



Village of Chester Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting – October 10, 2018 – 7:00 pm

Attendance: Bill Nauss, Commission Chair; Tom Mulrooney, Commissioner; Nancy Hatch, Commission Vice-Chair; Michael Heisler, Commissioner; Jo-Ann Grant, Commissioner; Ann Westhaver, Clerk Treasurer; Chief Hiltz, Chester Volunteer Fire Department; Maxine Veinot, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Nil

Absent: Nil

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

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Nauss called the October 10, 2018 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:10 pm. Chair Nauss thanked the residents in the gallery for coming to the meeting.

Chair Nauss stated the Municipal Advisor, Ahmad Shahwan was in attendance.

2.0 Public Forum

<> Kerry Keddy, Co-Chair VOCTADA (inserted statement)

Commissioners, I am speaking to you tonight as a co-Chair of VOCTADA, the Village of Chester Tourism & Development Association. Thank you for the opportunity to inform you about an action that the Executive Committee of VOCTADA is taking with regard to the date for a plebiscite on the water supply matter. As you are aware a certain time lapse is required following the announcement prior to the date for voting. We understand the current consideration of Councillors is to hold a plebiscite in December.

We are concerned about the increasing challenge to our water supply. Although this may not affect VOCTADA directly, it has been an issue raised in a number of our regular meetings and planning meetings held with the community members for many years. We might have ordinarily discussed the plebiscite with you either individually or collectively. However, in this particular case, our Municipal Council appears to be taking immediate action on this decision and therefore we need to take action as well.

We will follow with interest any thinking you may have or positions you may take about the matter of future water access and use in the Village of Chester.

Kerry Keddy, Co-chair VOCTADA

3.0 Review and approval of Agenda

Commissioner Grant asked what the expectation is with the policies as with the number of policies – Code of Conduct, Meetings and Procedures, Expense Reimbursement and Hospitality. Commissioner Grant suggested that these be tabled and reviewed individually. Commissioner Grant would like to know what has changed and the reason for the change.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that there is a Staff Report with the polices, stating that several of the policies are coming down through the Municipal Government Act (MGA) – the Code of Conduct and Expense and Hospitality is being put in force through the MGA. The Meetings and Procedures policy has some changes made to it as there recently has been some issues around the table of not following Robert’s Rules. Clerk Treasurer Westhaver reviewed and put a staff recommendation forward on the policies which were looked at by the lawyer, the Municipal Advisors group looked at them, as well as the Policy Analyst with the Federation of Nova Scotia Municipalities and made any changes that were directed by them to be made.

Chair Nauss asked if the changes are valid rules of the MGA? Commissioner Hatch asked if are they to come at some point in the future?

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that as part of the new Finance there has to be an Audit Committee, Code of Conduct, Expense and Hospitality.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver asked Municipal Advisor Shahwan when the changes are effective.

Mr. Shahwan stated the changes in the regulations are already approved and changes effective this fall.

Commissioner Hatch asked Mr. Shahwan what other changes are there in the MGA?

Chair Nauss asked to stay focused on the issue at hand, which is when are the changes effective?

Mr. Shahwan stated that a compliance date has not been set as to when they have to be established, but there is definitely an expectation to have them in before the fiscal year ends.

Chair Nauss stated he felt the policies need to be looked at by the Commission and be discussed at the table between Commissioners before approving.

MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved, Commissioner Hatch seconded, to table the policies and to definitely have approved policies in place before the fiscal year end.

Discussion on the motion was held.

Commissioner Mulrooney stated he looked over the policies and felt the Commission should be starting on them.

Chair Nauss stated the original intention was to have a Policy/By-law committee and then the Commission would go through and change what needed to be changed, introduce new and Clerk Treasurer Westhaver supplied a lot of things, but Chair Nauss was not prepared to vote ‘yes’ to any by-law tonight and he would like to table it.

Commissioner Mulrooney suggested then that we pick one and be prepared to deal with it at the November 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Hatch wants to see what is coming down from the Province first, before she makes any decision on policies or by-laws pertaining to what the Province wants. Therefore, she would like to see it tabled until the time that the Commission receive the new MGA.

Commissioner Grant stated that these policies and by-laws relate to how Villages operate and changes overall as to how Municipalities operate, was there any consultation?

