

**Village of Chester  
Regular Monthly Meeting –Oct 13, 2010**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Bill Zinck Jr., Brenda Mulrooney and Jo-Ann Grant, Mike Heisler, Tom Mulrooney

**Regrets:** Iris Tolliver

There was 1 member of the public present.

**Additions to the agenda.**

Streetscape, Commission and Municipality meeting, ANSV workshop, Firemen's Appreciation Dinner, Old Stone Bridge, Street lights.

**Minutes from the previous meeting:**

In the absences of the Clerk Treasurer, no minutes were circulated.

**Old Business:**

**Lido Pool / Public Washroom Update**

Billy Zinck commented that the pool will need to be winterized after Nov 11. The water supply in the building for toilets and sinks is functioning, but the washrooms have not been opened to the public as yet. Brenda Mulrooney reported that mulch has been placed on the garden beds. Also she will be purchasing the roses in the next few weeks.

**Jib Lot Project**

The fence around the Jib Lot is complete. A gate has been added to the top end of the lot. Some of the park benches needed to be moved to accommodate the large trucks, but they will be replaced to their original positions.

**New Business:**

**Halloween**

Tom Mulrooney motioned to limit trick or treating this Halloween to the hours of 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Brenda Mulrooney and all were in favor.

**Christmas Wreaths**

There were no prices to present due to the absence of the Clerk Treasurer.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence read.

### **Fire Chief's Report**

Since the last commission meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>, I have logged in 117 hours in callouts, meetings, practices and fire department business. We have had a very busy month with 20 callouts consisting of 5 alarms, 3 medical assists, 3 MVA's, 3 practices, 1 fuel leak, 1 wood pile fire, 1 compost fire at LP, 1 power lines down, 1 structure fire and 1 callout to douse hot spots at the structure fire. The Rod and Gun Club structure fire was a very time consuming fire because of the construction of the gun range. Double wall made it difficult to get at the flames and by the time we got it extinguished and all the trucks flushed because of pumping salt water, it ended up being a 6 hour callout. We also had a 4 hour callout to LP for a fire in the compost pile.

During Fire Prevention week we held a memorial dedication on Sunday afternoon. We marched from the Fire Hall to the monument and had a short service there dedicating the names of Fred Corkum and Nick Gates to the monument. We then marched back to the Fire Hall for a reception. On Wednesday morning firefighters visited the District school and local daycares to get the fire prevention message out to the kids, who are always very eager to listen and take the presentation home to their families.

Last week on Friday afternoon, our communication tower collapsed onto the roof of the Fire Hall. Fortunately the antenna and cables stayed intact and we could still communicate with our dispatch centre. We have had a tower repair company assessing the situation and they made temporary repairs until the tower can be replaced. This will max out our communication budget but combining this with radio upgrades budget, with your approval, I will be able to have one ordered immediately. While the men were on the roof they noticed that the chimney needs to be regouted and a couple of shingles have turned up.

Thanks you,  
Leo Chafe  
Chester Fire Chief

### **Truck Report**

Blake Corkum reported that all the trucks have been tested and passed inspection. New tires will be need for truck # 551. He brought up replacing one of the old Ford trucks that will be 20 years old next year. Brenda Mulrooney made a motion to give permission for a truck committee to pursue pricing on a new truck with a foam system. The motion was seconded by Mike Heisler and all were in favor. Billy informed Blake, who asked for a member of the Commission to sit on the truck committee, that there would in fact be 2 Commissioners who will sit on the truck committee.

### **Fire Advisory Report:**

Bill Zinck Jr reported that the Advisory is still working on a Personal Accountability System.

### **Financial Report:**

There was no financial report given.

### **Highway #3 Streetscape:**

Jo Ann Grant reported that the final draft of the Highway #3 Streetscape study was presented on September 22, 2010 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Chester. She acknowledged that while this project does not fall in the realm of authority of the Village Commission, it does not mean the Commission does not have an opinion. She feels it is important that the Commission understand the report. She motioned

that a letter be sent in response to the first draft of the Streetscape project requesting the Commission have input and be consulted in future discussions and surveys. Brenda Mulrooney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Commission and Municipality Meeting:**

A report on a recent meeting with the Municipality and Fire Commissions was given. The meeting addressed fire service and what other Commission are responsible for. They talked about budgets and how some budgets are handled. Other items discussed were recruitment, major issues and priorities, bulk purchasing and Commission terms of office. There is another meeting planned for November.

**Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) workshops and AGM:**

On September 24, Brenda Mulrooney attended a workshop of ANSV along with Tom Mulrooney. There were a total of 28 present, representing 12-14 Village Commission in the province. The workshop covered topics from taxes to water supply, with every Village being different in their focus. They were not able to attend the AGM.

**Firemen Appreciation Dinner:**

On October 1, Jo Ann represented the Commission at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Dinner, held at the Oak Island Inn. She was happy to report on good sponsorship and turn out, not to mention a lovely meal.

**Old Stone Bridge:**

Jo Ann Grant requested that the Commission endorse the efforts of Chester Charts Its Course, a VOCTADA committee, is requesting municipal council sponsor an application to have the Old Stone Bridge declared a Provincial Heritage Property. She asked the Commission to actively assist this endeavor as there is overwhelming support throughout the Village.

**Questions:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07.

**William Zinck Jr**  
**Chairperson**

**Iris Tolliver**  
**Clerk/Treasurer**  
**(from recorded minutes)**