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# South Green Lake VFD Newsletter

Fred Potter Memorial Hall, 546 Green Lake South Rd, 70 Mile House, B.C. V0K 2K2 250-456-7547



## President's Report

Susan McKie – President

Thank you to all the firefighters, Ladies Auxiliary members and other dedicated residents, who volunteer many hours to maintain and run our rural fire department.

The final inspection of our Fire Hall addition was approved on July 17, 2013. The inspector also signed off on the previous addition to the original fire hall, which is now our bottle sorting area. We are now in compliance with the TNRD on both buildings.

We have also been submitting water tests to the Southern Interior Health Department on a monthly basis over the past year and have received our Certificate showing our drinking water is very good.

Our bottle drop-off shed was moved to the front of our lot, making it more convenient for bottle

drop-offs and sorting. Thank you to Mike Balanchanoff, John Nesbitt and Doug Hughes for their contribution in building this shed. Once again, we would like to thank all of you who drop-off your beer, liquor, juice, pop and water containers. The money we receive from the bottle returns goes a long way in helping us maintain the buildings and make improvements. Please remember that milk containers and tetra cartons (other than juice) are not recyclable. If you would be so kind as to remove the bottle tops on all bottles prior to dropping them off, it makes our job a little easier. Thank you!

You can continue to drop your bottle returns at the 70 Mile Transfer Station as well. Our old drop off shed at the dump will be replaced with a metal cage donated by the TNRD once the Transfer Station improvements have been completed.

We had quite a bottle sorting system going last year. Diane Sullivan has clearly labelled the sorting stations and Jennifer Gehl sends out an email advising people of when we are sorting. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help. If you are interested in joining us, just let us know and we will add your name to the email list. We generally meet on a Tuesday or

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## Annual General Meeting

Fred Potter Memorial Hall  
(upstairs)

546 Green Lake South Road  
Saturday, July 12, 10:00 am

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Thursday morning at the Fire Hall. It's a great way to contribute to the community and meet your neighbours.



The old wall ovens were recently replaced with new convection wall ovens. This made our preparation for the Annual Garage/Bake Sale much easier. Thank you to Cheryl Groves for finding such a good deal on the ovens and to Fred

Kuyek, who did such a nice job of building cabinets around the ovens. They look great!

The Ladies' Auxiliary held a clean-up day on March 26<sup>th</sup>, where they purged the old buildings cupboards and side attics. Anything useful was put in the Garage Sale. The upstairs of the Fred Potter Memorial Hall will now be spruced up and is going to be used as a Training Room by Del Westfall and Dave Plenhert.



We will be going through the old records and plan on putting together a comprehensive history of the SGLVFD since 1981.

If anyone has an interesting story or any pictures or articles they would like to contribute, please contact us.



Our future plans include improving the parking lot. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for gravel and hope to have some gravel in place by Community Day.

## Annual General Meeting

Please attend our **Annual General Meeting** to be held at the Fred Potter Memorial Hall (upstairs) on **Saturday, July 12, 2014, starting at 10:00 a.m.**

***This is official notice that we are proposing the following By-Law Amendment:***

***Constitution, Part 9, Section 43, Item 2:***

***“Notwithstanding section (1) the director/ member may mortgage the property at 506 Green Lake South Road, 70 Mile House, owned by the South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department, for the express purpose of a Major Capital Expenditure, needed to maintain our Certification by the Underwriters Association.”***



The manufacturing date of our present apparatus is: Utility - 1975, Tender - 1980, Pumper 2 - 1988, Pumper 1 - 1994. If our equipment is over 20 years old, it has to be pump tested each year. Our newest truck (Pumper 1) is good for five more years as our lead vehicle, but we need to start thinking ahead. We cannot afford to lose our certification, or our home insurance rates will double in cost. This by-law amendment is to ensure we have the ability to maintain our equipment in the event we have an equipment failure.

We will be showing a ten minute Powerpoint presentation regarding Interface Wildfires, prior to the actual Annual General Meeting (see Fire Chief's Report).



## Fire Chief's Report

Peter McKie – Acting Fire Chief

First off I would like to thank all of you for having a safe fire season since our last newsletter. In the last part of 2013 we had 6-911 calls, mostly requests for assistance by BC Ambulance. In 2014 to the writing of this we have had 2- 911 calls.

Grass Fire at 1400 SGL Road  
5 FF attended, used 600 Gallons of water to extinguish

False Alarm at 138 South Crest.  
6 FF attended, lot next door burning brush

We continue to hold our fire practices bi-weekly on Saturdays at 10:00am. This year we will also be having additional practices every second Tuesday in July and August. We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining the VFD or would just like to have a look around the hall, please contact me at 250 456 6806. Our roster of 22 Fire Fighters is 2 more than last year. I would like to welcome Jim Smith to the department. Jim joined the VFD this April and is a part time resident on Boulder Road. I would also like to welcome back Dave Goodwin to our ranks.

We have developed a fire ground command structure to ensure all firefighters follow our operational guidelines and we return to the Fire Hall from an incident with everyone safe.



Roger Graham	Deputy Chief
Steve Gehl	Assistant Chief
Bob Walker	Maintenance Officer
Dunham Craig	Safety Officer
Del Westfall	Training Officer
Dave Plenert	Training Officer

Thank you all for stepping up to these positions.

Our VFD is on a constant quest to ensure our members have adequate training for all aspects of Fire Fighting in a Rural Area. I need to give a big thank you to Del Westfall and Dave Plenert for all their support with our training over the past year. To this year, as a department we have completed or have scheduled the following training.