Advisor Shahwan stated that there was extensive consultation over the last year and half lead by the Joint Accountability & Transparency Committee, which was a committee formed between the

3.0 **Review and approval of Agenda** (continued)

Province and the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), as well as the Association of Municipal Administrators. Prior to the new regulations being tabled, Municipalities and the Province, through the Committee, had worked to form a sample/template for Code of Conduct and Hospitality policy, which Clerk Treasurer Westhaver and himself had discussed and used when drafting the policies and by-laws.

Commissioner Grant inquired within the templates, were there options for inserting certain parameters other than the name of the Municipality or Village. For example, for the policy regarding the makeup of committees, within the proposed policy it states that there should be no more than two Commissioners on any committee. Is that something that was part of the template or was there an option about that point. Advisor Shahwan said he would have to check the template and get back to Commission with that answer. Commissioner Grant asked if it was possible to get the template. Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that is in the Meeting and Procedures, it is not part of this policy. Chair Nauss asked Commissioner Heisler if he had anything to bring up in this discussion. Commissioner Heisler said he would like to see the acceptance of the Code of Conduct as soon as possible as the Commission may be opening ourselves up to lawsuits of some sort. Commissioner Heisler said it could be tabled however, he would like to see a time limit of perhaps before December 31st to have something in place.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Mulrooney moved to make an amendment to put a time limit to come to a resolution on the policies by the December 12, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Heisler.

Discussion on the amendment.

Commissioner Grant stated there was a meeting in September, prior to that a meeting in June, and in her mind, haven't accomplished a great deal To take all the policies received in this agenda package, and to organize the meetings to have everyone go over them and to set a time limit of three months prior to the required compliance date, Commissioner Grant felt that wasn't necessary, instead she felt coming back to the next meeting with a plan of action would be better.

Commissioner Hatch asked the amender of the motion, Commissioner Mulrooney, if he anticipates reviewing and passing all four by-laws – Code of Conduct, Meetings and Procedures, Expense Reimbursement and Hospitality, by the month of December. Commissioner Mulrooney said that was the amendment motioned.

AMENDMENT TO THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Commissioner Hatch moved to amend the first amendment to ratify that two policies – Code of Conduct and Hospitality policy, by the end of December 2018, seconded by Commissioner Mulrooney.

Discussion was held on the amendment.

Municipal Advisor Shahwan advised the commission that all the Provincial requirements have been determined and can be shared and the sample templates that the Federation of Nova Scotia Municipalities has, is fully in compliance with all the requirements that the Province has in addition to some 'best practices' are built in to it as well. Advisor Shahwan stated that with respect to the Hospitality & Expense Reimbursement policy there was some Municipalities that have already implemented policies, well in advance of the new Provincial regulations.

Commissioner Grant stated she is in favour of having the Code of Conduct completed by December.

3.0 Review and approval of Agenda (continued)

Chair Nauss asked for all those in favour of the second amendment motion of having two policies, Code of Conduct and Hospitality policies, completed by the end of the December 12, 2018 meeting. Unanimously passed.

Discussion was held on the first amendment and original motion.

Commissioners Grant, Mulrooney and Hatch retracted their original motions, and the seconders of those motions agreed to rescind the motions as well.

NEW MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved to table the polices and agree to review and approve the Hospitality policy and the Code of Conduct policy at the December 12, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hatch moved, Commissioner Heisler seconded, the approval of the agenda as modified. Motion passed.

4.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

a & b) June 13, 2018 and September 12, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Mulrooney moved, Commissioner Grant seconded, the minutes from June 13, 2018, and September 12, 2018 approved. Motion Carried.

5.0 Presentation – Janice Mitchell & Arielle Thompson, Colliers International–Bell Small Cell Technology

A presentation was on given on Small Cell Technology which could be placed in the Village of Chester owned properties which would help give service to a 100-200 metres area, when there is a lot of outside cells/computers etc., receiving signals, i.e. Race Week.

Chair Nauss thanked Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Thompson for their presentation.

6.0 Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising.

7.0 Correspondence

a) The Village received the “Runner-up” award the Best of Chester Municipality award recognition of the Lido Pool in the Community Space category.

b) Request for sponsorship for Volunteer Firefighters Association dinner

MOTION: Commissioner Hatch moved, Commissioner Heisler seconded, the approval of sponsorship for two tables for the Volunteer Firefighters Association dinner at The Atlantica Resort.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Mulrooney questioned why the Village sponsors two tables when other departments sponsor one table.

Commissioner Heisler asked the Fire Chief if the two tables are full and is it appreciated by the Firefighters that two tables are sponsored by the Village.

Chief Hiltz stated that it is always appreciated, and 15 members attend.

