



## Minutes

### Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting –December 11, 2011

#### **Present:**

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

**Regrets:** Michael Heisler

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

Garbage collection was added to Old Business, the handyman's duties was added to Business for discussion and salting of sidewalks was added to old business. Discussion of the new fire truck will be included in the truck report and was removed as a separate item on the agenda.

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

The minutes from **November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011** were circulated and reviewed. **Bill Zinck moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Mulrooney.** All were in favor and the motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Migration of land at Lido**

The paperwork to proceed with the final steps has been delivered to our lawyer.

##### **Garbage Collection**

There was discussion on getting a price for the collection of full stream garbage in the Village. A committee of Tom Mulrooney and Iris Tolliver was formed to look into the feasibility of the project. A letter to the Municipality advising them will be sent and in it we will be asking not to be included in future negotiations until the Commission has had an opportunity to investigate. A request will be made for the maturity date of the existing contract. Small waste receptacles around the Village streets were discussed and will be looked into by Brenda Mulrooney.

##### **Salting of Village Sidewalks**

A meeting between Brenda Mulrooney, Tom Mulrooney, Iris Tolliver, Lyle Russell and Gary Hayden was held to discuss the salting of the sidewalks in the Village. In order to accommodate this request, a dedicated hopper will need to be purchased and the cost of this would be passed on to the Village residents. Brenda Mulrooney will be attending Council on Thursday, December 12 to ask for \$500 from the Municipality to help cover this cost. It should be noted that the Municipality has expressed reluctance to salt the sidewalks due to the anticipated deterioration. The Commissions desire is to improve walking conditions, particularly for the elderly, in the Village. Negotiations are ongoing.

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

Since the last commission meeting on Nov 9/11, I have logged in 88 hours in callouts, meetings, practices and fire department business. We have had 20 callouts this month consisting of 4 alarms, 3 practices, 3 MVS's, 3 controlled burns, 3 wires down, 2 mutual aid calls to Western Shore for the gas detector, 1 medical assist and 1 smell of propane at the Lido Pool, which appears to be a sewer smell noticeable with a light westerly wind when people are in the parade square area.

The high winds last Thursday took a toll on the fire hall roof shingles, several have been picked up around the yard and the roof should be checked. Everything went fine when Everett had a pumper in to the fire school last month. He took one of our newer members who is interested in pump operations with him for some hands-on experience.

The boat is winterized and in storage behind the hall and the float has been removed and is in storage. Over the winter months the fire pump will need some maintenance and we will do a few modifications to the boat.

Thank you.

Duke Chafe

Chester Fire Chief

#### **Truck Report**

Blake Corkum addressed the Commission on the progress of the new fire truck. A single axle truck was initially quoted on by 3 companies, however

none of the trucks quoted would meet NS weight requirements and would hold less than 600 Gallons of water. Quotes for shorter tandem trucks were then received from three companies, but there were issues with fitting into the area allotted in the fire hall. Renovations to add a piece to the Fire Hall was suggested. The question on purchasing an overweight truck was discussed. The Clerk Treasurer was asked to call our insurance company to determine if there are any implications from a liability standpoint on overweight vehicles.

### **Fire Advisory Report**

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

1. Wreaths have been hung by Elaine, but there are only 65 due to missing hooks. The invoice received from Elaine was for 65 only. Gingerbread men at office.
2. LED Lights. The holiday light exchange was success. The grant for the LED streetlights has been applied for.
3. The awning at the Lido has been secured. We are not able to apply for any more grants from NS Sports & Recreation for 2 more years. (every 4 years). J Mason was down and did a plug test on the floor of the Lido. There was not concrete found in the plug, but 7 inches of asphalt. Lenihan to supply quote to J Mason on cost of fixing bottom of pool.
4. Pool committee to come up with ways to hold fresh water. System not working, need double the capacity. Committee will be made up of Paul Mulrooney, Ron Deveau and Billy Zinck.
5. We still have two windows at the office. Only the crank out was sold.
6. Property tax meeting with Village of Kingston. Discussion on the Village of Chester taking a role in the process.

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

### **New Business:**

#### **Holiday Office Hours**

The Village of Chester office will be closed from Dec 23 to Jan 3.

#### **Business for Discussion**

Handyman will be asked to attend to the hole in the men's washroom upstairs in the fire hall, and to repair where necessary the roof at the fire hall.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Municipality of Chester**

Chad Haughn, Recreation & Parks Director. Memo concerning volunteer week, Free Photocopies, Lucky Duck Lotto and P.R.O. Kids Fundraising weekend. (this coming weekend)

#### **Citizenship and Immigration Canada**

Form for nomination for the 2012 Paul Yuzyk award.

#### **Municipality of Chester**

Thank you for our sponsorship of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Dinner at Oak Island Nov 7.

### **Questions**

There were no questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

**Brenda Mulrooney**  
**Chair**

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