- SCBA Training
- Passport Incident Accountability System
- Hydro Safety under Power Lines
- Attended a TNRD Mock Disaster scenario in Clinton March 24
- S100/WFF1 Train the trainer March 30 – In Kamloops
- Driver training Module 1 Preventive Maintenance
- 150 Mile Training Weekend May 4-5 - 2 FF attended
- Fire Chief meeting Kamloops May 20 – 2 FF attended
- S100/WFF 1 Wild land Fire Fighting – 14 FF attended
- Chain Saw Safety Training June 21-22
- Pumps/Pumping refresher June 13-14
- Driver Training Aug 12 13

We are constantly monitoring our apparatus and equipment and have replaced a few minor items this year. We acquired a few more radios, ensuring we have 2 way communications to 911 in more locations on

the lake. We have also purchased 10 gently used SCBA tanks, allowing us more flexibility in case of an incident. We also have been very fortunate to receive donations from Richmond Fire and the City of North Vancouver. Thank you to Marc Palmari and Bob Poole.

As a rural department we are always looking for ways to enhance our firefighting capabilities are constantly talking to other departments. Some of the projects we are working on are:

- Sprinkler System – Defensive Wildfire for Residences
- Dry Hydrants – Long term project
- Operational Guidelines
- Incident to text Messaging (Kamloops Dispatch)

### Category 3 open fires restricted in Cariboo Fire Centre

WILLIAMS LAKE – Effective at noon on May 16, 2014, Category 3 open fires will be prohibited throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. The prohibition will be in place until Sept. 30, 2014, or until the public is otherwise notified.

Specifically, this order prohibits fires that burn: Material concurrently in three or more piles, each not exceeding two metres in height, and three metres in width; or material in one or more piles, each exceeding two metres in height or three metres in width.

So far this season, the Cariboo Fire Centre has responded to 44 fires, the vast majority of fires were human-caused and therefore completely preventable.

To report a wildfire or unattended campfire, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or \*5555 on a Cell phone.



### **We Need Volunteers!**

Come join the Fire Hall and become a Volunteer Fire Fighter.

Practices are every second Saturday in the Winter, Tuesday evenings in the Summer.

Check our website for more details or for more information contact our Acting Fire Chief, Peter McKie at 250-456-6806

### **SGLVFD Board of Directors**

Susan McKie	President
Marga Veto	Secretary
Cheryl Groves	Treasurer
Liz Chamberlain	Director
Lani Lazenby	Director
Jaqui Wowk	Director
Dennis Nagy	Director
Doug Hughes	Director
Larry Messaros	Director

### **Firefighters**

The volunteer firefighters are on duty 24 hrs. a day, 365 days a year, to assist you in your emergency. We sincerely thank the hard-working Executives, Fire Chief and Fire Fighters for making this a safer community; let's not forget the major savings we all enjoy in house insurance costs, thanks to their efforts.

Mike Balachanoff	Doug Hughes
Bob Walker	Dunham Craig
Dave Plenhert	Roger Graham
Art Groves	Sandy Jamieson
Peter McKie	Dennis Nagy
Dave Goodwin	Dwayne Parrent
Dave Clearwater	Steve Gehl
Vic Sizer	Bob Bell
Del Westfall	Larry Messaros
John Sullivan	Matt McFarlane
Daryl Rogers	Jim Smith

## Ladie's Auxiliary Report

Pat Graham has elected to step down from the position of President of the Ladie's Auxiliary. We would like to thank Pat for her many years of organizing the Ladie's Auxiliary meetings and our Garage Sale.



The decision was made to bake pies every Wednesday in April, but we actually put in six full days with a result of over 350 pies being produced for the Garage/Bake Sale. There was an excellent selection of blueberry, cherry, strawberry/rhubarb, mixed berries and apple pies, along with bread, butter tarts, fancy cupcakes and Rice Krispies squares. Thank you to all the people who donated their time to once again make this a huge success. The addition of the new ovens really increased our output of pies, as we were able to cook 16 pies at once. The pies and other goodies were pretty well gone within the first hour. Marie and Fred Kuyek handled BBQ duties and served up delicious "dogs" for everyone to enjoy.



We are pleased to report that the Garage/Bake Sale was our most successful to-date, with a total revenue of \$4,600.00 after expenses.

We would like to thank the local merchants who supported our raffle, which brought in \$595.50. They are: Brian Stroud, 108 Golf Course, Carol Taylor, Whimsey Gifts, 100 Mile Feed, Tim-Br Mart, Horse Lake Garden Centre, 70 Mile General Store, Brand Source Family Home Furnishing, XH Buffalo Ranch and Leslie Schwarz. We had so many raffle prizes we held some back and will raffle them off at Community Day.



And a big THANK YOU to the community for supporting our Annual Event. Think of the SGLVFD when you are getting rid of "gently used items". We can make arrangements to pick up items if necessary.



Fred Potter Memorial Hall  
South Green Lake VFD  
Community Day  
& Open House  
Saturday August 2, 2014  
10 AM - 1 PM



Come out and see the equipment, try the fire hose!  
Hot dogs, Pop & Ice Cream (by donation)  
All proceeds to the SGLVFD Truck Fund  
Come out and see what's new!

*"Working together,  
ensuring a safe community"*



*Joint Fire Practice  
with 70 Mile House VFD*

Exercise at the  
Fred Potter Memorial Hall  
Jackie Stroud



Don't forget that we have a drop-in exercise group at the Fire Hall. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. We work out. We have tons of different workouts including aerobic, weight training, cross training and step aerobics. Our workouts are designed for all age groups and all fitness levels so you'll fit right in. The cost is only \$1.00 for an hour of workout.

Hope you can join us!

**Do We Have Your Current  
E-mail Address?**

Please help us keep our contact list up-to-date, by providing your name, postal address, e-mail address, phone number(s) and lot address.

It will help us to keep in touch during emergencies.



Please send updates to Larry Messaros  
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