Chief Nauss asked for those in favour of the motion - **motion passed**

c) **Request for sponsorship for swim program and pro kids**

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver was approached for sponsorship with regards for advertising for the event.

Commissioner Heisler abstained from involvement with this issue due to a Conflict of Interest.

Commissioner Hatch stated there is no policy re sponsorship and no allocation in the budget regarding sponsorship, so this request can't be met.

7.0 Correspondence (continued)

c) **Request for sponsorship for swim program and pro kids**

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that this was classed as advertising.

No motion was made.

8.0 Reports

a) **Clerk's Report**

Clerk Treasurer Report (inserted)

October 10, 2018

This past month I had the pleasure of attending the Association of Nova Scotia Villages Annual General Meeting in St. Peter's, Nova Scotia. This was an opportunity to visit another village and network with other Nova Scotia Villages.

On our first day, the meeting opened with a traditional jingle dance and authentic smudging ceremony by Members of the Potlotek Community. This community works closely and has a great relationship with the Village of St. Peters.

Nick Fry, Tourism Development Advisor with Tourism Nova Scotia gave us a presentation on the marketing initiatives happening with Tourism Nova Scotia in the province. The current marketing slogan for Tourism Nova Scotia is "if you only knew". Experiential vacations are what people are after, value added vacations.

What we take for granted someone else would love it and pay high amounts for it.

<https://tourismns.ca/marketing/marketing-overview/2018-marketing-campaign>

Going into our next fiscal we will be required to have an audit committee. Katherine Cox-Brown with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation gave us an overview of the structure of an audit Committee.

Once we begin this process, we will be able to tap into resources through Katherine that will help setting up this new structure an easy process.

Our round table discussions were wonderful - this is when we have the opportunity to meet with other Clerk Treasurers and discuss any concerns, ongoing issues or just to give an update on what our villages are doing. We have now created an email group where we can access each other's expertise at any time.

The day ended off with a lovely meal at the Bras d'Or Inn where we were treated to a gang of pirates. This was Pirate week in St. Peters - A full weekend of activities focused around pirates and the sea. After the conference our family decided to stay and take in the rest of the festivities. My son William built a boat out of cardboard with the help from his mother of course and he had to sail it in a race. He was pretty happy when he won the race for his age group and became the Sprog Sprint Champion.

Day 2 we had a great presentation by Silver Don Cameron and then we were off for a tour of the Village of St. Peters. We visited the childhood home of John Macaskill where sits a museum in his honor, our next stop was the water treatment plant and then off to the sewage plant. I have attached from pictures of the water treatment facility. We also visited the offices of the Village of St. Peters and the St. Peters Canal where we had the pleasure of watching the canal open for a fishing boat to move from the ocean into the Brad d'Or lake.

To finish off was the Annual General Meeting and an opportunity to network with other Commissioners.

The remainder of the month was devoted to research and working on new bylaws. I met with Trevor Hume with an update on moving forward, I also met with Darryl Wilson of Arthur J. Gallagher to learn the aspects of the Municipal insurance we carry.

8.0 Reports

a) **Clerk's Report**

Clerk Treasurer Report (inserted)

I have also been getting the fire apparatus in for regular service calls with TK's and Chester Service Centre. We had two tires replaced on the 541 as there have been ongoing problems with a steering issue in this truck. After the two tires were changed out Jason with TK's as well as Billy Zinck said it was driving 80% better.

Respectfully submitted

Ann Westhaver

Clerk Treasurer

Commissioner Grant questioned the use of TK's and Chester Service Centre.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated this was an operational matter.

Commissioner Hatch stated it could be put on an agenda at a future meeting.

Chair Nauss stated that it wouldn't be discussed at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Grant asked if it can be on an agenda for an in-camera meeting?

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver asked what would be the reason for 'in-camera'? Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated her report isn't a gateway for this kind of thing. If you have a question regarding that, then yes, it would be part of a future agenda and discussion.

Chair Nauss asked Commissioner Grant what is her question?

Commissioner Grant stated that to her knowledge we always supported local Chester Service Centre because there are at least two employees who, when the fire call goes out the owner knows that he is going to lose people that work there. Commissioner Grant wonders why we are using another supplier.

Commissioner Mulrooney felt this is not appropriate to be discussed here.

Chair Nauss stated we know what you want, and we will get you the answer.

Commissioner Grant said this could be raised at another meeting.

b) **Financial Report**

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated this report was emailed out to Commissioners.

