



Chester Volunteer Fire Service Committee – New Members Required

Do you believe in the valuable work of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department and would like to support them? Not interested in being a Firefighter, but have other great skills and experiences that could help guide the current and future work of the Department? The Village of Chester Commission is seeking to appoint two (2) community representatives from the Village to sit on the newly-formed "Chester Volunteer Fire Service Committee". Initial appointment will be for either two or three years.

This is a new joint effort between the Village and the Municipality of the District of Chester to ensure the best fire and emergency protection services are provided within the Fire District of the department. This new committee will include 3 representatives from the Village and three from the Municipality.

For the Village of Chester and the Municipality of the District of Chester, and working in collaboration with the Fire Department, the Committee will;

- advise, assist, and make recommendations to on governance and budget for the department, including on the area Fire Tax rate
- oversee and implement all purchases approved through the budget process
- prepare, recommend, and implement a 5-year capital budget and a 20-year capital replacement plan, including the purchase of new fire equipment and the construction of a new fire station

A copy of the Fire Services Agreement can be found on the Village website at <https://villageofchesterns.ca/news/1456-signed-agreement-may-12-2022/file.html>

The Village Commission welcomes applications from residents of Village of Chester, including from residents who are Indigenous People, African Nova Scotians and Other Racially Visible Persons, and Persons with Disabilities. Staff of the Village and Municipality, as well as active members of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department are not eligible to be members of the Committee.

Ideal applicants would have;

- a vision for the future of the department
- be able to provide knowledgeable advice on concerns and issues
- strong communication skills
- the ability to work in a collaborative environment
- have some experience in one or more of the following: emergency service issues; financial management; board operations; or governance and management
- professional designation in a related field would be an asset

If you are interested in one of these positions, and have any skills, abilities, or interests that you believe would benefit the Committee, you are encouraged to apply. A letter outlining your interest and why you feel you can contribute is all that is required. You are welcome to include a resume or CV if you wish, but it is not necessary.

The Committee is anticipated to meet monthly, and perhaps more frequently during the early formation stages. The first meeting of the Committee is anticipated to be in the early summer of 2022.

The Village Commission reserves the right to appoint Committee Members found through this or any other process.

The deadline to apply is Friday June 10, 2022 at noon. Applications may be emailed to office@villageofchesterns.ca or dropped off at the Village Office at 20 Pleasant Street, Chester.