

Thetis Island Improvement District
(Volunteer Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services)

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Thetis Island, BC, V0R 2Y0

Minutes of the May 09, 2026 Annual General Meeting

Present: *Trustee Rush (Chair) Trustee Dickie, Trustee Shelford, Trustee Sutter*

Regrets: *Trustee Adair*

Staff: *Koeppen, Aaberg*

TIVFD: *Fire Chief Caldbeck, Captain Tarris, Lieut. Kasting*

Public: *11*

Location: *Forbes Hall Community Center*

Agenda Items:

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Call to order and welcome

- *Trustee Rush (Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM*

3. Welcome & introductions

- *Acknowledged ID trustees, staff, Fire Department, and members of the public present*
- *Trustee Rush (Chair) presented a Power Point to provide visual agenda and highlights of the AGM. (on file)*
- *TIID trustee and staff introductions*

4. Adoption of meeting minutes for May 10, 2025, AGM

- *Trustee Shelford moved to adopt the TIID May 10, 2025, AGM meeting minutes as written*
- *Seconded by Trustee Sutter*
- ***Carried unanimously***

5. Trustee Remuneration

- *Trustee Rush (Chair) reported that none of the trustees received remuneration in the 2025 year*
- *Trustee Rush (Chair) reiterated the roles and responsibilities of TIID Trustees*

6. Approval of Financial Statements

- *Trustee Rush (Chair) provided an overview via PowerPoint presentation of the TIID/TIVFD 2025 Budget year (on file and on TIID website)*
- *Trustee Rush (Chair) addressed the 2025 Audited Financial Statement completed by Palmer Leslie Chartered Accountants (on file and on TIID Website)*
- *2025 Audited Financial Statement as presented and once approved by Trustees will be posted on the Improvement District website page.*
- *Audit result, 2025 Variance according to audited financial statements including M&O, TIID, Capital Projects, Capital Works*

7. Approval of Financial Statements

Motion #116.2026.05.10

- *Motion made by Trustee Sutter to approve the 2025 financial Statements as presented*
- *Seconded by Trustee Dickie*
- ***Carried unanimously***

8. 2025 Highlights

- *Early in January TIVFD was asked to assist Penelakut with the row housing fire. Engine 1*
- *FC Caldbeck and Trustee Rush met with MLA Dana Lajeunesse, re: New FSA*
- *TICF restored the 'card system' for FR patients who end up off Island with no wallet.*
- *Purchase of the new command vehicle and sale of the old command*
- *Clean External Financial Audit*
- *Participated in 2 Assembly Meetings*
- *We lost a dear friend and fire department supporter with the passing of Veronica Shelford.*
- *Fire Fighters Appreciation Dinner*

9. Committee Reports

- *Trustee Rush (Chair) provided committee report highlights on behalf of:*
- *Safety Committee (Trustee Dickie)*
- *Building Maintenance (Trustee Adair)*
- *Community Dock (Trustee Sutter)*

10. Trustee Election/Acclamation

- *Keith Rush and Graeme Shelford acclaimed as Trustees for a 3-year term*

11. New Fire Truck

- *FC Caldbeck and Lieu Kasting travel to Fort Garry for final inspection*

- *New Engine One Delivery: Fort Garry Fire Trucks will drive the new unit to BC, hopefully in time for the Fire Expo in Victoria in early June.*

- *Inspection, orientation, and the traditional firefighters pushing the engine into the fire hall bay once it arrives on Thetis.*

12. Recruitment

- *Since January of 1980, 173 folks have signed up to become a firefighter*
- *Need a roster of 15 to maintain our semi-protected status*
- *Remember:*
 - *Attend 3 drill nights to see what it's like*
 - *You don't have to be able to do ALL tasks*
 - *Compensation for gas; may take a leave if needed*

13. Upcoming

- *New recruit Maila Leupold joined in April*
- *Sven Aaberg retiring in June: Bill Golley will assume duties*
- *2027 Budget cycle*
- *Chief Caldbeck Retirement; Officer Succession*
- *November 7th, Appreciation Dinner*

14. Fire Department Report

- *Fire Chief Caldbeck presented a Fire department slideshow highlighting the past year*

15. Thetis Island Volunteer Firefighters Society

- *Trustee Shelford provided an overview of the Society*
- *Thetis Island Volunteer Firefighters Society, an adjunct to the Fire Department, exists to help fund the TIVFD, and provide individual contributors tax relief by virtue of its charitable status. As a registered charity able to provide tax receipts for donation's.*
- *The stated purpose of this Society is to help fund paramedic and firefighting supplies, equipment and training. Also provide purchase of nonessential items to support the fire department.*
- *Accepting voluntary contributions from citizens grateful for the services provided by the volunteer firefighters, and by applying for grants available to charitable organizations.*

16. Final Words

- *Trustee Rush (Chair) thanked members of the public for their attendance*

17. Adjournment

- *Motion to Adjourn by Trustee Shelford*
- *Seconded by Trustee Sutter*

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM