



## Minutes

### Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting –November 9, 2011

#### **Present:**

Brenda Mulrooney, Bill Zinck Jr, Tom Mulrooney, Mike Heisler and Iris Tolliver  
There were no members of the public present.

**Regrets:** Jo-Ann Grant was absent due to her attendance at the Parking Meeting. She attended the meeting representing the Commission. Dave Richardson, Deputy Fire Chief, also attended the parking meeting.

#### **Additions to the agenda**

Bill Zinck asked that the purchase of the new fire truck be added to old business.

#### **Minutes from the previous meeting:**

The minutes from **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011** were circulated and reviewed. **Tom Mulrooney. Moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Michael Heisler.** All were in favor and the motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Winter Wreaths**

A quote from Elaine Collicutt was presented for the supply of the 70 Wreaths. The quote of \$1750 is over what was budgeted by \$150. This price was unanimously accepted by the Commissioners. The price increase is due to the additional 5 wreaths that were not included in the budget. Previous years had only 65 wreaths hung.

##### **Closing Public Washrooms**

The washroom will be closed after the Remembrance Ceremony on Friday, November 11. A notice has been placed on the web site and Ray Cambria has been asked to change the open sign to read "Closed".

##### **Purchase of New Fire Truck**

Concern was expressed over the length of time that has elapsed since the decision was made to replace one of the aging fire trucks. The Fire Chief assured the Commission that there was a need to replace the trucks and the time delay was due to several factors. In the absence of the Fire Truck Committee, Chief Chafe spoke only what had been reported to him. There is a hesitation in whether to purchase a tandem or single axle truck. A short tandem would be preferred but then the tank would not be sufficient. Maneuverability on the peninsula and off streets is a major concern. There is also the over weight restrictions that exist in Nova Scotia. There have been several vehicles considered but no firm decision has been reached. Two proposals have been submitted and they are waiting on a third. The Commission requested that a representative from the truck committee be present at the next month's meeting to report on the where we are on the purchase of the new fire truck.

##### **Fire Chief's Report**

Since the last commission meeting on Oct 8/11, I have logged in 104 hours in callouts, meetings, training and fire department business. We have had 14 callouts this month consisting of 4 medical assists, 3 MVA's, 3 alarms, 2 practices, 1 structure fire and 1 call back to the

same house with smoke showing. However this time repair men were working on site and a passerby thought the house was on fire again. On the first callout, this house received fire damage to the attic and master bedroom, and water damage throughout the lower floor, but the house was saved. Red Cross was brought in to assist the family with temporary accommodations and personal essentials.

This month we had 2 Sunday morning practices. The first one was at Shoreham Village with a simulated fire in a resident's room and evacuation of that wing. The second Municipal practice was in Marriott's Cove with all 7 departments in the Municipality participating. We had several different scenarios taking place. We also were tested for the Superior Water Shuttle by the Fire Underwriters. We managed to keep the same ratings that we had so that test should be behind us for another 10 years. After practice was over we all came back here for a Municipal funded lunch, prepared by our firefighters and a few of their wives.

We had a standby crew here Halloween night but things were very quiet. Several of the firefighters did some BA practice. They also practiced their vehicle extrication techniques throughout the evening.

The thermal imaging camera has been ordered after a lengthy process. We have decided on the Drager model which will come in right on budget.

Everett Hiltz is requesting the use of unit 542 again at the Fire School for a 24 hours training session coming up later this month. As always he will have care and control of this unit throughout the training session.

Thank you.

Duke Chafe

Chester Fire Chief

***Bill Zinck motioned to allow the use of Unit 542 for the Fire School seconded by Michael Heisler. All were in favor.***

The question was raised about the use of the Fire Alarm in the Village. Duke advised that it is a standard practice throughout the Municipality and sounds for call between the hours of 7am to 11 pm. The benefit of the alarm is that it alerts residents that there will be emergency vehicles moving through the Village.

## **Truck Report**

Blake Corkum was unavailable to give the report.

## **Fire Advisory Report**

The October meeting was cancelled due to a lack of available members. The meeting has been rescheduled to November 16, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Committee Room at the Municipal Office.

## **Clerk Treasurer Report/ Financial Report**

1. GIC Report- a GIC that has matured on Oct 15 for \$216752.89. The total in GIC's amount to \$615962.75.
2. Bell and Grant. Flood and earthquake insurance premiums \$250. Deductible is 25k for flood and 100k for earthquake.
3. Email has been sent to Public Works asking for 100% salt on our sidewalks.
4. LED Holiday Light exchange is scheduled for November 25 @ CBS. There will be volunteers from NSP and Efficiency NS. Notice has been placed on web site.
5. Price on new computer from Nerds.
6. Appointment with Stanley Smith to discuss the handyman position. Duties could include: Closing and winterizing public washrooms (pickle membrane), the Lido closure other than specialized duties of Coastal Pools, weeding/ mulching, winterizing office windows, treads @ fire hall, making fresh water in summer, watering and putting up wave petunias/ wreaths, cleaning property @ fire hall and clearing the snow from the Queen St office.
7. YTD budget and while we have used 53% of our overall budget (fire department 21%).

A financial report was presented by Iris Tolliver. ***Bill Zinck moved to accept the financial report as presented, seconds by Michael Heisler. All were in favor and the motion carried.***

## **New Business:**

### **Promotional items – 2012 Planner**

The unanimous consensus of the Commission was not to purchase any promotional give away items.

### **Surplus windows**

There are three windows that are surplus from the project at the Public Washrooms. Permission was granted to sell them for no less than \$350 for the group.

## **Correspondence**

### **Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal**

Certified cheque sent last year as a deposit for breaking soil permit. The bank has been adjusted.

### **NS Municipal Financial Corp**

Notice of an interest payment of \$2021.25 to be taken on Nov 15/11

### **RCMP**

Copy of the 2010/11 Year in Review

## **Questions**

There were no questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

**Brenda Mulrooney**  
**Chair**

**Iris Tolliver**  
**Clerk/Treasurer**