

AGENDA

Thursday, April 3rd, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. BBDE Station – Training Room 14 Sherbrooke Street East, Perth, Ontario

Chair: Ray Scissons

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - i) Minutes Confidential November 14th, 2024 Identifiable Individual Wage Review for Full Time Fire Department Staff – *to be distributed at the meeting.*

Suggested Recommendation:

"THAT, the confidential minutes of the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue Board Meeting (Closed Session - Identifiable Individual - Wage Review for Full Time Fire Department Staff) held on November 14th, 2024 be approved as circulated."

ii) Minutes – January 30th, 2025 – *attached, page 5.*

Suggested Recommendation: **"THAT**, the minutes of the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue Board Meeting held on January 30th, 2025 be approved as circulated."

iii) Minutes – Confidential – January 30th, 2025 – Identifiable Individual – Personnel Issues – *to be distributed at the meeting.*

Suggested Recommendation: **"THAT**, the confidential minutes of the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue Board Meeting (Closed Session - Identifiable Individual – Personnel Issues) held on January 30th, 2025 be approved as circulated."

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

i) Jessica Rothwell (KPMG LLP): 2024 Audit – attached, page 12.

Suggested Recommendation: **"THAT**, the 2024 audited financial statements for the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue be adopted as presented."

6. BUSINESS

i) Auditor Appointment.

Suggested Recommendation: **"THAT**, KMPG LLP be appointed to complete the 2025 Audit for the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue."

ii) 2023 Surplus/Deficit Allotment.

Suggested Recommendation: "**THAT**, the \$2,870.00 surplus from the 2024 Administration budget be transferred to the Administration Reserve;

THAT, the -\$100,108.00 deficit from the 2024 BBD&E Station budget be transferred from the BBD&E Apparatus Reserve;

THAT, \$10,000.00 of the surplus from the 2024 South Sherbrooke Station budget be transferred to the South Sherbrooke Honorarium/Recruit Reserve, and \$43,649.00 of the surplus from the 2024 South Sherbrooke Station budget be transferred to the South Sherbrooke Apparatus Reserve;

AND THAT, the -\$336.00 deficit from the 2024 Smiths Falls Fire Agreement budget be transferred from the Smiths Falls Fire Agreement Reserve."

iii) **Fire Protection Grant** – *attached page 36.* Greg Saunders, Fire Chief.

Suggested Recommendation:

"THAT, the Fire Board move forward with the purchase and installation of a professional cleaning and decontamination unit from Canadian Safety Equipment;

AND THAT, the expenses not covered through the 2024 Fire Protection Grant be expensed from the BBD&E Equipment Reserve (the amount expensed from the BBD&E Equipment reserve will be \$45,282.30) and BBD&E Building Reserve (the amount expensed from the BBD&E Building Reserve will be \$30,244.45)."

- iv) **Deputy Fire Chief Update.** Darren Gibson, Deputy Fire Chief.
- v) Fire Chief Update. Greg Saunders, Fire Chief.

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. IN-CAMERA

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Proposed Meeting Date: TBD.

10. DEFERRED ITEMS

*The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:

i) None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

DRUMMOND NORTH ELMSLEY TAY VALLEY FIRE BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, January 30th, 2025 6:00 p.m. BBD&E Station – 14 Sherbrooke Street East, Perth, ON Training Room

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:	Chair, Councillor Wayne Baker Vice-Chair, Ray Scissons Councillor John Matheson Councillor Paul Coutts Councillor Marilyn Thomas Councillor Greg Hallam
Staff Present:	Greg Saunders, Fire Chief Darren Gibson, Deputy Fire Chief Megan Moore, Recording Secretary
Members & Staff Absent:	None.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR 2025 TERM

RESOLUTION #FB-2025-01

MOVED BY: Paul Coutts SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

"THAT, Ray Scissons be appointed Chair of the Fire Board for a one-year term, effective January 30, 2025."

ADOPTED

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2025 TERM

RESOLUTION #FB-2025-02

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker SECONDED BY: Greg Hallam

"THAT, Marilyn Thomas be appointed Vice-Chair of the Fire Board for a one-year term, effective January 30, 2025."

ADOPTED

4. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition under In Camera: Confidential: Identifiable Individual – Personnel Issue.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None at this time.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i) Minutes – November 14, 2024.

RESOLUTION #FB-2025-03

MOVED BY: Marilyn Thomas **SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

"THAT, the minutes of the Fire Board meeting held on November 14, 2024 be approved as presented."

ADOPTED

ii) Minutes – Confidential – November 14, 2024 - Identifiable Individual – Wage Review for Full Time Fire Department Staff.

The minutes were not approved and will be sent back to Janie Laidlaw at Drummond/North Elmsley Township to modify.

7. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

None.

8. BUSINESS

i) Health & Safety Policy Renewal for 2025.

RESOLUTION #FB-2025-04

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam **SECONDED BY:** Wayne Baker

"THAT, the 2025 Health and Safety Policy be adopted."

