investigation reports, and allow users to search investigation reports.
* FS2025 Surveys have begun-We have now done 5 departments, and results have been positive. If departments are interested, please reach out to your PFI to schedule a date. Timing is 1-2 hours.
* EMO has received your letter, and I have met with Greg Mcallum. We have agreed that we will draft an MOU with EMO that defines communication and taskings with fire departments.
* We are finalizing the process for our auxiliary fire service award medal. Eligibility and submission requirements will be distributed in February, but this award is only eligible to individuals who are not eligible for current awards (Chaplains, women’s auxiliary, honorary firefighters, etc.)
* We have finalized our review of FF1 course content as part of our Training Standards Advisory Committee over 4 meetings. We will now move onto FF2.
* We have produced a very popular firefighter recruitment video on the GNB social media channels-it has been widely shared.
* E-Manifest project is going very well-we are hoping that in the summer of 2020, there will be trucks on the road in New Brunswick with this application. If we are successful, we will be first jurisdiction in North America where firefighters can access dangerous goods information electronically for commercial shipments. If approved, we will tour all associations and train on using the app before we deploy it.
* We are looking at making an application through Bell Let’s Talk’s community fund for creation of a more formalized firefighter peer support network.
* Government has announced FF plates are now free for volunteers. If you’re on a volunteer department, or volunteer with a paid chief you need no paperwork. If you’re on a composite, you need a letter from the chief stating that you are a volunteer. If you’re permanent, you must pay for plates. In all cases, you still need to be on the NBAFC’s master list.
* TRACC fire-Major tire fire occurred in Minto over the holidays. Unbelievable response from fire departments, but we realized after the first day that suppression will not work and switched to sand. Key takeaways-Very important that tire piles are separated with good spacing (as per national fire code)-No more than 1000m2 per pile, piles 6m apart.
* Lighting-PFI vehicles now equipped with emergency lighting for on-scene use and to protect staff while working roadside.

Fire Chiefs Workshop-We are still planning on having a fire chiefs’ workshop in

 **NBCC Serge Gallant - Training**

During the winter, months training picked up all associations are currently running FF 1 and 2 courses.

Every association has plans to use up all of their credits and as the Fire Marshal mentioned if more credits needed, he is OK to approve if justifiable.

Readers are permitted for exams but students need to understand that they are just there to read and not explain, one reader may read for more than one student (recommended).

Update on FF1 seventh edition in French, Quebec had a few setbacks and will have an estimated date of completion within the next month.

Pre-employment/MBU

Planning has started on the delivery of a NB pre-employment course and MBU.

Workshop 2020

We are planning a meeting in February to start the 2020 workshop committee.

 Prior Learning recognition

There is a new Unit within NBCC that will speed up and streamline the process.

Student Registration

Students are not filling in the forms properly, which is delaying the process on our end. I am working with the ATR’s and instructors on this matter. This is still an ongoing matter First Aid Certificates please ensure your students take the proper training.

Department Environment and Local Government – Martin Corbett updated the members regarding Regional dispatch they are pleased to have the agreement with area fire departments in Saint John Area.

This will be a phased in process and they will be starting with information session to be held this week coming with Nauwigewack, Millstream Fire Departments.

**Local Government -** Martin Corbett informed the members the Codiac side is in its final draft of the agreement for dispatch services to Local Service Districts (LSD) departments and copies for signature will be signed this coming week.

Fire apparatus specifications has been made available to the directors. 7 vehicles have been delivered to various department and there will be 6 – 7 additional will be delivered withing 2 months. There are additional vehicles on the list and a variety of vehicles is presently being looked into.

Administration support for various department will be provided to Fire Chiefs through the Local Service Manager. They will be meeting with the departments to discuss what is required.

Regional Fire Dispatch – Charlie Kavanaugh stated there is a member working for the Federal Government and asked if there is a need to have another member with Dan McCoy. Martin Corbitt stated the system is ongoing and does not fee the need for another member.

**Priorities for Government**

**DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENT & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**2020**

* Mental Health (Prevention)
* Support for Fire Departments
* Recruitment & Retention (advertising funding)
* Decon Equipment (Regional)
* Fire Departments Capacity (Fire Service 2025)
* Maintain funding for Annual Work Shop
* **DEPARTMENT POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION &TRAINING**

**PRIORITIES 2020**

Mental Health Prevention 250K

* Maintain Funding for NBAFC Training Site Miramichi
* Presumptive (Cancer Additions
* Letter of support submitted to Minister for long term
* Commitment Training Grounds NBCC
* MOU signed between PETL and NBAFC for long term use Miramichi Training Site.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PRIORITIES 2020**

* Mental Health (Prevention) 250K
* Maintain existing Grant funding OFM Increase 60K
* Decon Equipment

Increase OFM Training Credits

Insurance Levy

 Hazardous Material 3rd Team/PLGS

MOU between OFM and EMO

NB Power Response times

* Babysitting down power lines