Commissioner Hatch questioned the balance, on the closing balance on the statement, why does it not match the closing balance on the reconciliation report.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated they must balance in order to complete the reconciliation.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver will look into this at another time as she can't answer with out her backup information.

c) **Fire Chief's Report** (inserted)

CVFD Fire Chief Report - October 12, 2018 (inserted)



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CVFD Fire Chief Report – October 10, 2018

Good evening Commissioners

This last month has been unseasonably quiet with calls down half from this same period last year. With colder weather just around the corner, chimney fires and motor vehicle collisions have been the emphasis of practice for CVFD Firefighters in the previous and coming months.

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Equipment & Operations,

Since my last report CVFD has responded to 6 emergency dispatches.

- 2 Alarms
- 1 Boat Rescue
- 1 Gas Leak
- 2 Structure Fires

511 has undergone a full maintenance checkup and has had new tires installed. 521 will be completed tomorrow. 541 has had 2 new tires installed on the front and work on an air leak in the brake system.

Practices & Training

Training is ongoing as always,

September regular monthly practice, firefighter reviewed motor vehicle collision procedures including road side safety, apparatus placement for protection, and practiced extrication utilizing hand tools and the Hurst Jaws of Life. Members also reviewed safe filling procedures for the mobile cascade unit on 521.

8 CVFD Firefighters attended the quarterly Municipal Mutual Aid Training day ^{chester} this time in Blandford. Firefighters practiced RIT or Rapid Intervention Team training including packaging and rescuing victims or distressed firefighters from second story windows and Firefighter self-rescue including window to ladder bailouts from second story windows.

Members joined by ^{Moit} municipal staff completed a site tour & pre-plan for a new spa development on Target Hill Road.

Lastly, CVFD firefighters were joined with other firefighters across the municipality today to visit the schools and continue to educate the children in fire safety for Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme ^{is} was "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere".

Sincerely,

Everett Hiltz

Fire Chief, Chester Volunteer Fire Department



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Time Spent representing CVFD as Fire Chief since last Commission meeting

Emergency Response: 5.5 hours

Training: 14.5 hours

Meetings: 8.5 hours

Other: 14 hours

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9.0 Other Business

a) **2020 Association of NS Villages Annual General Meeting**

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that when in St. Peters for the AGM, the Village of Chester was asked to host the 2020 AGM and she is looking for a motion to do so.

MOTION: Commissioner Mulrooney moved, Commissioner Heisler seconded, to host the ANSV AGM 2020.

Discussion was held on the motion.

Commissioner Grant asked if we have a record of expenses incurred to host and also has there been any infrastructure changes that would make it difficult to have enough accommodations?

Commissioner Mulrooney said the meeting would probably be held at the Parish Hall and accommodations would see each person/member taking care of their own accommodations. Commissioner Hatch suggested postponing a decision until more information is available on costing and what is expected of us as Host and who would be the lead person orchestrating the whole affair.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver said that we would be organizing speakers to come as we would be basing speakers on Chester, as Chester would be promoted during the conference/AGM. The conference/AGM would be held the second week of September 2020.

Chair Nauss asked 'all those in favour of the motion' – **motion carried.**

b) **Request – Chester Municipal Chamber of Commerce Business Summit**

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver spoke with Doug at the Chamber and they are looking for us to send someone to the Business Summit being held at Oak Island Resort on October 17, 2018, at a cost of \$65.00. Clerk Treasurer Westhaver is looking for a motion and then a volunteer to attend the summit.

Chair Grant stated this started by her receiving an email from Doug stating he would like to make a presentation asking for sponsorship and the lowest level of sponsorship was \$150.00 and allows for one representative to attend. Commissioner Grant suggested he send the request, this was early September. Commissioner Grant wondered what happened that it changed from the original request?

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that Commissioner Grant dropped it off to her on a Friday and Clerk Treasurer Westhaver called him right away and asked him what he was looking for. Doug had no interest in sponsorship, all he said was "I would like you to send a Commissioner".

MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved, Commissioner Heisler seconded, to send a Commissioner to the Business Summit on October 17, 2018.

Discussion was held on the motion.

Commissioner Grant stated it is \$65.00 to attend an event that was advertised quite broadly across the South Shore with a number of speakers. Commissioner Grant stated she would have preferred the Village sponsor it as then there would have been more visibility.