ADOPTED

ii) **Fire Protection Grant.**

The Fire Chief reported that the Fire Department has received partial funding for a professional cleaning and decontamination unit. The remaining costs will be funded by the Fire Department Equipment Reserve. The Fire Chief will obtain 3 quotes before committing to purchase the unit.

RESOLUTION #FB-2025-05

MOVED BY: Marilyn Thomas **SECONDED BY:** John Matheson

"THAT, the Fire Board approves moving forward with the Fire Protection Grant for a professional cleaning and decontamination unit;

AND THAT, the Chair and Fire Chief be authorized to sign the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement."

ADOPTED

iii) Tanker and Aerial Support Services Agreement with Town of Perth Update.

The Fire Chief explained to the Fire Board that an agreement will be presented at both Drummond/North Elmsley and Tay Valley Councils soon. The agreement will allow for the activation of an aerial ladder truck to be used within the Townships if it is requested and tanker trucks to be used in the Town of Perth as required. There will be no cost to either municipality for this agreement.

iv) 2024/2025 Emergency Response Calls as of January 14th, 2025.

RESOLUTION #FB-2025-06

MOVED BY: John Matheson **SECONDED BY:** Wayne Baker

"THAT, the 2024/2025 Emergency Calls as of January 14th, 2025 be received for information."

ADOPTED

v) 2023/2024 Fire Permits Summary & 2024/2025 Fire Permits Summary as at January 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION #FB-2025-07

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

"THAT, the 2023/2024 Fire Permits Summary & 2024/2025 Fire Permits Summary as at January 20, 025 be received for information."

ADOPTED

vi) **Deputy Fire Chief Update.**

TRAINING

- Learning contract approval from the Ontario Fire College to teach NFPA 1002 Pumps Ops internally.
- Rented Perth Pool last night for some water rescue training. FYI further certifications for any water type rescue training will involve members passing a rigorous swim test prior to acceptance.
- Training schedule is complete for first six months with a focus in the spring on structure fire attack techniques at the South Sherbrooke Station Training Center

RECRUITS

 New recruits have already completed 3 weekends of training in January at the Regional Training Center (RTC) in Mississippi Mills along with new recruits from other Lanark County Departments. In total they will be away 10 weekends, 4 months.

PREVENTION

- In February, a key focus for fire prevention should be on maintaining and properly using heating sources like fireplaces, space heaters, and furnaces, including having them serviced annually, keeping flammable materials at a safe distance, and ensuring proper ash disposal in a fire-safe container
- Reminders posted on DNETV Facebook page

DATA ANALYSIS

- Our annual submission of incidents reports has been submitted to the OFM and approved.

vii) Fire Chief Update.

- BBDE calls to date: 55, last year at this time: 28.
- SS calls to date: 19, last year at this time: 10.
- Due to bad road conditions on a private road in Tay Valley Township firefighters had a very difficult time accessing a home that was on fire and unfortunately the house was deemed a total loss.

- Emergency exercises for both Tay Valley and Drummond/North Elmsley Townships were conducted in late 2024.
- Fire Chief Saunders was interviewed on Lake 88 alongside the Fire Chief of Lanark Highlands. The main topic was fire safety and prevention.
- Currently in the process of trying to schedule training at OMYA for the fire department.
- The fire departments breathing apparatus have all been inspected and tested for 2025 and so far this year there have been 4 fire trucks safetied
- Starting to look at purchasing capital items that were included in the 2025 fire department budget.
- Still working on finalizing the Smiths Falls Fire Service Agreement hopefully it will be completed in the near future.
- Lanark County has hired a third-party consultant to complete a review of the Rescue Program including the three (3) Rescue units housed in and around Lanark County. Rescue 1 is housed at BBD&E Station. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the program is still valid and needed. They are also looking at the possibility of enhancing the program.

9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. IN-CAMERA

i) **CONFIDENTIAL:** Identifiable Individual – Personnel Issue.

RESOLUTION #FB-2025-08

MOVED BY: Marilyn Thomas **SECONDED BY:** Paul Coutts

"THAT, the Board move "in camera" at 7:15 p.m. to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees regarding a personnel issue;

AND THAT, the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and Administrative Assistant/Treasurer remain in the room."

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #FB-2025-09

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam SECONDED BY: Paul Coutts

"THAT, the Board return to an open session at 7:22 p.m."

ADOPTED

The Chair rose and reported that the Fire Board was presented with information regarding a volunteer firefighter of the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting: To be determined.

12. DEFERRED ITEMS

*The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:

• None at this time.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ray Scissons, Fire Board Chair

Megan Moore, Recording Secretary

BUSINESS

Financial Statements of

DRUMMOND/NORTH ELMSLEY TAY VALLEY FIRE RESCUE

Year ended December 31, 2024

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Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements of Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue (the "Board") are the responsibility of the Board's management and have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. A summary of significant accounting policies are described in note 2 to the financial statements. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involved the use of estimates based on management's judgement, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

The Board's management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management.

