

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PICKLE LAKE

#### **MINUTES**

# Of the Sioux Lookout 008 Debrief Tuesday, June 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall

Council	Staff	Public
Mayor Monck Councillor Blakney Councillor Vaughan Councillor Millar	Clerk-Treasurer Jamie Hussey PW Superintendent Terry Zapf Acting Fire Chief Sandra Lee Admin Assist Deborah Rasmussen Dispatcher Deanne Ruest	Sgt. Kevin Young Adam Monster MNRF Sharon Bak OFMEM

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Bak of OFMEM at 14:00 cst.

## 2. DEBRIEF OPENING

Ms. Bak asked the members of the debrief to acknowledge a moment of silence for Chief Dalzell.

Following the moment of silence the debrief rules were given to the attendees:

-Respectful space- this is a learning opportunity, be respectful of one another, this is a time to discuss what worked and what can be improved upon.

# 3. REPORT ON AGREED UPON EVENTS OF SIOUX LOOKOUT 008

15:00 CST Community members noticed smoke in community, Officers from OPP attended, 20 trees on fire off sewer plant road

15:05 CST Municipal Superintendent notified Clerk

15:30 Sewer Plant Road Closed and Pickle Lake Road Closed

Fast Moving Fire

OPP/MTO Closed Hwy 599 with barricade, requested NAPS close HWY further down, no response until later, Road then Closed further down HWY 599 from Pickle Lake. 15:30 Dispatch Activated lack of personnel to respond, 3/12 firefighters attended to the

call, 1 civilian volunteer drove the truck, Town Clerk attended fire with 3 fire fighters. 15:40 Hydro Lost to community

Generators started at community hall, town office, water plant, lift stations.

Mayor notified, attended to fire hall, Councillor Millar attended town office.

North Star Air and Wasaya opened hangars for residents, MTO Activated Airport muster station.

Firefighter and Clerk moved residents from the Koval St. Trailer park to the Airport due to heavy smoke and unstable shifting of winds.

Critical Infrastructure was threatened, Office, Vehicles, Residential homes etc.

16:25 Fire Crossed HWY 599

No aircraft on initial attack, Adam Monster reported communications to Air Attack Bombers shortly after 17:00. 5/9 Ontario Bombers attended to Pickle Lake for the fire.

Values Protection was set up on most sites in Central Patricia as well as the Sewer Plant, Water Plant and Makela household.

CEMC was out of the community but accessible virtually

Community Hall was opened at 18:00-23:00 for charging station, air conditioning, get out of the smoke, cooking access.

EOC at Fire Hall/Alerting System Plan implemented.

Facebook Posts kept active throughout Days Following Fire.

Less Smoke in Town= Less Anxiety in days following the fire.

Bombers seized air attack at 20:30, Ground crews Seized at 21:30.

Roads opened around 20:30

OPP monitored throughout the night.

Communications were had with industry including Bell, Hydro and Celerity Internet. Casual's Gas Station ran out of fuel, arrangements were made with North Star Air for dispensing fuel to emergency vehicles, large tankers coming in were unable to offload at Morgan's so offloaded at airport and transported to Casuals in a smaller truck. Municipal Generator used to keep fuel operating at Casual's/

#### DAY 2:

08:00 Centre Opened, bomber action continued.

15:30 power came on in parts of town, fully restored by 23:00.

Communications Issues Continued

MNRF extra crews continued ground suppression.

PEOC and EOC Meetings continued.

Deployed OFMEM Field Officer Simone Stawicki.

Pickle Lake Fire Department crew worked all day.

MNRF Continued.

Jason Supravich/Liasons/Municipal Staff/EMS/MTO continued meetings.

Operational cycle was in motion to coincide with PEOC calls.

#### **DAY 3:**

05:00 Flare up Pickle Lake Fire attended to.

Cancelled Sioux Lookout Fire Department Support.

Requested values protection to Sewer Plant and Water Plant.

Community Centre open for shorter hours.

White Board information posting started in front window of hall.

### Day 3 + Recovery:

Calls continued with PEOC

Town Office Open, Clinic Open

Simone stayed for support

Postings were maintained online.

Vital Phone lines were restored on Monday June 10, 2019.

Trench dug for Bell cable.

Normal Operations began returning for Municipality

MNRF Operations continued

IC Team took over fire at 17:00 Sun June 9, 2019.

Chopper ride for Mayor, Acting Fire Chief and Councillor Millar on Saturday June 8, Simone and Jamie Sunday and Simone Jamie and Acting Chief Monday for videos and pictures.

CI still had values protection in place Wednesday/Thursday.

By Tuesday all voluntary evacuees had returned to town.

By Friday all coms restored.

PEOC calls ended.

## 4. SWOT ANALYSIS

Attendees broke into smaller groups for Internal and External discussions regarding strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats moving forward with future community emergencies.

A brief discussion followed with sharing of these group analyses.

Sharon Bak asked that these sheets be kept by the Clerk for after action reports and to be used in updating the emergency plan.

## 5. CLOSING

Mayor Monck expressed thanks to Sharon for attending and facilitating the meeting as well as all members of the debrief for their attendance. He stated this is definitely a situation we can take a lot of information away from for betterment of the future, with a key focus being on only one access point to the community. He stated we were very fortunate and thanked MNRF for their fast action on the fire as well as the Provincial and federal partners for their support during the event. Meeting concluded at 16:35.

## ADOPTION BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. 19- 15 THIS 16th DAY OF JULY 2019

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Mayor

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