Commissioner Hatch said her response to this request is the same as her feelings for the Pro Kids request, we do not have a policy to deal with this type of sponsorship, support for not-for-profits or economic development, therefore she is opposed to it.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver said this is not a sponsorship or donation. They are asking to send a Commissioner to the summit.

9.0 Other Business (continued)

b) **Request – Chester Municipal Chamber of Commerce Business Summit** (continued)

Commissioner Grant stated it would be considered ‘training’ and that is allowed.

Commissioner Mulrooney stated this is a meeting and they are asking for a Commissioner to attend, right? Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated ‘yes’. Commissioner Mulrooney stated he was fine with this.

Chair Nauss asked ‘all those in favour of the motion’ – **motion carried.**

Chair Nauss then asked for a volunteer. Commissioner Grant said she would attend the summit.

d) **Discussion on MODC Council’s decision on proceeding with plebiscite regarding water for the village**

Commissioner Hatch asked what the presentation was about, or if the meeting is still on?

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that it is an opportunity for us, as MODC has promised to keep the Village informed on the direction they are taking. It is a regular council meeting, it is not a ‘special’ meeting.

Commissioner Hatch stated the MODC agenda states that there are two presentations and one is from the Village of Chester. Do we have a presentation, who is going?

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated she thought that there would be a ‘talk’ around the table tonight about what MODC’s next steps are and where does the Commission fit into that direction.

Commissioners Hatch and Grant will attend the MODC meeting.

Commissioner Hatch stated that VOCTADA made a point tonight that they wanted to defer the plebiscite until June or July next year.

The public was asked questions on what they are requesting. Clerk Treasurer Westhaver said we should be going around the meeting table to see what Commissioners have to say on the issue.

Commissioner Grant agreed with that but if someone has more information or different insight and she wanted to look at the VOCTADA information presented earlier.

Commissioner Hatch felt deferring the plebiscite is a good idea and the people of the Village need to have time to think about this, they need to have costs that are relevant to their own situation and not the \$44million bombshell that hits them that is the cost for building and owning and operating over a 25 year period. Commissioner Hatch thinks other funding could be sourced so that we could amortize the project over 40 or 50 years, whether it is a P3 proposition with private money, or whatever have you, amortizing it over a longer period of time would make it more affordable to all of the residents and make it more likely that they would vote in favour of something that benefits the Village as a whole.

Commissioner Mulrooney stated he was in favour of deferring the plebiscite.

Commissioner Grant is in favour of deferring as well. She has had so many questions herself. The range is so broad, and she feels that we haven’t explored all possibilities for funding.

Clearly, we need water and there is no question about this. We had a drastic drought in 2016, two years later this is happening again, so we can expect that this is going to be the trend. Commissioner Grant feels we definitely need a lot more information before we go to residents. The ones who are going to be most affected are the ones in the Village and for example, looking at the numbers that have been thrown out, her own taxes are going to

9.0 Other Business (continued)

d) **Discussion on MODC Council's decision on proceeding with plebiscite regarding water for the village** (continued)

double. The other issue is how do you sell a house when it is a cute little place, but it has \$5000.00 in property taxes.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that Commissioners Hatch and Grant are going to be the representatives, so they need direction from the Commission as to what the Commission want them to state.

All Commissioners support water for the Village but were in agreement to have the plebiscite deferred, until more information is received, and this is what Commissioners Hatch and Grant will report to MODC.

e) **Motion to accept the original recommendation from Terry Redden for replacement of Tanker 551**

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver prepared a Staff Report covering this issue and this report was sent out with the agenda package.

Commissioner Mulrooney stated that he is not going to make the proposed motion on the truck as based on the staff report, before we get into any trucks, the EDM Consulting is suggesting that the public are requesting a review of the fire service. Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that the surveys came back strongly that a fire service review has come at the top of the survey.

MOTION: Commissioner Mulrooney moved that we have a complete review done on the fire service per the EDM results.

Chair Nauss said we don't have the report from EDM yet. Clerk Treasurer Westhaver asked if he read the staff report that she put out. Chair Nauss said no he didn't read it but we need to receive the report from EDM, and that we will deal with it then.

Commissioner Hatch stated there is no report received from EDM Consulting yet.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated she had talks with Trevor Hume, of EDM Consulting and that, as stated in her staff report, that the results show a strong need for a review on the fire service.

Commissioner Hatch and Chair Nauss said it will be dealt with when the EDM report is received by the Commission.