Management meets with the external auditors to review the financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters. The Board of Directors meets with management subsequently to review these same matters prior to the Board of Director's approval of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, independent external auditors appointed by the Board. The accompanying Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Board's financial statements.

Greg Saunders	
Greg Saunders Fire Chief	

Megan Moore Administrative Assistant/Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue

(e) **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue (the Entity), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at end of December 31, 2024
- the statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in net financial assets for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2024, and its results of operations, its change in net financial assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

(f) Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our Auditor's report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

(g) **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance** for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

(h) Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

• Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

• Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants Perth,

Canada

(date)

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

2024		2023
\$ 1,589,103	\$	2,186,651
139,814		61,281
20,554		72,286
1,749,471		2,320,218
150,590		138,514
1,598,881		2,181,704
2,641,862		1,867,386
9,703		6,952
2,651,565		1,874,338
\$ 4,250,446	\$	4,056,042
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements. On

behalf of the Board:

Board Chair

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

2024		2024	2023
Budget		Actual	Actual
(note 5)			
Revenue:			
Municipal contributions:			
Tay Valley Township	\$ 767,431	\$ 833,832	\$ 755,180
Township of Drummond/North Elmsley	529,095	583,095	565,415
Other income: Investment			
income		76,924	118,869
Fire fees, inspection, transfers		23,602	37,630
Gain on disposal of tangible		00,500	
capital assets	-	29,500	-
Donations	20,000	1,260	500
	1,316,526	1,548,213	1,477,594
Evpopage			
Expenses: Administration (schedule 2)	415,778	488,729	464,503
BBDE Fire Station (schedule 2)	387,200	559,846	491,918
South Sherbrooke Fire Station (schedule 4)	217,758	292,898	232,339
Smiths Falls Fire Agreement (schedule 5)	12,000	12,336	12,094
ernitits rails r lite Agreement (schedule 5)	1,032,736	1,353,809	1,200,854
	1,032,730	1,555,609	1,200,834
Annual surplus	283,790	194,404	276,740
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	4,056,042	4,056,042	3,779,302
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 4,339,832	\$ 4,250,446	\$ 4,056,042

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

Year ended December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2024		2023	
	Budget	Actua	al	Actua	l
	(note 5)				
Annual surplus	\$ 283,790	\$	194,404	\$	276,740
Amortization of tangible capital assets Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-		188,365 (29,500) 29,500		135,258
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Change in prepaid expenses	(1,058,064)		(962,841) (2,751)		(345,559) (6,952)
Change in net financial assets	(774,274)		(582,823)		59,487
Net financial assets, beginning of year	2,181,704		2,181,704		2,122,217
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 1,407,430	\$	1,598,881	\$	2,181,704

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
ating activities:		
Annual surplus	\$ 194,404	\$ 276,740
Item not involving cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	188,365	135,258
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(29,500)	-
Change in non-cash operating working capital: HST	00.001	(10.010
receivable	60,901	(19,348
Accounts receivable	(87,702)	(43,471
Prepaid expenses	(2,751)	(6,952
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	12,076	55,959
Capital activities:	335,793	398,186
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(962,841)	(345,559
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	29,500	_
	(933,341)	(345,559
Increase (decrease) in cash	(597,548)	52,627
Cash, beginning of year	2,186,651	2,134,024
Cash, end of year	\$ 1,589,103	\$ 2,186,651

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements Year

ended December 31, 2024

1. Status of the Board:

Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue (the 'Board') was formed January 1, 2006 pursuant to an agreement between the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley and Tay Valley Township.

2. Significant accounting policies:

The financial statements of Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue are the representations of management and have been prepared in all material respects in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Significant aspects of the accounting policies by the Board are as follows:

(a) Reporting entity:

The financial statements reflect financial assets, liabilities, operating revenues and expenses, reserves, reserve funds and changes in investment in tangible capital assets of the Board.

(b) Basis of accounting:

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based on receipt of goods and services and/or the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

(c) Non-financial assets:

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year, and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the annual surplus, provides the change in net financial assets for the year.



Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31,

2. 2. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which include all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Asset	Es	timated useful life
Buildings Vehicles Equipment Linear assets		40 years 8 to 20 years 5 to 30 years 40 years

Amortization is charged from the date of acquisition. Assets under construction and work in progress are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use, at which time they are capitalized.

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt, and that fair value is also recorded as revenue. Similarly, transfers of assets to third parties are recorded as an expense equal to the net book value of other assets as of the date of transfer.

When tangible capital assets are disposed of, either by way of a sale, destruction or loss, or abandonment of the asset, the asset's net book value, historical cost less accumulated amortization, is written off. Any resulting gain or loss, equal to the proceeds on disposal less the asset's net book value, is reported on the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus in the year of disposal. Transfers of assets to third parties are recorded as an expense equal to the net book value of the asset as of the date of transfer.

