

Village of Chester Commission Committee of the Whole Meeting July 31, 2019 – 7:00 pm

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

Regrets: Nil

Public Gallery: Four

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Nauss called the July 31, 2019, Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Public Forum

Nil

3.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Additions: 5 d) Correspondence from MODC re Public Hearing

5.1 In Camera Session – Human Resources

MOTION #19-074: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of the agenda, with two additions.

Unanimously Carried

4.0 Clerk's Report

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy reviewed the "Terms of Reference" from the MODC Water Strategy Team. The team will be investigating water supply, conservation, protection, and drought management. The team consists of the CAO, Village Clerk, Director of Engineering, Projects Coordinator, and Director of Community Development.

MODC Council will be discussing and approving the Terms of Reference at their next meeting.

#19-075: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:

The approval of the Clerk Treasurers report as presented.

Unanimously Carried

5.0 New/Other Business

a) <u>Scotiabank Investments</u>

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy reviewed the Request for Decision on Scotia Investment Accounts (Reserves). Egyedy recommended a locked-in one-year GIC at 2.10% which provides additional interest revenue of \$11,000.00. However, the Municipal Finance Corporation offers 2.35% interest which is cashable at any time without loss of interest earned.

Direction was given to Egyedy to contact the Municipal Finance Corporation on a presentation at the August 14th regular monthly meeting and to further discuss investments with Scotiabank.

b) Firehall Building Committee

Chair Nauss stated that the Commission needs to push forward with a new fire hall and a committee needs to be established with two Commissioners, two Volunteer Firefighters, and one independent expert.

Commissioners agreed to have a tour of Brooklyn's fire hall as soon as possible. Commissioner Heisler recommended looking at Lunenburg and Blockhouse fire stations. Chief Hiltz would contact the Brooklyn Fire Chief for a tour. Secondly, the Fire Department will have two representatives named for our next meeting.

Clerk Egyedy reviewed a Terms of Reference that the Commission would guide the Committee to move ahead with a new fire hall. Commissioners were asked by Clerk Egyedy to review the Terms of Reference and offer any changes prior to the August 14th meeting.

#19-076: Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded: The committee membership be Commissioners Grant and Hatch with Commissioner Heisler as an alternate.

Unanimously Carried

c) Audit Committee Policy

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy reviewed the Audit Committee Policy which will be on the August 14, 2019 agenda for approval. Commissioners were asked to review the policy and discuss issues or concerns with Egyedy prior to the meeting.

d) Correspondence

Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy reviewed a letter received from MODC regarding a Public Hearing on August 14th at 10:30 AM. The development is on Parkwood Drive near Highway 329.

5.1	In Camera	Session

#19-077: Commissioner Hatch moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded: To go In Camera at 7:39 pm to discuss Human Resource (HR) issue.

Unanimously Carried

* Chair Nauss stated the meeting will take a five-minute break to allow for people to leave the meeting and the In-Camera session will begin at 7:45 pm.

#19-078: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded: To go Out of Camera at 8:29 pm.

Unanimously Carried

6.0 Adjournment

Commissioner Heisler moved the July 31, 2019 meeting adjour	rn at 8:30 nm
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Bill Nauss Commission Chair	Dennis Egyedy Clerk Treasurer