

Chester Village Commission Newsletter

Fall 2025



Streetlights

Did you know that the Village Commission operates all the street lighting in the Village?

In fact, "street lighting and fire protection purposes" was the original reason the Village was incorporated in 1936.

In 2011 the Village converted all of our streetlights to LED fixtures, well ahead of the province's mandatory deadline of 2022.

Today the Village manages 201 regular and 8 decorative streetlights.

Crossing Guards

Thank you to Sherri (*pictured above*) and Charlotte for keeping our littlest residents safe!

For 12 years now, the Village Commission has provided paid school crossing guards outside the Chester District School. Give them a wave and a hello while you're passing by.

Photo: Gloria Nauss

Meet Your Village Commission Geraldine Pauley, Commission Chair

Geraldine was first elected to the Chester Village Commission in 2022. Now in her second term, she was elected by her fellow Commissioners as Chair last year.

What inspired you to run for election?

My focus is to provide the citizens and businesses of the Village with a variety of important programs and services. I am committed to ensuring the Village is a positive and active player in our community.

What is your proudest moment on the Village Commission so far?

To encourage more tourism dollars to flow into the Village, I led the charge on opening a new Visitor Information Centre in the historic train station this summer. I can't wait to see what more we can do.

Right: Carol Nauss with Geraldine Pauley (in red)

Photo: Basin Family Photography



Pest Control

You can't be a seaside community without some unwelcome locals... rats and mice. The Village Commission maintains pest control devices in 35 locations around the Village that are inspected every month.

In the fall as the weather cools, rodents want to move indoors. But you can take action to keep them out of your home. For tips, see our website at: www.villageofchesterns.ca/pest-control.



Summer 2025 Recap

> Our **flower baskets** looked fantastic this year, despite the drought. We kept them up until nearly the end of September.



> The extra **green bin collection** contributes to public health in the Village and keeps it smelling its best.

> The pilot year for our **Chester Visitor Information Centre** at the Old Train Station was a success! The Commission will be poring over what we learned to make it even better next year.

> The Commission was delighted to see **community events** it sponsored bring out residents and visitors alike. Congratulations and thanks go out to:

- the Heritage Society for Canada Day,
- the Farmers' Market for its Customer Appreciation day,
- the Chester Yacht Club for another landmark Race Week, and
- the Chester Art Centre for its beautiful new beautiful Mabon Harvest Lantern Festival.

Nov 28-30th the Chester Merchants Assoc. presents the **Chester Village Christmas!** Please shop local this season.



Thank you to our Lifeguards

Guests at the Lido Pool enjoyed splashing around in the sunshine again this year. The Commission provides a lifeguard during the Chester District Swim Program children's lessons, and two on duty for public swims.

After the gap in new lifeguard training during the pandemic, the Commission has been lucky to have a fairly regular staff of lifeguards the past few summers.

Thank you to Nevaeh (4th year; also the swim instructor), Tao (4th year), Gavin (3rd year), Ava (2nd year), and newcomers Olivia, Peter, and Teagan for being part of our 2025 lifeguard team.

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