When conditions indicate that a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the Board's ability to provide services or the value of the future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital asset are less than its net book value, and the decline is expected to be permanent, the cost and accumulated amortization of the asset are reduced to reflect the revised estimate of the value of the asset's remaining service potential. The resulting net adjustment is reported as an expense on the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31,

3. 2. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(e) Government transfers:

Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenues in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made.

(i) Revenue recognition:

Government grants, municipal grants and funding for projects are recognized as revenue when the transfer is authorized, any eligible criteria has been met and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

Restricted contributions received in advance of the related expenditure are deterred until the related expenditure is incurred.

Fire fees, inspection, transfers and donations are recognized when the goods are sold or services are provided, performance obligations fulfilled, and future economic benefits are measurable and expected to be obtained.

Investment income is recognized as earned.

(j) Pension and benefits

The Board accounts for its participation in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS"), a multi-employer public sector pension fund, as a defined contribution plan. The OMERS plan specifies the retirement benefits to be received by employees based on length of service and pay rates.

Employee benefits include vacation entitlement and sick leave benefits. Vacation entitlements are accrued as entitlements are earned. Sick leave benefits are accrued in accordance with the Board's policy.

(k) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition and reported on the Statement of Financial Position.

Unrealized changes in fair value are recognized in the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses until they are realized, when they are transferred to the and Accumulated Surplus. Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31,

4. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(g) Financial instruments (continued):

All financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis. Where a decline is determined to be other than temporary, the amount of the loss is reported in the and Accumulated Surplus and any unrealized gain is adjusted through the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses. On sale, the statement of remeasurement gains and losses associated with that instrument are reversed and recognized in the and Accumulated Surplus.

(h) Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses:

A Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses has not been provided as there are no unrealized gains or losses at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

(i) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

5. Accumulated surplus:

Accumulated surplus consists of individual fund surplus and reserves as follows:

		2024		2023
Surplus:	۴	(42,000)		•
Unallocated surplus	\$	(43,926)	:	\$
BBDE Fire Station - Invested in tangible capital assets South		1,681,696		1,324,495
Sherbrooke Fire Station - Invested in tangible		060 166		E12 901
capital assets		960,166		542,891
		2,597,936		1,867,386
Reserves (Schedule 1)		1,652,510		2,188,656
	\$	4,250,446	\$	4,056,042

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31,

4. Tangible capital assets:

BBDE Fire Station

	Cost	January 1,			osals		
		2024		and trai	nsfers		ember 31
set Class			Additions			202	4
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nd	\$	30,000		\$	-	\$	30,00
ldings		413,140			-		413,14
nicles		1,473,996	482,509	5,715			1,962,22
uipment		393,046	-		_		393,04
ear assets		32,275	-	(4 40 405)	-		32,27
rk in progress		149,435		(149,435)			-
	\$	2,491,892	\$ 482,509	\$ (143,7	720) \$		2,830,68
South Sherbrooke							
	Cost	January 1,		Dispo	sals		Co
		2024			Decen	nber	31,
Asset Class			Additions	transf	ers		202
Vehicles	\$	345,754	\$ 470,863	\$ 149,4	35 \$		966,05
Equipment	Ŷ	236,307	9.469	φ 1.10, i	- -		245,77
Linear assets		11,509			_		11,50
Work in progress		149,435	_	(149,435)			
				(110,100)			
Total	\$	743,005	\$ 480,332	2\$	_	\$	1,223,33
BBDE Fire Station							
	Accumulate						umulated
	amortizatio			Disposals			ortization
		January 1,			and	De	cember 3
Asset Class		2024	Amortization	trai	nsfers		202
Buildings	\$	222,472	\$ 10,329	9\$	_	\$	232,80
Vehicles	,	818,866		(143,720)			763,1
Equipment		121,043		,	_		147,24
Linear assets		5,016	80	7	_		5,82
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	\$	1,167,397	\$ 125,308	ס קס (14	3,720)	\$	1,148,98

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31,

6. Tangible capital assets (continued):

South Sherbrooke

	Accumulated				Dianaasia		umulated
	amortization				Disposals		
Asset Class	J	lanuary 1, 2024	Δ	mortization	and transfers	De	ecember 31, 2024
		2024		anoruzation	transiers		2024
Vehicles	\$	135,674	\$	46,384 \$	_	\$	182,058
Equipment		63,000		16,385	-		79,385
Linear assets		1,440		288	-		1,728
Total	\$	200,114	\$	63,057 \$		\$	263,171
				Book Value			Book Value
		Dec	emb	er 31, 2023	Dec	emb	er 31, 2024
Land			ሱ	30,000		¢	20.000
Land Buildings			\$	190,668		\$	30,000 180,339
Vehicles				865,210			1,983,099
Equipment				445,310			412,191
Linear assets				37,328			36,233
Work in progress				298,870			
Work in progress				200,010			
			\$	1,867,386		\$	2,641,862
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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31,

7. Budget figures:

The Board reviews its operating and capital budgets each year. The approved operating budget for 2024 is included in the budget figures presented in the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus. Amortization was not contemplated in the development of the budget, and as such, has not been included.

