

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase held
in the Council Chambers of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Present:	Mayor	R. Anderson
	Councillors	R. Berrigan
		R. Crowe
		D. Lepsoe
		S. Scott
	Chief Administrative Officer	J. Heinrich
	Director of Financial Services	L. Pedersen
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

“That the agenda be amended by adding:

- **Item 8.2 - Neskonlith Indian Band – Highway Improvements at Hoffman’s Bluff – Letter of thanks from Village of Chase; and**
- **Items 8.3 - Wayfinder Art in Action – Request for Letter of Support from the Village of Chase; and**
- **Item 8.4, Chase Physician Recruitment Committee – Request for permission to obtain updates to Tourism CD created for the Village in 2007;**

And that the agenda be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2014

Moved by Councillor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Lepsoe

“That the minutes of the January 28, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

3.2 Special (Budget) Meeting of February 3, 2014

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

“That the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Special (Budget) meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

Administration Reports

Public Works Supervisor was not in attendance.

The Director of Financial Services reported that he is working on budget preparations and year end. He also continues to work with the Recreation Centre Society regarding enhancing Arena operations.

The CAO reported that she has been working on improvements for the Fire Department, improvements to office procedures and assisting with the Project Comeback initiative.

Moved by Councillor Lepsoe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That the reports from the Director of Financial Services and the CAO be received for information.”

CARRIED

Council Reports

Mayor Anderson

- Participated in the Secwepemculecw Flag Ceremony at Arena January 31, 2014
- Participated in the February 3, 2014 Budget meeting and the February 3, 2014 workshop with the Fire Department

Councillor Berrigan

- Attended the Chase Wellness meeting on January 29, 2014
- Attended at the Arena for the Secwepemculecw Flag Ceremony January 31, 2014
- Participated in the February 3, 2014 Council Budget meeting and the Fire department budget workshop
- Chaired a Youth Advisory Committee meeting on February 5, 2014

Councillor Crowe

- Attended the Secwepemculecw flag ceremony at the Art Holding Memorial Arena January 31, 2014
- Participated in the February 3, 2014 Council Budget meeting and Fire Department budget workshop
- February 5 through 7, 2014 attended the Local Government Leadership Academy Conference and governance education seminars in Richmond

Councillor Lepsoe

- Attended the Secwepemculecw flag ceremony at the Art Holding Memorial Arena January 31, 2014
- Attended the Adams Lake Indian Band Chief and Council meeting on February 4, 2014 with the CAO

Councillor Scott

- Participated in the January 29, 2014 Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting
- Attended the Secwepemculecw flag ceremony at the Art Holding Memorial Arena January 31, 2014
- Participated in the February 3, 2014 Council Budget meeting and Fire Department budget workshop

5. DELEGATIONS

Connect Parent Group Program

Craig Duck Chief – Youth and Family Support Worker – Adams Lake Indian Band was in attendance and provided the following information:

- Mr. Duck Chief recently took the training that would allow him to offer this connect parent group program locally – he has working with youth for 15 years and believes the program would be of great value locally
- He has been encouraged by Terry Anne Smiley to ask for support from the Village of Chase – the program was started in early 2000, moving from BC into other provinces, and has been very successful
- The program would go for 10 weeks and could accommodate 42 people (parents and children) from all participating communities (equal funding would mean equal representation from the communities)
- Children will be between the ages of 13 and 18 – parents attend while children are in childcare and engaging in activities
- 1 day per week for 2 hours for a total of 10 weeks
- ALIB has pledged support, and Neskonlith and Little Shuswap Lake Bands have been approached to participate

Moving Forward Together Initiative

Mr. Duck Chief provided the following information relating to the Moving Forward Together Initiative:

- Started with communities in the Chase area, both First Nations and non-First Nations, as well as Sicamous, Salmon Arm, Enderby and others to discuss how all the communities are communicating and how we can improve our relationships to ensure we are working together to enhance the vibrancy of our communities
- First meetings occurred in 2012, and it was shown that there is lots of interest in aboriginal communities and values
- As the meetings continued, the groups formed champion activities with which goals were created and people joined the various champions to move the particular projects forward
- A report on the champion activities should be available in the coming weeks

Mayor Anderson thanked Mr. Duck Chief for his information about both the Connect Parent Group Program and the Moving Forward Together Initiative.

