



**Village of Chester Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 11, 2019 – 7:00 pm**

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

Regrets: Bill Nauss, Commission Chair

Absent: Martin Hiltz, Commissioner

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

1.0 Call to Order

Vice Chair Hatch called the September 11, 2019, regular monthly meeting of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

Vice Chair Hatch expressed a huge thank-you to the CVFD, who had a busy weekend during Hurricane Dorian, and thanks to all fire and emergency responders in the Municipality of Chester.

2.0 Public Forum

(a) Kerry Keddy – Flower Baskets throughout the Village are suffering from the recent storm. Some baskets are doing good and some are not. After a discussion, the Commission stated that they will leave the removal date up to Mr. Keddy as to when to take down the baskets.

(b) John Campbell, Branch Manager, Scotiabank
Clerk Treasurer Egyedy informed the Commission that Mr. Campbell had another meeting and may arrive before this meeting adjourns.

3.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Commissioner Grant – status update on water: Clerk Treasurer will discuss in his Report.

Addition: 8 (c) Rodents

MOTION #19-092: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
The approval of the agenda with the addition.

Unanimously Carried

4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes

(a) Regular Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019

MOTION #19-093: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the minutes of August 14, 2019 Regular meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

(b) **MOTION #19-094:** Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

The acceptance of the August 14, 2019 Firehall Building Committee Minutes as information.

Unanimously Carried

(c) **MOTION #19-095:** Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

The acceptance of the August 20, 2019 Firehall Building Committee Minutes as information.

Unanimously Carried

5.0 Business Arising

a) Firehall Building Committee - ToR

MOTION #19-096: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

The approval of the Revised "Terms of Reference" for the Firehall Building Committee.

Unanimously Carried

Commissioner Grant noted that the Firehall Committee meetings that are held the first Tuesday of every month, must be held in a public place and not a private residence.

b) Request for Decision – Scotiabank Investments

The discussion was postponed until Scotia Bank had an opportunity to make a presentation.

6.0 Correspondence

a) Association of Nova Scotia Villages

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages is being held at the Tatamagouche Fire Hall on September 20th and 21st, 2019. Commissioner Grant informed the Commission that she will be attending the meeting.

b) Lunenburg County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Clerk Treasurer informed the Commission the Terms of Reference now include the Villages of Chester and Hebbville. Our Village representative is Commissioner Hiltz who will be able to provide more information in the future.

c) Blooms by the Sea, Town of Yarmouth

The Town of Yarmouth is hosting the 25th Anniversary of Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards on September 25th to 28th, 2019. Everyone is welcomed to attend the event.

d) Chester Chamber of Commerce

The Chester Municipal Chamber of Commerce is hosting a South Shore Business Summit on October 1st, 2019. The Chamber is requesting sponsorship of this special event. Public spokes person, Kerry Keddy stated that the Chamber is operating illegally and cautioned the Commission on providing funds to the Chamber.

MOTION #19-097: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
The approval of the correspondence as presented.

Unanimously Carried

7.0 Reports

a) Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reported that the car charger has been removed from the Lido pool and the nearest charge station is at the Gold Nugget AFN. Secondly, 170 feet of exterior wall at the Lido Pool is being repaired at a cost of \$32,200.00.

Egyedy recommended the purchase of 250 Tote bags at a cost of \$465.00 as promotional items. Next year, the promotional budget should be increased to purchase more items such as ballcaps. Egyedy informed the Commission that \$180,000.00 was budgeted for transfer into reserve accounts and there is no need to wait until year end to make the transfer. The Village currently has \$550,000.00 in our bank account earning no interest.

MOTION #19-098: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:
The approval of the expenditure of \$465.00 to purchase 250 Tote bags as promotional items.

Unanimously Carried

MOTION #19-099: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
The approval of the budgeted transfer of \$150,000.00 into the Fire Truck Reserve and the transfer of \$30,000.00 into the Lido Pool Reserve.

Unanimously Carried

Constable Sonya Upshaw is the new Communications Officer for the Chester RCMP and would be willing to attend a future meeting to discuss the position. Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy will set this up for a future meeting. Egyedy reported that he spoke with Dan MacDougall, Municipality of Chester, and they are preparing an agenda for a joint MODC/VOC meeting for late October.

Commissioner Grant stated that the Fire Hall Building Committee discussed an outside area contract commitment of twenty years which would be important to proceed with a new fire hall. Egyedy requested an In-Camera session at the end of the meeting.

MOTION #19-100: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:
The approval of the Clerk Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2019.

Unanimously Carried

MOTION #19-101: Commissioner Grant moved;
The approval of a maximum budget of \$50,000.00 from the Building Reserve Fund to engage outside expert advisors from an engineering or construction industry for the Firehall Building Committee.

Motion Withdrawn

b) Financial Statement/Cheque Log – August 2019

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy presented and reviewed the financial statements and the cheque log.

MOTION #19-0102: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

The approval of the Financial Statement and Cheque Log as of August 2019 as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Fire Chief

Chief Hiltz reported that CVFD received 33 hurricane Dorian related emergency dispatches, as well as 2 alarms, 2 brush fires, 1 motor vehicle collision (MVC), 1 gas leak, 2 structure fires, 1 medical, 1 investigation, and 2 vehicle fires.

Firefighters provided a 'storm crew' at the station from Saturday, September 7, 2019, 8 am to 2:30 am Sunday September 8, 2019. Many downed wires and trees.

MOTION #19-103: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

The approval of the Fire Chief's Verbal Report for the month of August.

Unanimously Carried

d) Lido Pool Report

MOTION #19-104: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

The approval of the Lido Pool Report as information.

Unanimously Carried

8.0 New/Other Business

a) Reserve Funds Policy

MOTION #19-105: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To Table the new Policy on Reserve Funds pending input from each Commissioner.

Unanimously Carried

b) Request for Decision – Village Truck

MOTION #19-106: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

To approve the disposal of the 2005 Dodge Dakota truck to the CVFD to use for practice.

Unanimously Carried

c) Village Rodents

Discussion was held on the issue of rodents in the Village. Clerk Treasurer Egyedy met with a representative from Abell Pest Control who looked around the Village and reported that there was no significant issues of nesting or activity.

MOTION #19-107: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To approve Abell Pest Control to setup exterior rodent bait stations to determine hot spot areas for further measures to eradicate rodents.

Unanimously Carried

IN CAMERA

MOTION #19-108: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To go In Camera at 8:10 PM with the Clerk Treasurer to discuss contract negotiations.

Unanimously Carried

MOTION #19-109: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

To go out of In Camera at 8:18 PM.

Unanimously Carried

9.0 Adjournment

Commissioner Hatch adjourn the September 11, 2019 meeting at 8:19 pm.

Nancy Hatch
Commission Vice Chair

Dennis Egyedy
Clerk Treasurer