

**OTTER POINT FIRE PROTECTION AND  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2026  
OTTER POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT, 3737 OTTER POINT ROAD**

**Members Present:**

Ms. J. Hemphill – Chair

Mr. D. Gollmer – Vice Chair

Mr. P. White – Trustee

Mr. S. Hemphill – Trustee & FFs Rep

Ms. D. Morton – Trustee

**Members Absent:**

Mr. B. Gibbons – Treasurer

Mr. A. Wickheim – Trustee and Dir JDF

**Others Present:**

Mr. J. McCrea – Otter Point Fire Chief (CRD Staff)

Mr. B. Patterson – Otter Point Deputy Fire Chief (CRD Staff)

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 1857 hrs.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

All in favour of the agenda.

**Approval Previous Minutes:**

MOTION to accept the minutes of the December 10th, 2025 meeting. Gollmer/White. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Fire Chief's Report:**

Attached.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Budget 2025. A small surplus is anticipated.

Budget 2026. Nothing to report.

**Firefighter's Rep. Report:**

01 Jan 2026, Polar Bear Swim at Whiffen Spit. D. Gollmer carried on the annual tradition of a cannon blast to send out the swimmers – 220 registered but estimated at least 250, an amazing turnout. Breakfast at the hall afterwards was not as well attended as usual.

**Old Business:**

Draft CRD Fire Services Operational Powers Bylaw and amendments to Bylaw 3654.

Discussions with stakeholders ongoing.

**New Business:**

MOTION that J. Hemphill continue as Chair and D. Gollmer as Vice Chair. Gibbons/White. Motion carried. The Treasurer remains as B. Gibbons.

MOTION to adjourn at 1940 hrs. White/Gollmer. All in favour. Motion carried.

Next Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, 11 Feb 2026 at 1900 hrs.