Reporting on the statement of operations and accumulated surplus Operating revenue \$ Operating expenses Total budget surplus Budget not reported on the statement of operations Tangible capital asset acquisitions Transfers to/from reserves	1,316,526 1,032,736 283,790
Operating revenue \$ Operating expenses Total budget surplus Budget not reported on the statement of operations Tangible capital asset acquisitions	1,032,736
Operating expenses Total budget surplus Budget not reported on the statement of operations Tangible capital asset acquisitions	1,032,736
Budget not reported on the statement of operations Tangible capital asset acquisitions	283,790
Tangible capital asset acquisitions	
Transfers to/from reserves	(1,058,064)
	774,274
	(283,790)
Total budgeted surplus not reported on financial statements \$	

8. Pension contributions:

The Board makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Pension Fund ("OMERS"), which is a multi-employer plan, on behalf of its employees. As a result, the Board does not recognize any share of the OMERS pension surplus or deficit. The last available report was at December 31, 2024 at that time, the plan reported a \$2.9 billion actuarial deficit (2023 - \$4.2 billion actuarial deficit).

The Plan is a contributory defined benefit plan which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of service and rates of pay Employers and employees contribute to the plan.

The amount contributed to OMERS was \$34,326 (2023 - \$26,552) for current services and is included as an expenditure on the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus classified under the appropriate functional expense.

9. Contingent liabilities:

The nature of municipal activities is such that there may be litigation pending or in prospect at any time. With respect to claims as at December 31, 2024, management believes that the Board has valid defences and appropriate insurance coverages in place.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31,

7. Contingent liabilities (continued):

In the event any claims are successful, the amount of any potential liability is not determinable, therefore no amount has been accrued in the financial statements.

8. Financial risks:

(a) Credit risk:

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty may default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss.

The Entity assesses, on a continuous basis, accounts receivable and provides for any amounts that are not collectible in the allowance for doubtful accounts. The maximum exposure to credit risk of the Entity as at December 31, 2024 is the carrying value of these assets. The carrying amount of accounts receivable is valued with consideration for an allowance for doubtful accounts. The amount of any related impairment loss is recognized in the Statement of Operations. Subsequent recoveries of impairment losses related to accounts receivable are credited to the Statement of Operations. The balance of the allowance for doubtful accounts is \$1,845 (2023 - \$1,845).

(b) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Entity will be unable to fulfill its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Entity manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. The Entity prepares budget and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are generally due within 30 days of receipt of an invoice.

There have been no changes to the risk exposures from 2023.

9. Change in accounting policies – adoption of new accounting standards:

The Board adopted the following standards concurrently beginning January 1, 2024 prospectively: PS 3160 *Public Private Partnerships*, PS 3400 *Revenue* and PSG-8 *Purchased Intangibles*.

PS 3400 *Revenue* establishes standards on how to account for and report on revenue, specifically differentiating between transactions that include performance obligations (i.e. the payor expects a good or service from the public sector entity), referred to as exchange transactions, and transactions that do not have performance obligations, referred to as non- exchange transactions.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31,

10. 9. Change in accounting policies – adoption of new accounting standards (continued):

For exchange transactions, revenue is recognized when a performance obligation is satisfied. For nonexchange transactions, revenue is recognized when there is authority to retain an inflow of economic resources and a past event that gave rise to an asset has occurred.

PSG-8 *Purchased Intangibles* provides guidance on the accounting and reporting for purchased intangible assets that are acquired through arm's length exchange transactions between knowledgeable, willing parties that are under no compulsion to act.

PS 3160 *Public Private Partnerships* (P3s) provides specific guidance on the accounting and reporting for P3s between public and private sector entities where the public sector entity procures infrastructure using a private sector partner.

There was no impact to the financial statements as a result of adopting the new accounting standards.



Schedule 1 – Continuity of Reserves

	2024 Budget	2024 Actu		2023 Actual
	(note 5)		iai	Aciua
Net transfers from (to) other funds:				
Transfers from operations	\$ 283,790	\$	261,301	\$ 393,358
Transfers to capital acquisitions	(1,058,064)		(797,447)	(326,919
Total net transfers	(774,274)		(536,146)	66,439
Reserves, beginning of year	2,188,656		2,188,656	2,122,217
Reserves, end of year	\$ 1,414,382	\$	1,652,510	\$ 2,188,656
Composition of Reserves				
			2024	2023
Reserves – Administration:				
Contingency		\$	157,226	\$ 172,360
Reserves – BBDE Fire Station:			55.000	55 000
Working funds			55,000	55,000
Contingency Equipment			75,000 158,346	174,521 126,209
Apparatus			344,118	499,172
Bunker gear			38,223	29,583
Buildings			283,422	267,053
Honorarium			25,000	_
Dry hydrant			10,000	-
			989,109	1,151,538
Reserves – South Sherbrooke:				
Contingency			50,000	60,000
Equipment			109,804	114,501
Apparatus			228,230	616,214
Bunker gear			28,676	29,276
Building Honorarium			40,000	20,000
			15,000 9,698	-
Dry hydrant			481,408	839,991
Reserves – Smiths Falls Fire Agreement:				
Fire calls			24,767	24,767
Total reserves	\$		1,652,510	\$ 2,188,656

