

# Provision of Fire Service in the Port Clyde Area

Public Presentation

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# Agenda

- Brief History of Fire Service in Barrington Municipality
- Port Clyde Fire Service
- Timelines of Discussion
- Future Coverage Plan
- Questions

# History 1/3

**Clarks Harbour Fire Department. Est. 1926.**

Dept. amalgamated with IBP June 4, 2002

**Canadian Forces Station Baccaro. Est. 1957**

Decommissioned in 1990

**Barrington Fire Department. Est. 1961.**

Dept amalgamated with B/PLT July 31, 2014



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# History 2/3

**Barrington Passage Fire Department. Est. 1961.**

Dept. amalgamated with IBP June 4, 2002

**Woods Harbour Fire Department. Est. 1964**

Dept amalgamated with WHSH March 20, 2012

**Port La Tour Fire Department. Est. 1964**

Dept amalgamated with B/PLT July 31, 2014



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# History 3/3

**South Side Fire Department. Est. 1968**

Dept. amalgamated with IBP June 4, 2002

**Port Clyde Fire Department. Est. 1969**

**Shag Harbour Fire Department. Est. 1971**

Dept amalgamated with WSHH March 20, 2012



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# New Fire Departments

- Island Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department.  
First to amalgamate, 3 depts to 1 dept June 4, 2002.
- Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.  
Second to amalgamate, 2 depts to 1 dept March 20, 2012.
- Barrington/Port La Tour Volunteer Fire Department.  
Third to amalgamate, 2 depts to 1 dept July 31, 2014

# Why Combine Fire Departments

We asked members from the Municipality that were involved in combining fire departments why they proceeded with combining departments.

- Not enough members
- More money
- Running all calls with another department anyway

As with all other Departments in the Municipality, and throughout Rural NS, Port Clyde has faced all the same challenges.



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## BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

Information	WH SHFD	IBPFD	BPLTFD	PCFD	AVERAGE
Number of Volunteers	35	33	29	20	29.2
Firefighters Trained to Interior Firefighter	22 - 61%	24 - 73%	16 - 55%	7 - 35%	17.2
Firefighters trained to Exterior Firefighter	8 - 22%	7 - 21%	4 - 14%	4 - 20%	5.7
Firefighters trained to Officer Level	10 - 28%	8 - 24%	8 - 27%	4 - 20%	7.5
Total fire Calls	38	53	46	15	
Firefighters that responded to less than 40% of Fire Calls	22	22	18	15	19.25
Firefighters that responded to more than 40% of Fire Calls	13	11	11	5	10
Average response number of FF's on Fire Calls	12.5	11	10.9	5	9.8
Average Response time on Fire Calls	14	15.3	17.9	25	18
Total MFR Calls	81	39	24	41	46.25
Firefighters responding to less than 40%	31	20	18	15	21
Firefighters responding to more than 40%	4	13	12	5	8.5
Average response number of FF's on MFR Calls	6.5	10.6	9.9	5.2	8
Average Response time on MFR Calls	8	13	13	16	12.5

# Timelines of Discussion

- 2014 – Port Clyde VFD was asked if they wanted to merge with Barrington and Port La Tour, and at the time the membership voted against doing so
- August 2016 – PCVFD met with council to discuss membership and training concerns
- January 2017 – CAO/ Fire Services Coordinator met with PCFVD and BPLTVFD to discuss responding to calls together due to the previous concerns
- January 2017 – Council met with with PCFVD and BPLTVFD to discuss responding to calls together due to the previous concerns

# Timelines of Discussion (Continued)

- February 2017 – CAO/ Fire Services Coordinator met at the PCVFD to discuss the facility
- March 3, 2017 – Council met with PCVFD and members of the community regarding the use of the hall
- March 2017 – CAO/ Fire Services Coordinator met with Shelburne CAO and PCVFD to discuss coverage
- April 2017 – CAO/ Fire Services Coordinator met with PCVFD to discuss membership and training concerns
- June 2017 – Council discussed Municipal Fire Services



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# Timelines of Discussion (Continued)

- July 2017 – Council met with PCVFD and were asked that by September new members register for training
- January 2018 – Council met with PCVFD and BPLTVFD regarding coverage in Port Clyde
- March 2018 – Meeting with PCVFD, BPLTVFD, and Community Group members to discuss move forward approach
- April 2018 – Meeting in Port Clyde to discuss move forward approach
- Many other meetings between staff and PCVFD



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# Future Fire Coverage Plan

- Effective April 1, 2018 the BPLTVFD expanded their fire district to cover the area currently covered by the PCVFD in the Municipality of the District of Barrington.
- The PCVFD will cease to exist as of April 1, 2018 and will dissolve their Society as per their incorporation
- All assets of the PCVFD will be transferred to the Municipality of the District of Barrington.
- The Municipality will grant all fire vehicles, apparatus, and equipment received from PCVFD to the BPLTVFD to be used at their discretion.



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# The Hall

- The building has/will temporarily become property of the Municipality
- The Hall may be granted by the Municipality to a qualified community group, or sold if no suitable use or proposal is made.
- It is our understanding that there is a group being developed that is interested in owning and operating the hall

# Trucks and Substation

- In the event the Fire Hall is granted to a qualified community group the community group's ownership shall be subject to the right of BPLTVFD to rent two bays for \$500/month for a three-year term to keep fire response vehicle(s) in the hall for that period.
- Firefighters will continue to be able to respond from Port Clyde as members of BPLTVFD
- BPLTVFD would have the option in three years to continue having a sub-station in Port Clyde for a further period if its deemed to be effective

# Members

- The members of the PCVFD will be invited to join the BPLTVFD.
  - To date, we know of 9 members from Port Clyde have already joined Barrington Port La Tour
- With the addition of the new members BPLTVFD will become the largest department in the Municipality



# Fire Rates

- Fire rates for PCVFD and BPLTVFD Districts will be blended over a three-year period to arrive at the same rate by all areas covered by BPLTVFD.



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# Thanks to Firefighters!



# Questions?



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