<Mr. Duck Chief left the meeting at 4:29 p.m.>

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Recommendations from the meeting held February 4, 2014:

6.1 Chase Excellence Program – 2013 Grant-In-Aid Request

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

“That Council not grant funds to the Chase Excellence Program to cover costs they incurred for their 2013 activities.” *CARRIED*

6.2 Thompson Nicola Regional District – Presentation to Council in July 2014

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

“That a letter be sent to the Board of the Thompson Nicola Regional District thanking them for their plans to address the Village of Chase Council at its Regular meeting of July 8, 2014 indicating that Council looks forward to the TNRD’s Chair and CAO attendance at that meeting.

CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2012 Annual Report

It was noted that there is an error on page 31 of the agenda, the date for the permissive tax exemptions for land should read 2012 and not 2011.

Questions were raised from the gallery:

- The statement of financial information shows that TAG Automotive received \$31,000 in payments in 2012 for works done for the Village – do other local automotive companies also do work for the Village?

The answer to this question is yes, that the work is spread around as much as possible to be fair to all licensed mechanical shops.

- Was this report not supposed to be done in July of 2013?

The answer is yes, but due to staffing changes and positive changes made to the way the accounting is done for the Village, the report for 2012 was not completed before the usual July deadline.

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

"That the 2012 Annual Report be adopted."

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Proclamation – National Health and Fitness Day

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

"That the first Saturday in June, 2014 (June 7, 2014) be proclaimed as National Health and Fitness Day in the Village of Chase."

CARRIED

8.2 Neskonlith Indian Band – Highway Improvements at Hoffman's Bluff – Letter of thanks from Village of Chase

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

"That a letter be written to the Neskonlith Indian Band Chief and Council thanking them for their recent positive vote to allow the Provincial Ministry of Highways to provide upgrades to the Trans Canada Highway at Hoffman's Bluff, and that the Village of Chase looks forward to working with the Neskonlith Indian Band in the future to ensure the continued safety of both our communities."

It was noted that the Hoffman's Bluff area is a dangerous portion of the Trans Canada Highway between Chase and Kamloops, and that there have been 3 fatalities on that stretch of highway in the past month alone.

Mayor Anderson added that MLA and Minister of Highways Todd Stone expects the tendering for the improvements to be out in the fall of 2014, with works beginning in 2015, taking approximately 3 years to complete.

The vote was called on the motion and it was CARRIED

8.3 Wayfinder Art in Action – Request for Letter of Support from the Village of Chase

It was noted that this project takes youth at risk and works with them through art therapy to enhance their lives and improve their opportunities.

Moved by Councillor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

"That the Village of Chase provides a letter of support for the Wayfinder Art in Action program to be conducted in Chase with Chase and surrounding community youth participants."

CARRIED

8.4 Chase Physician Recruitment Committee – Request for permission to obtain updates to Tourism CD created for the Village in 2007

Moved by Councillor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

"That the Village of Chase permit the Chase Physician Recruitment Committee to work with Westcor Media Ltd. to update the Chase Tourism CD to include more current information about the community, and to include footage and information about the medical facilities available in Chase, and that the cost of the new CD be funded out of the grant-in-aid funds allocated to the Physician Recruitment Committee if such allocation is approved at Budget."

CARRIED

Ms. Lynne Moyer, member of the Physician recruitment committee noted that there may be another video company that will produce a video, and there may also be someone willing to donate the funds for the production of the video.

It was noted that the resolution just passed simply gives permission to utilize the Village’s original CD and update it, but the committee can utilize another company which will not require Village of Chase permission.

Opportunity for Council Members to Introduce New Information

No new items.

9. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

“That Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the Community Charter, paragraph (e), acquisition of land or improvements.”

CARRIED

Mayor Anderson adjourned the Regular meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Mayor Anderson reconvened the Regular meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Change to time and date of Special Council Meeting (Budget)

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

“That the Special (Budget) meeting of Council scheduled for February 17, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. be rescheduled to February 24, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.”

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

“That the regular meeting of Council be adjourned.”

CARRIED

Mayor Anderson declared the Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

These minutes were adopted by a resolution of Council on February 25, 2014.

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Mayor,
R. Anderson

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Chief Administrative Officer
J. Heinrich