



**Village of Chester Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2015**

Present: Brenda Mulrooney, Commissioner; Bill Zinck, Chair; Wynand Baerken, Commissioner; Bill Nauss, Commissioner; Michael Heisler, Vice Chair; Dave Richardson, Fire Chief

Regrets: Iris Tolliver, Clerk Treasurer

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Zinck called the monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2.0 Minutes from December 17, 2014

MOTION: Michael Heisler moved, Wynand Baerken seconded, the acceptance of the December 17, 2014 minutes. Carried.

3.0 Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

No additions

MOTION: Wynand Baerken moved, Brenda Mulrooney seconded, the acceptance of the agenda as presented. Carried.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Eastlink Tower

Chair Zinck stated that last month the survey was authorized.

Brenda Mulrooney stated the radiation report was requested but not received to date.

5.0 Reports

a) Fire Chief's Report

Since the last commission meeting we had 9 calls consisting of 5 MVCs and 4 flooded basements.

In 2014 we had 117 calls outs with almost half consisting of fire alarms and MVCs. We have 3 members taking their level 1 training and some of our members took part in ice rescue in the back harbour on Sunday. Shawn attended our monthly meeting on Monday night and go t to meet and talk to some of our members. Everett is doing a good job with the remaining items of our budget. Our gas detector had to be sent to Ackland Granger to be repaired. It is back and back in service. We haven't had any major problems with any of the gear. The boat has been winterized and has been put in storage. I have been asked about the status of the east link tower and the siren. This ends my report.

MOTION: Dave Richardson moved the adoption of his report, Bill Nauss seconded. Carried.

6. New Business

a) Five Year Plan

Chair Zinck stated that last month a Five year plan was agreed to and the committee will be meeting and have a start of a Five Year plan for next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

a) Introduction of Village Coordinator

Shawn Wagg introduced himself and stated he hopes to bring his experience and help the Fire Department and the Commission grow and that he looks forward to working with everyone.

8. **Correspondence**
No Correspondence

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

9. **Questions from Electors pertaining to this meeting's agenda:**

- a) **Nancy Hatch, Central Street:** Nancy asked if input from Village Residents will be received. Chair Zinck said that would be coming from the Open Forum Public Meetings.
- b) **Jo-Ann Grant, Pig Loop Road:** Jo-Ann asked if WIFI would be offered when the Eastlink Tower is put up. The commission has not been asked to have WIFI. Jo-Ann asked if negotiations were complete with EastLink and Chair Zinck said negotiations were not complete.
- c) **Kerry Keddy, Chamber:** Kerry said when the Chamber looked at free WIFI, the issue of who was going to pay for the cost of installation for the benefit.
- d) **Dave Richardson, CFD:** Will the siren be held off until confirmation of the Tower. Brenda Mulrooney said 'yes' the confirmation of the tower should soon come through and then the issue of the old siren needing to come down for the new roofing that will be installed.
- e) **Dave Richardson, Old Trunk 3:** Asked if Brenda would update as to the radio report. Brenda stated that she was interviewed by the radio and spoke on behalf of Association of Nova Scotia Villages. There are sections in the Fiscal Review Draft that could mean the end of Nova Scotia Villages. There is provision for some villages to amalgamate with neighboring villages and apply for town status or merge with neighbouring towns. Or apply for Town status on their own. But others will have no options.
MODC also added to their recommendations that new Towns have a minimum assessment threshold and that new Towns also meet a minimum population. Given the right numbers this could not only be very restrictive but very exclusive in a village's ability to comply with these new criteria. Thus making the creation of Towns the size or population of Lunenburg, or Mahone Bay, unallowable.
There is a lot of uncertainty as no one knows what will happen. Brenda said in the interview that residents should write their local politicians with their wants and lobby to keep the Village.
- f) **Jo-Ann Grant, Pig Loop Road:** Discussion was held on the Five Year plan or things to consider for various projects that have and have not been completed within the Village, i.e. extra parking, continuation of boardwalk on sidewalk, making it safe to walk in the Commons.
Wynand Baerken stated that the Public Meeting will be a great place to put all plans on the table to see where we can work together. Brenda Mulrooney stated the UARB report is on the website under Fiscal Reviews. Iris Tolliver will be asked to have the website changed, i.e. UARB report in it is own section.

Reminder of Public Forum January 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm, here at the Village office.

11. **Adjournment**

Bill Zinck adjourned the meeting 7:22 pm.

William Zinck
Commission Chair

Maxine Veinot
Administrative Assistant