



**Village of Chester Commission
Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting
February 5, 2020 – 7:00 pm**

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

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

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Nauss called the February 5, 2020, COW meeting of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Public Forum

Ray Cambria, 216 Central Street

Mr. Cambria was concerned over the closed meetings of the Fire Hall Building Committee as the Municipal Government Act (MGA) stated that there are specific topics that qualify as “In Camera”. After reading the meeting minutes Mr. Cambria did not feel the topics in the meetings qualified as In Camera according to the MGA.

Commissioner Grant will be contacting the Municipal Advisor and ask for a written reply to this issue.

Kerry Keddy, VOCTADA

Mr. Keddy is aware that fish farms are a Provincial decision, but is the Village taking a position on fish farms? There are presentations scheduled at the Municipality of Chester meeting February 6, 2020.

Chair Nauss stated that Clerk Treasurer Egyedy will be attending the meeting.

3.0 Agenda Approval and Additions

5(e) – Composition of Fire Hall Building Committee – Chair Nauss

MOTION #20-160: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of the agenda with the addition of 5(e) Firehall Building Committee Composition.

Unanimously Carried

4.0 Clerk’s Report

The Clerk had nothing to report.

5.0 New/Other Business

a) Requests – Budget 2020/21

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reviewed the budget requests from 2019-20 and the completion or non-completion of projects. The Commission reviewed budget requests 2020/2021 as follows:

Fire Memorial site was discussed as people have been parking on the lot. Something will need to be done to rectify the situation perhaps the installation of boulders in the area.

An outdoor ice rink is not a good idea due to the warm weather and inconsistent temperatures.

Pool staff T-shirts were not ordered as sweatshirts were worn most of the time. The winds off the water make it too cold for t-shirts.

The lot at the Fire Hall which had the knotweed removed, will need to be seeded to avoid the soil run-off when it rains.

The Jib lot fence needs to be painted or stained. The lot pathway requires gravelling and edging on each side of the path.

Discussion was held on a ramp/lift for the pool for disabled people. Commissioner Hiltz said the Accessibility Committee should be contacted to find out what should be installed.

b) Contracted Services

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reviewed the services that we presently use for property maintenance. The Commission agreed to have Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy work on a job description and investigate the possibility of hiring an employee to carry out the services.

c) Fire Equipment Maintenance – Commission Hiltz

Commissioner Hiltz stated that a Chester Fire Department volunteer works for HRM and services emergency vehicles. Does the Village Insurance policy cover this person working on Chester Fire Department vehicles?

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy will check with the insurance company and report.

d) Village Website – Commissioner Hatch

Commissioner Hatch presented a power point presentation on the Village's website for a few changes that could be made to make the site more user friendly. It was suggested to have a search button at the top of the Home page and adding a heading to Commission for Studies and Reports.

Commissioners agreed to the changes and Clerk Treasurer Egyedy will talk with the website company.

- e) Fire Hall Building Composition – Chair Nauss
Chair Nauss stated that Fire Chief Hiltz, should be added to the committee membership for meetings and be added on the email list for the committee.
The Clerk Treasurer suggested to discuss this further at the next meeting.

6.0 Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting – February 12, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Commissioner Heisler adjourned the February 5, 2020 meeting at 8:40 pm.

Bill Nauss
Commission Chair

Dennis Egyedy
Clerk Treasurer