

**Village of Chester Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 14, 2019 – 7:00 pm**

Attendance: Nancy Hatch, Commission Vice Chair; Bill Nauss, Commission Chair; Jo-Ann Grant, Commissioner; Martin Hiltz, Commissioner; Dennis Egyedy, Clerk Treasurer; Maxine Veinot, Recording Secretary; Everett Hiltz, Fire Chief

Absent: Michael Heisler, Commissioner

Regrets: Nil

Public Gallery: There were four members of the public in attendance

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Nauss called the August 14, 2019, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:01 pm.

2.0 Public Forum

(a) Bob Andoux, Manager, Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation

Mr. Andoux reviewed the “MFC’s Programs” available to municipalities which include Long- and Short-Term Financing, and Green Municipal Funds. There are several other programs which they offer at free of charge. His main presentation was on the “High Interest Savings Account” HISA. The account is intended for excess funds held by a municipality and not to replace our current bank arrangement. The interest rates on HISA are based on a cumulative pool of money and the rate is “Prime less 1.60% for a current interest rate of 2.35%.

Mr. Andoux responded to several questions and departed the meeting. John Campbell, Branch Manager for Scotiabank was unavailable to make a presentation. The Commission would like to offer Mr. Campbell an opportunity to discuss Scotiabank rates at our next regular meeting.

(b) Brenda Mulrooney, Resident

Mrs. Mulrooney spoke on the Lido pool and concerns that the pool should be open to the public when there are a small number of students taking swim lessons. Secondly, the village needs to consider the construction of exterior change rooms which would prevent swimmers from changing in the washrooms.

Brenda expressed her concerns regarding Airbnb’s expanding in residential neighborhoods as they are disruptive to residents. The Commission should contact MODC to develop legislation on Airbnb’s in the village.

3.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

MOTION #19-079: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
The approval of the agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2019

MOTION #19-080: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
The approval of the minutes of July 10, 2019 Regular meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) HR Committee – Personnel: Wednesday, July 24, 2019

MOTION #19-081: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
The approval of the July 24, 2019 “In Camera” HR Committee meeting.

Unanimously Carried

c) Committee of the Whole Meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 2019

MOTION #19-082: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the minutes of July 31, 2019 COW meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

5.0 Business Arising

a) Firehall Building Committee

MOTION #19-083: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the Terms of Reference for the Firehall Building Committee pending committee review and/or revision suggestions from the committee.

Unanimously Carried

MOTION #19-084: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
The approval of the appointments to the Firehall Building Committee: Commissioners Grant, Commissioner Hatch, and Commissioner Heisler as an alternate member, including Deputy Chief Zinck, Assistant Deputy Chief Conron, a financial advisor and an engineer.

Unanimously Carried

b) Audit Committee Policy

MOTION #19- 085: Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the Audit Committee Policy as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Scotiabank Investments

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reviewed the Request for Decision regarding current investments and possible future interest rates. Egyedy will contact John Campbell, Scotiabank, Chester for a presentation at the next regular meeting. The Commission will discuss the direction for investments at that meeting.

6.0 Correspondence

- a) MODC – Community Development Committee Appointments
A letter was received from MODC approving the representative – Commission Hatch - for Chester Village Area Advisory Committee and Spectacle Lake Area Planning Advisory Committee two-year terms.

- b) Morse, Brewster, Lake – Audit
A letter from the Auditors, “Morse Brewster Lake” to the Commission Chair regarding the completed year end audit, March 31, 2019. The audit did not identify any matters of interest such as misstatements, fraud, or illegal acts.

MOTION #19-086: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
The approval of the correspondence as presented.

Unanimously Carried

7.0 Reports

- a) Clerk Treasurer
Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reported that the speed sign, which is at the RCMP depot in Chester, is inoperable and requires a new solar panel and safety certification of the trailer. The RCMP and MODC have speed signs which are utilized in the village. The village is responsible for all maintenance of the speed sign on an annual basis.

MOTION #19-087: Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
To dispose of the speed sign and trailer to the CVFD for an alternative use.

Unanimously Carried

Egyedy reported on the Dakota truck which has a transmission line leak at a cost of \$800.00. The Commission instructed administration to obtain a repair estimate from Chester Service Centre. Chief Hiltz stated that the truck is old and in terrible shape. The Fire Department is interested in using it as a practice extrication vehicle.

MOTION #19-088: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the Clerk Treasurer’s Report for the month of August 2019.

Unanimously Carried

- b) Financial Statement/Cheque Log – July 2019
Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy presented and reviewed the financial statements and the cheque log.

MOTION #19-089: Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
The approval of the Financial Statement and Cheque Log as of July 2019 as presented.

Unanimously Carried

- c) Fire Chief
Chief Hiltz reported 16 emergency dispatches as follows: 6 fires, 3 alarms, 1 medical, 4 MVI’s, and 2 investigations. Repairs have been completed on #551 and it has worked well. Training has focused on the Natural Gas Decompression site located at the Louisiana Pacific site.

MOTION #19-090: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the Fire Chief's Verbal Report for the month of July.

Unanimously Carried

8.0 New/Other Business

a) Request for Decision – Electric Car Charger

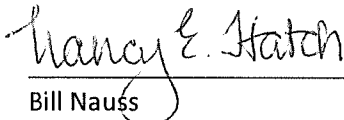
Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy presented a Request for Decision, Lido Pool Car Charger. The car charger is inoperative and replacement parts are difficult to locate due to the age of the technology. Secondly, the location of the charger is not conducive in this busy area. It was suggested that private businesses be encouraged to provide space for electric car chargers.

MOTION #19-091: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:
To approve the removal of the electric car charger at the Lido Pool parking area with power disconnection by a qualified electrician.

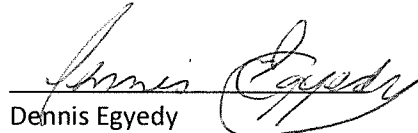
Unanimously Carried

9.0 Adjournment

Commissioner Hiltz moved the August 14, 2019 meeting adjourn at 8:30 pm.

 VICE-CHAIR

Bill Nauss
Commission Chair



Dennis Egyedy
Clerk Treasurer