



Chief's Chat Jan. 27, 2017

Dear Islanders,

It has been a cold and stormy winter thus far but it may be that we are now passed the worst of it; I see signs of snowdrops and crocus erupting in our yard so spring must be near!



Pauline and I are off shortly on holidays and will return Feb. 24th, 2017. During our absence, Gerry Kristianson will be acting Chief and Philippa White will be acting Deputy Chief. Both are very experienced and extremely capable so we leave knowing that the island will be in good hands.

Thanks to the Herculean efforts of the Monday Morning Crew, our firewood project is now complete. We delivered over 27 loads of split and seasoned wood - everyone who had asked for a delivery, received it. Brent Schorr will be invoicing each of you soon. In total, we raised over \$2000 for the Fire Hall improvement initiative. But this is just the beginning. In order to install an apron of paving stones to the front of the Fire Hall, we expect the cost will be substantial. It is a huge undertaking to be sure but I feel that everyone will welcome the results.

This is the Fire Hall as it is and to the right...how it might look after our work.

The benefits of doing this installation are legion: it will provide a safe and stable platform for repairing equipment, cleaning fire hose, training firefighters for ladder work, and it will ensure that the emergency response vehicles will always to be able to exit and enter the bays unimpeded. Finally, the new surface will prevent dirt, stones and debris from being constantly tracked into the building. It will enhance the experience for everyone who uses the hall - it will be a beautiful improvement.



We will need to fundraise as taxation isn't always the answer. If anyone has ideas on raising money or if anyone would like to donate to this project (tax receipts

available) please contact Pauline who is going to spearhead the drive for funds.

If anyone has expertise to share - Miles Primrose has volunteered as our Project Manager - please contact him with any help you can provide or ideas you may have. Like all previous projects on Piers, only with the efforts of many will we succeed.



Wishing everyone a safe and warm spring. Remember to keep your gutters clean; these dry, cold spells can lead to tinder-like debris that can easily ignite when outdoor burning. Always keep a watchful eye.

Steve Cruise
PIVFD Chief