



Election Procedure 2022 – Election of Commissioners
General Election with Terms of Different Lengths

Pending adoption at Village of Chester Commission Meeting June 8, 2022

- Four vacancies exist to be filled through the June 2022 Village Commissioner Election process
 - two positions for the term 2022 – 2025
 - one position for the term 2022 - 2024
 - one position for the term 2022 - 2023

- The Village Election By-Law requires that a single ballot paper be used if there is more than one vacancy in the office of Commissioner to be filled at the Election. All candidates' names shall appear on the ballot, and an elector may vote once, and no more than once, for each Commissioner to be elected. An elector also may vote no more than once for any candidate.

- In the 2022 Election the Village of Chester will use the following procedures that are based on precedents of legislation and are similar to those followed by other Nova Scotia Villages.

If the number of candidates nominated is greater than the number of vacant positions available

- An election shall be held per the Election By-law
- Once ballots are counted, the four (4) candidates receiving the most votes shall be declared as successful candidates in the election and ranked according to number of votes received.
 - The candidate receiving the most votes in the election shall be appointed to a position with an end of term in 2025.
 - The candidate receiving the second most votes in the election shall be appointed to a position with an end of term in 2025.
 - The candidate receiving the third most votes in the election shall be appointed to a position with an end of term in 2024.
 - The candidate receiving the fourth most votes in the election shall be appointed to a position with an end of term in 2023.

If the number of candidates nominated is equal to or fewer than the number of vacant positions available

- All candidates shall be declared elected through acclamation
- The elected candidates shall be considered to be in a situation equivalent to a tie vote
- Candidates shall be placed in available positions by the drawing of lots per the Village of Chester Election By-Law which states “10. Where there is a tie at an election of a Village Commissioner, the Clerk Treasurer shall determine the Successful candidate by lot as prescribed by the Municipal Elections Act.”
 - MEA 138(2) “...”lot” means the method of determining the successful candidate by placing the names of the candidates on equal size pieces of paper placed in a box and one name being drawn by a person chosen by the clerk”
- Lots shall be drawn at the Annual Public Meeting on June 22. Delegates or their agents would be asked to attend to observe the procedure.
- Lots shall be drawn in the following manner:
 - The candidate whose name is drawn first shall be appointed to a position with an end of term in 2025.
 - The candidate whose name is drawn second shall be appointed to a position with an end of term in 2025.
 - The candidate whose name is drawn third shall be appointed to a position with an end of term in 2024.
 - The candidate whose name is drawn fourth shall be appointed to a position with an end of term in 2023.