Schedule 2 – Administration Operations

	2024	2024	2023
	Budget (note 5)	Actual	Actual
	(11010-0)		
evenue:			
Inicipal contributions:	¢ 010 700	012 720	¢ 011.60
Township of Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Township	\$	\$ 213,720 182,058	\$ 211,62 180,270
Other income: Investment	102,000	102,000	100,270
income	20,000	76,923	118,869
Fire fees, inspection, transfers		2,503	8,212
Donations	_	1,260	50
	415,778	476,464	519,472
Expenses:			
Administration wages and benefits	328,218	392,952	359,92
Training and seminars	5,000	4,247	3,04
Employer health tax	9,100	-	-
Administration, other	6,500	6,420	12,28
Advertising, subscription and memberships	1,500	4,063	2,10
Computer and fire response software	8,500	11,500	9,42
Fire service agreements	10,000	10,000	10,00
Insurance	28,275	26,227	24,79
Inspection and prevention	2,000	3,449	1,2
Office supplies	3,800	4,860	3,89
Professional fees	8,650	16,264	8,9
Telephone	4,235	5,224 3,523	5,54
Minor equipment	415,778	488,729	23,3 ² 464,50
	410,110	400,720	404,00
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ –	\$ (12,265)	\$ 54,96

Schedule 3 – BBDE Fire Station Operations

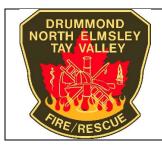
	2024 Budget	202 Actu		202 Act	23 tual
	(note 5)				
evenue:					
lunicipal contributions:					
Township of Drummond/North Elmsley	\$ 303,375	\$	303,375	\$	292,829
Township of Drummond/North Elmsley -			,	·	,
development charges	_		-		49,500
Tay Valley Township	248,215		248,216		239,587
Tay Valley Township - development charges			54,000		_
Other income:					
Gain on sale of tangible capital asset	_		29,500		_
Fire fees, inspection, transfers			19,420		16,521
	551,590		654,511		598,437
xpenses:					
Amortization	-		125,308		103,847
Operations:					
Firefighter honorariums	225,000		225,395		228,677
Training and seminars	16,000		13,894		18,352
Bunker gear and gear cleaning	9,500		8,605		5,430
Communications maintenance	6,500		2,606		2,902
Clothing	_		6,217		390
Licenses	500		1,781		400
BBDE Fire Hall:					
Building maintenance and other	32,700		27,049		28,025
Heat, hydro, water	16,900		12,630		16,637
Insurance	10,100		12,558		9,123
Vehicle and equipment:					
Vehicle and equipment maintenance	25,500		50,251		33,536
Insurance	16,500		13,568		14,239
Minor equipment purchases	16,000		-		-
Fuel, oil, lubricants, etc.	12,000		15,401		13,791
Minor equipment			44,583		16,569
	 387,200		559,846		491,918
Annual surplus	\$ 164,390	\$	94,665	\$	106,519

Schedule 4 – South Sherbrooke Fire Station Operations

		2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2023 Actual	
		(note 5)			
venue:					
nicipal contributions:	•	007 450	0 007 450	*	
Tay Valley Township	\$	337,158	\$ 337,158	\$ 335	5,323
Tay Valley Township - development			50.000		
charges			50,000		_
Tay Valley Township - capital			16,400		_
Other income:				4.0	
Fire fees, inspection, transfers		-	1,680		2,897
		337,158	409,238	348	3,220
penses: Amortization			63,057	- 31	,411
Operations:					
Firefighter honorariums		98,308	85,616		,864
Training and seminars		10,500	8,901	26	6,260
Bunker gear and gear cleaning		4,000	6,397		3,175
Communications maintenance		5,200	4,407		2,738
Clothing		4,000	998	4	,435
Licenses		250	1,404		238
Telephone Emergency first response:		2,550	2,275	1	,003
Medical supplies		2,000	449		662
South Sherbrooke Fire Hall: Building maintenance and other		11,000	17,070	8	8,097
Heat, hydro, water	~	13,000	10,091		,446
Insurance		10,200	12,558),123
Vehicle and equipment:		-,	,		, -
Vehicle and equipment maintenance		19,500	22,162	14	,899
Insurance		16,500	13,568		,239
Minor equipment purchases		15,000	_		
Fuel, oil, lubricants, etc.		5,750	7,866	5	5,526
Minor equipment		,	36,079		,223
		217,758	292,898		2,339
Annual surplus	\$	119,400	\$ 116,340	\$ 115	5,881