Commissioner Mulrooney rescinded his motion.

f) **Motion to see legal advice regarding the municipal garbage contract which is coming due in November 2018 for tender. Seeking support for the Village to take over our own garbage collection**

MOTION: Commissioner Mulrooney moved that we get legal advice to take over the garbage contract for the Village, Commissioner Grant seconded.

Discussion was held on the motion.

Commissioner Mulrooney said that there would probably be a significant savings. The former solicitor said it could not be done then. Since becoming a commissioner this time, Commissioner Mulrooney spoke with the then Municipal Advisor, Chris MacNeill, said yes, when the contract ends the Village could take over the garbage. So Commissioner Mulrooney would like the lawyer to look into this, as the savings were projected to be approximately \$80,000.00 per year.

9.0 Other Business (continued)

f) **Motion to see legal advice regarding the municipal garbage contract which is coming due in November 2018 for tender. Seeking support for the Village to take over our own garbage collection** (continued)

Commissioner Hatch asked if there was anyone in this room, or at this table, or maybe this belongs with the lawyer, who can say or not, that the tipping fees for the Village's own garbage contract could be significantly higher. Can MODC determine that the Village will pay twice as much in tipping fees? Commissioner Hatch asked the Chair if it would be possible that MODC would entertain any further financial contribution for our quest for water if we decided to take over our own garbage contract, inflicting financial pain on every other resident in the Municipality of the District of Chester.

Commissioner Grant stated that Commissioner Hatch raises an excellent point and that this issue came up when she was on the Commission before and that it was decided that we would not go out on our own. Our goal was to have a functional collegial relationship with MODC and by striking out on our own, with what is a small savings of \$80,000.00, especially that the tipping fees may go up, it is not a good idea. Commissioner Grant stated she would not be in favour of going out on our own for garbage collection.

Commissioner Heisler stated we don't need the headaches of doing this.

Chair Nauss stated that personally he did not like the idea that we could end up having our residents double taxed. Tipping fees would probably increase leaving us with next to little or no savings.

Commissioner Mulrooney stated that it is felt that we were given poor legal advice and that we can take on a contract for the Village. We would not hire staff, as the contractor would be responsible for pickup of garbage. Commissioner Mulrooney stated that MODC and Village Commission will have different views on issues from time to time and hopefully both sides are mature enough to handle that. Water and garbage issues should not be played off against each issue.

Chair Nauss asked for 'all those in favour of the motion' – **Commissioner Mulrooney in favour, four Commissioners were not in favour. Motion defeated.**

g) **Payment to MODC water study – Motion to move 12,830.82 from the utility surplus account to the operating account for payment**

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver read her staff report on this issue.

MOTION: Commissioner Heisler moved, Commissioner Mulrooney seconded, to move \$12,830.82 from the utility surplus account to the operating account for payment.

Discussion was held on the motion.

Commissioner Hatch questioned the amount on the staff report. Clerk Treasurer Westhaver clarified the amount paid and the balance owing as \$12,830.82.

Chair Nauss asked for 'all those in favour' – **Motion carried.**

h) **Committees – it was felt that these committees were not presented and discussed properly in the September 18th meeting.**

MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved that this item be tabled, Commissioner Hatch seconded. Motion passed.

i) **Email from Trevor Hume – Next Steps Public Consultation**

9.0 Other Business (continued)

ii) Email from Trevor Hume – Next Steps Public Consultation (continued)

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated that Trevor Hume, EDM Consulting, felt that the next step is to have a detailed workshop with the Commission. Clerk Treasurer Westhaver is looking for a consensus on EDM's preferred recommendation to have a workshop.

Commissioner Hatch asked if the public sessions are off the table for the survey process.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated they are recommending as based on what came back on the survey, they don't feel they will get any more by going to the public again.

Commissioner Hatch would like to hear from EDM has to say and get the full disclosure of that and determine whether or not the Commission would like to engage the public when they are back next June, July or August.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver stated the Commission has the email, which states that as the survey was responded to by a large number of people and provided such great detail and for the value of the remaining budget, they do not recommend holding an open house/meeting. They do not feel they will learn anything new or further by holding open meetings. EDM feels the best option is to have a focused workshop with the Commission to allow them to finalize the report to best address the Commission's needs for future strategic planning process.

Clerk Treasurer Westhaver is looking for consensus to have the workshop. After then, if the Commission wants to do further investigations, they can ask EDM for that.

Commissioners were in favour of the workshop as a great next step.

10.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Heisler moved the meeting adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Bill Nauss
Commission Chair

Maxine Veinot
Recording Secretary