

Great Village & District Fire Brigade Annual Awards Banquet

By Linda Harrington

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Great Village & District Fire Brigade has been offering volunteer emergency services to the community for 91 years.

In Chief Dave Lundie's Annual Report, he noted there had been 131 calls in 2016, which included: 59 medical, 27 motor vehicle accidents, 3 chimney fires, 9 fire alarm sounding, 8 vehicle fires, 6 mutual aid, 3 brush fires, 2 grass fires, 7 control burns, 1 water rescue, 3 trees on fire, 1 hydraulic lift, 2 structure fires. These calls totalled 1339 man-hours, with an additional 720 man hours for training and 619 man hours for equipment maintenance.

Since the beginning of 2017 there have been 22 emergency calls, with 13 medical, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 fire alarms, 2 chimney fires and 1 RCMP assist. Chief Lundie thanked everyone for a job well done.

Steve Carroll, Great Village Fire Commission, acted as emcee for the evening and he thanked the Londonderry Community Council for preparing and serving the delicious pork supper.

Colchester County Mayor, Christine Blair was the guest speaker and she brought greetings on behalf of the County. She noted the Municipality will be recognizing 33 Fire Fighters who have served 50 years or more at the Volunteer Recognition Night on April 25th. Deputy Chief Larry Kinsman and Chief Dave Lundie will be recognized from Great Village Brigade.

Great Village and District Fire Auxiliary Treasurer Betty MacNeil presented Steve Carroll, Great Village Fire Commission with a cheque for \$15,000 to assist with payment on a new fire truck. Betty said the Auxiliary began in October, 1968 with 6 ladies and after the fire hall burnt later that year more ladies joined and helped with fundraising. Thousands of dollars have been raised over the years through the annual Bingo, Chicken BBQ, Auction Canteen and Catering services. There are currently 12 active members. A moment of silence was held in memory of Auxiliary Member Phyllis Chase, who recently passed away. Phyllis had 23 years of service. A Service Award was presented to Audrey Fields (who was unable to attend) for 35 Years of Service.

Fire Officer of the Year was presented to Barrett Jenkins. Fire Fighter of the Year was presented to Peter Dodsworth Lush. Junior Fire Fighter of the Year was awarded to Daniel Dodsworth Lush, who was unable to attend. Most Improved Fire Fighter was presented to Peter Dodsworth Lush.

The Steve Francis Memorial Award was awarded by Steve's sons Michael and JJ Francis to Tommy Bowers,

who was unable to attend. The award was accepted on his behalf by Barrett Jenkins.

The Claude O'Brien Fellowship Award was presented by Patrick & Tanya O'Brien to Chris Congdon.

Fire Fighter Service Awards were presented to Terry Spence- 20 Years, Larry Kinsman- 50 Years and David Lundie- 60 Years. Other members awarded service awards but not in attendance were Jenny Best- 10 Years, Dave Best- 10 Years, Jeremy Smith- 10 Years and Terry Francis- 20 Years.

Emera: Turbine Produced Electricity for over 1500 hours

By Maurice Rees

When it was discovered how much electricity had been uploaded to Nova Scotia Power grid, the Shoreline Journal sent a number of questions to Cape Sharp Tidal. The following is the questions asked, and response. Originally, the questions were asked of Sarah Dawson on April 7th. On April 10th, the following response was received from Stacey Pineau, at an Emera office in New Brunswick who indicated she was substituting for Sarah Dawson, who was off on medical leave.

(Editor's Note) I found it hard to understand why with 1,500 hours of production, the turbine only produced 5.4MWh of saleable electricity, enough to supply one house for about four months. However, I have to report was provided to me.

Has electricity generated by the turbine been consistently flowing directly onto the Nova Scotia Power grid and has been providing electricity to light and heat Nova Scotia homes?

Yes, electricity generated by the turbine has consistently flowed to the grid. The turbine has produced electricity for over 1,500 hours and we're gradually increasing production over time as we identify where we can make improvements and possible upgrades.

FORCE is currently doing substation upgrades unrelated to our project. You can check with them for more information on the work they're doing.

How much electricity has been generated since November 8th even though Cape Sharp has been in the commissioning phase?

The 5.4MWh refers to how much electricity was delivered to the grid net of substation consumption between November and December 31, 2016. This represents about 20 percent of the total production during just the first 7 weeks of our commissioning phase. It's not representative of what will be normal operations over time.

The production of electricity from the turbine during this period was limited as we continued to ramp up production over time while we tested the system in different conditions and tidal cycles.

This is a normal part of the initial phase of any project with new, innovative technology in the early days of deployment.

Please confirm, electricity has been continuing from the sub-station onto the Nova Scotia Power Grid since November 8th. I have received reports and photos indicating during the winter months electricity has not been going onto the grid.

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You also made note in a follow-up message of how much electricity has been generated since the turbine was deployed into the Minas Channel on November 7th, and included a comment posted to the Shoreline Journal's Facebook page.

Commissioning new technology takes time and we are still in the very early days of this demonstration project. The number of homes being referred to in the comment you've provided are when the project is fully operational.

As well, in your note this afternoon, you asked for a breakdown of the number of hours the turbine produced power that was uploaded to the grid - you will see this noted above (over 1,500 hours). We won't be providing a day-by-day breakdown, but I hope the total is helpful to you.

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