Schedule 5 – Smith Falls Fire Agreement

	2024 Budgot	2024 Actual	202 Act	23
	Budget (note 5)	Actual	Act	
Revenue: Municipal contributions:				
Township of Drummond/North Elmsley	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$	11,465
Expenses: Fire services agreement	12,000	12,336		12,094
Annual deficit	\$ -	\$ (336)	\$	(629)



REPORT

FIRE BOARD MEETING April 3, 2025

Report #FB2025-01 Greg Saunders, Fire Chief

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended:

"THAT, the Fire Board move forward with the purchase and installation of a professional cleaning and decontamination unit from Canadian Safety Equipment;

AND THAT, the expenses not covered through the 2024 Fire Protection Grant be expensed from the BBD&E Equipment Reserve (the amount expensed from the BBD&E Equipment reserve will be \$45,282.30) and BBD&E Building Reserve (the amount expensed from the BBD&E Building Reserve will be \$30,244.45)."

BACKGROUND

Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue received a Fire Protection Grant from the province of Ontario to purchase a professional cleaning and decontamination unit. The unit will be used to clean and decontaminate SCBA's and all other personal protective equipment that can't be cleaned/decontaminated with the extractor (the extractor can only clean bunker coats/pants and balaclavas). The total cost of the purchase and the installation of the unit exceeds the amount of funding provided by the grant. At the Fire Board Meeting that took place on January, 30, 2025 the Fire Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # FB2025-05

MOVED BY: Marilyn Thomas SECONDED BY: John Matheson

"THAT, the Fire Board approves moving forward with the Fire Protection Grant for a professional cleaning and decontamination unit and approves and signs the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement."

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DISCUSSION

The Fire Chief has obtained three (3) quotes for the purchase of the professional cleaning and decontamination unit. The best price was provided by Canadian Safety Equipment. Canadian Safety Equipment is a Canadian Company located in Mississauga and the unit is fabricated in Europe. In order to properly install the unit, a few alterations/additions need to be made to BBD&E Station including:

-upgrading the electrical panel to a 400 amp service,

-re-plumbing water to new unit,

-installing a new hot water tank including having wall mount supports fabricated to hold the hot water tank in place; and

- having a stand fabricated to support the unit.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

See below the costs associated with the purchase and installation of the new professional cleaning and decontamination unit:

Purchase and set up of the unit	\$51,240.00 +HST
Shipping Costs	\$1,500.00 + HST
Design, fabricate and install a stand for the unit with levelling legs	\$1,900.00 + HST
Design, fabricate and install a wall mounted structure to support the hot water tank	\$2,800.00 + HST
Upgrade the electrical panel	\$18,350.00 + HST
Supply and install new hot water heater	\$5,615.00 + HST
Subtotal:	\$81,405.00 + HST
Total Cost:	\$91,987.65

The province has approved funds of \$16,460.90 for this project.

The remaining expenses not covered by the Fire Protection Grant will need to be expensed from the BBD&E Equipment Reserve and BBD&E Building Reserve.

Amount to be expensed from the BBD&E Equipment Reserve: \$45,282.30

Amount to be expensed from the BBD&E Building Reserve: \$30,244.45

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Option #1 – (**Recommended**) – Move forward with the purchase and installation of the professional cleaning and decontamination unit.

This option gives firefighters an effective means of cleaning and decontaminating their

personal protective equipment and in turn, enhances firefighter safety with regards to cancer prevention. This option will also allow the fire department to spend the funding that was awarded through the Fire Protection Grant from the province of Ontario.

Option #2 – Not move forward with the purchase and installation of the professional cleaning and decontamination unit.

This option is not ideal as a professional cleaning and decontamination unit is helpful in preventing cancer for firefighters and the Fire Department would need to forfeit the funds awarded through the Fire Protection Grant.

CONCLUSIONS

As per the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Solo Rescue Brochure from Canadian Safety Equipment

Prepared and Submitted By:

Greg Saunders, Fire Chief



Optimized cleaning with an innovative rotating basket





The generously-sized wash tank of the Solo Rescue is a vital part of its strength. Together with a innovative rotating basket system, this provides a design that optimizes the water flow to reach even the most inaccessible parts of your equipment without compromising its function and quality. So whether you are washing SCBAs, facepieces, boots, gloves, helmets, or tools, the Solo Rescue will do an excellent job reducing and extracting dangerous soot particles, chemicals, and detergent residue from your equipment.



