

Trustee Report – Piers Island Volunteer Fire Department – December 6, 2022

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General Information

Training continues weekly with good attendance by the members. The PIVFD strives to meet their commitment to provide a fast and effective response to any fire emergency on Piers Island.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner mandated new training requirements for all BC Fire Departments as of September 28th. The PIVFD is working on incorporating them into their program.

The medical team responded to several incidents in the past couple of months with good patient outcomes in every case. Great teamwork by the membership.

The Department conducted a burn of a couple of old slash piles this past week at 68B to help reduce the fuel load on the forest floor and the possibility of a wildfire during the dry season.

A PIVFD will hold a small Christmas celebration on Thursday, December 8th between 4:30 and 6:30 pm at the firehall for the members of the fire department and those who have helped the PIVFD this past year.

Firehall Repairs/Additions/Improvements

Several months ago FC Cruise and I identified five areas of the firehall that need attention.

1. Painting the engine bay walls
2. Finish sheeting the back wall of the engine bay
3. Upgrading the communication desk area
4. Repairing back window
5. Replacing the flooring in the training room

A request for \$6,500 from Building and Infrastructure has been put forward in the form of Bylaw 135. It is anticipated that in view of the need to hire a contractor to supply and lay the commercial flooring, item 5 may end up being deferred to 2024. Four of these areas have not been upgraded since the hall was built 29 years ago.

You may have noticed the addition of the new lean-to on the north side of the Old Fire Hall. This addition was erected at no cost to the community by way of the financial generosity and work provided by members of this community. Please refer to FC Cruise's 'Time to Celebrate' email dated December 2, 2022 for more information.

I wish to thank Fire Chief Cruise for his commitment to the PIVFD and that touching base with me on a weekly basis is greatly appreciated. Our PIVFD is first class and as Islanders, we should be proud and grateful for the dedication they, and the people who support them, provide us each and every day.

Respectfully Submitted

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