



## Minutes

### Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting – March 13, 2013

**Present:** Brenda Mulrooney, Bill Zinck, Michael Heisler, Wynand Baerken, Tom Mulrooney and Iris Tolliver

**Regrets:** None

**Additions to the Agenda** Housekeeping was removed from the agenda. Restorative Justice was added to Old Business.

**Minutes from the previous meetings:**

The minutes from **Jan 16th, 2013** were circulated and reviewed. **Mike Heisler moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Mulrooney.**

### Old Business

#### **Restorative Justice**

Commissioner Baerken spoke to the Commission on the Restorative Justice Program that aids young people who have been arrested but would benefit by not going through the court system. These young people would be required to perform duties such as washing fire trucks as a form of punishment rather than detention. They would need constant supervision of an adult with a clean back ground and so the co-operation from the Fire Department was asked. The Chief expressed his desire to assist and the item was tabled until the next meeting. The assistance of the Community as well as the other Commissioners will be welcomed.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Lido Wharf Renovations**

DNR has contacted the office with a request to be provided with details on how the section of wharf is to be removed and how the remaining 22' will be supported. Commissioner Baerken advised the Clerk to contact Atlantic Wharf Builders for the details.

### **Reports:**

➤ **Fire Chief's Report**

Since the last commission meeting on January 16, 2013 we have had 3 practices and 6 callouts consisting of 2 false alarms, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 call for power lines down, 1 possible fire near the land fill and 1 call for a smoke smell in a residence.

➤ **Fire Advisory Report**

Nothing to report.

➤ **Clerk Treasurer Report**

- AGM Held on June 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm. I have requested the use of the St. Stephen's Parish Hall again for the venue.
- It have been suggested that it would be useful to open the Public Washrooms on May 4<sup>th</sup> (first Saturday in May). There are many people out and about once the weather changes and the washrooms will no doubt be appreciated.
- The insulation overhead has been blown in. (noticeable) The estimate did not include that area over the compressor. That is still to be done. We have received an estimate on having keyless entry system at the Fire Hall and also at the Lido, in case you are interested in having a system there as well. We are pursuing pricing on 3 new man doors as well as windows including the three skylights. We have had the weather stripping put on the bay doors. We will also be replacing the oil tank and getting estimates on a new heating system. All the costs for these renovations will be taken from reserves and will not be added to the budget this year.
- As per our budget of the current fiscal year, we have allocated funds for our reserves. The amount of :

\$	160,000.00	Future Fire
\$	60,000.00	Building
\$	10,000.00	Lido
\$	20,000.00	Utilities

The amount for building fund should not be moved into a GIC due to the work being done at the Fire Hall.

*Bill Zinck motioned to move \$190,000.00 from our current checking account to GIC in reserve for New Fire Trucks, Lido, and Utilities. Motion was seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor and motion carried.*

- Ammenment of Garbage by-law. The Commission has been asked to write a letter to the Municipality asking to have Chester exempted from the proposed changes, which would see residents putting their garbage out earlier or even the day prior to collection.

**Bank Reconciliation** The Clerk passed out to the Commissioners the bank activity and reconciliation for December.

## Correspondence

### Statistics Canada

Email with a link to the Dec 2012 edition of the Newsletter for Communities.

### Email from Joanne MacDonald

Mrs. MacDonald is a resident of Robinson Corner and has expressed her concern of the fire tax and feels she should have some say in how it is spent. She would also like to opportunity to get answers she might have as to how the fire tax funds are spent. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mrs. MacDonald's letter explaining that her taxes pay for the cost of the Service Contract with the Municipality advising her to contact her Municipal Councillor.

## Questions

- There was a question and clarification on the blanket insurance coverage for Fire Commissions. It was explained that the Village Commission also has additional coverage.
- The question of whether any of the trucks being considered will be purchased was asked and the Chair repeated that none of the trucks, as they now are, will be considered. There has been no trip to view any truck that may be considered and the question of warrantee was discussed.
- Blake Corkum asked if the Commission was intending to adhere to the recommendations of FUS. He was informed that it is the goal of the Commission to do so.
- Brad Armstrong asked about the issues with the trucks being considered. It was explained that there are safety and mechanical issues.
- There was much discussion about an aerial truck for the Municipality. It was not a topic on the agenda, but the Chair did give consideration to the questions and comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

**Brenda Mulrooney** \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

**Iris Tolliver** \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Treasurer