

Attendees: Peter Rowe - North Vancouver - City
Terry Veer – Langley Township
Brian Gary – Pitt Meadows
Len Jensen – Dist. North Vancouver
Nick Bouwer – Dist. North Vancouver
Ed Clark - Burnaby
Jeff Welsh – Surrey
Stu Imre – Burnaby
Ed Mitchell – Maple Ridge
Russ Carmichael – Maple Ridge
Neil Calver – Chilliwack
Tom Stewart – City of Langley
Mile Iviney – Coquitlam
Brent Mahood – North Vancouver - City
Kevin Ramsay - Vancouver

Chair: Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm

Presentation: Jody Sydor – Director North Shore Emergency Management Office –
Emergency Planning Presentation

Next Meeting Locations:

March 16, 2006 – Maple Ridge
May 18, 2006 – GVRD Water Filtration Plant Tour (tentative)
September – BCPWA Conference Qualicom Beach (tentative)
November 16 - Coquitlam

Discussions: Overhead rates calculations update – thanks to Gord (Port Coquitlam - 44.9%), Rene (Township of Langley – 43.0%) and Neil (Chilliwack -52.0%) for providing their OH rate information. / calculations. If others want to provide their information Peter will collate and post to the website.

WCB draft regulations re: water system lockout & isolation. Mike (Coquitlam) wanted to discuss at Operations Group before Coquitlam Engineer raised issue at REAC. Regulations seem unworkable and will cause significant operational issues and additional costs. Attachments (draft regulations, Mission procedures, email from Abbotsford) were distributed at the meeting.

Round table:

- Kevin (Vancouver) – has implemented automated garbage collection, it is going well some equipment problems (hydraulic) that are being resolved.

Some issued related to new council

Work proceeding on planning for 2010 Olympics, lots of issues to deal with 311 system moving ahead, hope to be implemented in 2 years, will use existing space at E-Comm.

- Terry (Langley Township) – because of WCB issues working on safe work procedures for all activities
Some budget issues related to converting 2 volunteering fire halls to paid staff
- Neil (Chilliwack) – purchased flush truck (Camel - \$320,000) if anyone wants to get info please contact Neil
Issue related to risk management and signage of retention ponds
- Ed (Maple Ridge) – finished water main corrosion study (Levelton). Found some pipes in high conductive / corrosion areas faired better than pipes installed in low risk areas due to “proper” backfill procedures. Good learning opportunity for staff on proper installation. Will share some of the report data, will be posted to Group web site
- Russ (Maple Ridge) – had good success with “seasonal” construction crew using a temporary exempt supervisor position (letter of understanding with union), good for succession, improved productivity on capital jobs. Will do the same in 2006.
- Tom (City of Langley) - problems with “homeless” and theft.
Issues with WCB around recent employee injury.
Issue around capital replacement of water mains, used break history from other municipalities to successfully increase capital work
- Mike (Coquitlam) – Starting repair work on pedestrian bridge, could not get WCB accident report from refuse truck fatality incident
Working on water leak study, it appears that services are not the issue so will looking at mains.
City working on implementing a new job evaluation system and getting away from GVRD, don’t have results yet.
Trying to implement afternoon shift in Garage.
- Jeff (Surrey) – Issues related to election signs, Jeff would like any information / bylaws on election signs
Issues related to litter containers , durability and the possibility of “bulk” buying to reduce costs

**Any Other
Business:**

Kevin (Vancouver) BCPWA – fall leadership training session was very successful, good turnout, good presentations. Plan to have another one in the Spring in the Okanagan, the Fall in the lower mainland . Also hope to put on a specific training on disputes / greiviances in the fall. Long term looking at a certification program for public works

ACTIONS:

- Forward information on overhead benefit calculations to Peter
- Let Jeff know if your municipality is interested in litter container purchase

Next Meeting:

March 16th, 2006 – Maple Ridge
Topic - “Show & Tell” on gadgets (tentative)

Details on location of meeting will sent prior to meeting

Thanks: Jody Sydor - Director NSEMO for the presentation on Emergency Planning
Len Jensen (Dist. North Vancouver) – for providing the meeting venue
and lunch.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30pm