Adaptable and easy-to-use

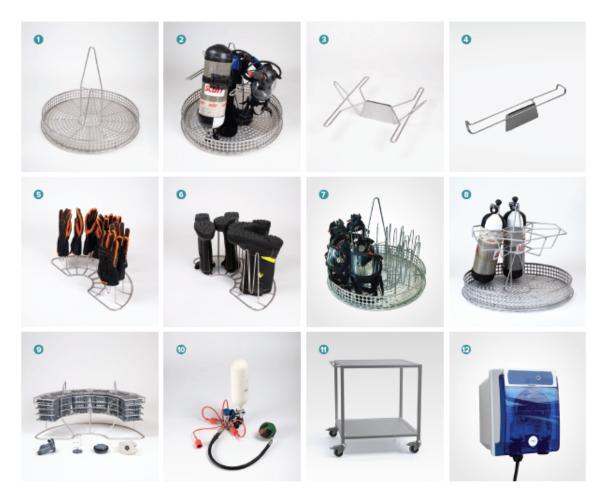
The Solo Rescue offers the easiest, quickest, and safest way to clean your contaminated PPE. The easy-to-use control panel lets you choose between a short 3-minute cycle or a longer 8-minute cycle. The spacious design of the Solo Rescue allows you to wash either 2 complete SCBAs, 6 stand-alone air bottles, 8 facepieces, 3 helmets, 3 pairs of boots, or 8 pairs of gloves per wash cycle. On top of that, you can wash small parts, such as regulators and pressure connectors. All of this is possible thanks to the clever design of the Solo Rescue basket system. The backbone of the system is the heavy-duty basket, which is used at all times. This basket can then be paired with several different accessories, giving you a versatile machine that fits many different needs.



NFPA1851 and 1852 compliant for maximum safety

The Solo Rescue decon washer, specifically developed for the washing of SCBAs, is fully NFPA 1852 compliant (Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus). This means SCBA manufacturers have completed a validation process and have made official statements that the Solo Rescue is a suitable washer for cleaning their SCBAs.

In addition the Solo Rescue is also NFPA 1851 compliant (Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting). From the water temperature of 105°F (40°C) to the uniquely formulated detergent, this also makes it optimized for the cleaning of helmets, boots, and gloves.



Solo Rescue Accessories

- Standard Basket Used at all times paired together with other accessories.
- Standard Basket paired with SCBA Holder (#22720)

 Makes it possible to place and decontaminate two complete SCBAs at the same time, including facepieces.
- 3. SCBA Holder
- 4. SCBA Holder L (#22541)
- Gear Holder (#22361) Multi purpose accessory loaded with gloves. Can be combined with an SCBA Holder or a Small Parts Holder (#27430).
- 6. Gear Holder (#22361) Loaded with boots.

- Standard Basket (#22720) paired with 2 Gear Holders (#22361) – Loaded with facepieces.
- Standard Basket paired with Air Cylinder Holder (#28645)

 Load up to six air cylinders at the same time.
- Small Parts Holder (#27430) For the small parts of your PPE such as disassembled breathing valves and regulators.
- Pressure insert (#90125) Enables washing with pressurised breathing valves. Air cylinder not included.
- 11. Trolley (#24637) For an ergonomic work process.
- 12. Dosing pumps (#20002) For dosing of detergent or rinse aid.

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Technical specification		
External dimensions closed / open (W \times D \times H)	40" x 38" x 69" (1025 x 887 x 1744 mm) / 40" x 52" x 82" (1025 x 1316 x 2084 mm)	
Weight (empty unit)	525 lbs (238 kg)	
Power supply	208–240 V, 3-phase, 60 Hz, 40 A or 208–240 V, Single phase, 50/60 Hz, 40 A	
Water supply	G3/4" (BSPP) male connection, 41–104"F (5–40"C), 3–10 gpg (3–10"dH)	
Incoming water pressure	14.5–87 psi (1–6 bar), 8 gallons (15 liters)/min	8 - 0
Drain outlet	Pipe Ø 114" (32 mm) in OD	~
Minimum drain capacity	13.2 gallons (50 liters)/min. The machine should not be placed directly over the drain	
Wash tank volume / Water rinse volume	28.5 gallons (108 liters) / 1.6 gallons (6 liters)	

RESCUE Intellitech – helping firefighters fight cancer

RESCUE Intellitech, part of the Sandberg Development Group founded in the 1960s, is a leading provider of cutting-edge solutions for the firefighting and rescue services industry. With a strong focus on firefighter safety, their products aim to eliminate work-related illnesses and improve overall operational efficiency. RESCUE Intellitech's innovative lineup includes the highly acclaimed Solo Rescue decon washer, renowned for its ability to reduce dangerous carcinogens in firefighters personal protective equipment. The company is committed to delivering reliable, high-quality solutions that make a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of firefighters worldwide. To do so, all products targeted towards the firefighting industry by RESCUE Intellitech have been developed and tested in collaboration with professional firefighters prior to their launch. Other innovative companies in the group include Aimpoint*, GAIM, Nordisk Clean Solutions, and Swatab.

RESCUE Intellitech disclaims any and all liability for any injury to persons, property, or other damages of any nature whatsoever resulting from the misuse of the Solo Rescue that does not correspond with the washing instructions of each individual PPE manufacturer.

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