
Minutes of the Village of Chase Committee of the Whole Meeting
held in the Council Chamber of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue, Chase, BC,
on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Chairperson Lepsoe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

"That the agenda be adopted as amended by adding Scott Koch, President of Chase Heat Junior Hockey, as a delegation."

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Mayor Anderson

"That the Minutes of the January 7, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

Scott Koch – President – Chase Heat Junior Hockey

Mr. Koch thanked Council for allowing him to be added to the agenda. He explained that the Chase Heat annual awards banquet is scheduled for February 16, 2014 at the Community Hall and is being catered by 'Women in Heat' catering. He asked if a representative from the Village council could attend the banquet and bring greetings from the Village to the Heat players and volunteers.

He added that several players are a long way from home, including one fellow from Newfoundland, one from Pennsylvania, two from Saskatchewan and the others from various places in BC.

Recommendation to Council:

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Scott

"That if Mayor Anderson is unable to attend the Chase Heat Annual banquet on February 16, 2014 that the Acting Mayor will attend on the Mayor's behalf."

CARRIED

Elena Markin, Manager – Chase and District Chamber of Commerce
Report on Chamber Activities in 2013

Ms. Markin reported that the Chamber was involved in many activities in 2013 including:

- Promotion, listing and vendor organization for Chase CornStock Music Festival
 - Creating and distributing monthly Specials and Sales brochures for the members
 - In conjunction with the Valley Brew organized a Shop Local campaign which resulted in almost \$74,000 being spent locally
 - Organized several social events and Business Brainstorming sessions
- (A full listing of Chamber projects in 2013 is on file at the Village office.)

Members of Council thanked Ms. Markin for all her hard work to enhance the Village of Chase.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chase Excellence Program – 2013 Grant-In-Aid Request

The CAO explained that while the Chase Excellence Program had requested a grant-in-aid for their 2013 activities, the request was received in September of 2012, and was supposed to be forwarded to Council's 2013 budget discussions. Due to an error on Administration's part, the request never reached Council's 2013 budget discussions and therefore no grant was provided to Chase Excellence for their 2013 activities.

Discussion:

- Council supports the Chase Excellence Program as being a positive contribution to the community

- It is possible that the activities in 2013 were conducted without the benefit of a grant from the Village
- Were all the activities planned fulfilled in 2013?
- The grant-in-aid for \$2000 in 2014 does not include any other 'grants' such as waiving of rental costs for the use of the Community Hall
- A larger grant has been approved in 2014 than has been granted in past years
- The program is valuable however providing a grant for 2013 activities would be 'doubling up' the grant provided in 2014
- Uncomfortable with giving a grant-in-aid retroactively

Recommendation to Council:

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

"That Council not grant funds to the Chase Excellence Program to cover costs they incurred for their 2013 activities."

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

Recommendation to Council:

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

Opportunity for the Public to Discuss Local Government Issues of Interest and Concern

Mr. Scott Koch thanked Councillor Lepsoe for his groundwork in preparing to include the Secwepemc flag in the Art Holding Memorial Arena. Mr. Koch added that it is important that we recognize our neighbouring communities, and this recognition culminated in the Secwepemc flag being unveiled beside the Canadian, U.S. and BC flag on Friday, January 31, 2014 at a ceremony at the Arena.

The Chiefs of Adams Lake, Neskonlith and Little Shuswap Lake Indian Bands were in attendance along with the Mayor of Chase, and a youth group sang the 'Honour Song' to commemorate the event.

Mr. Dennis Youchezin mentioned that at a recent meeting, Council heard about how the Village can reduce its corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Mr. Youchezin stated that he believes too much sand is being put onto Village roads for traction during the winter, and this causes a lot of dust/emissions. Mr. Youchezin asked if the public works department could use less sand, perhaps by only sanding the intersections instead of all the roadways.

Ms. Bev Iglesias asked how, with the new water meters in place will 'illegal' or secondary suites be charged for their water consumption.

Ms. Mary Porter asked if the Village has the ability to install 'non-wireless' water meters for those residents concerned about health hazards related to wireless meters.

Ms. Marna McLaren asked why she has not received a response to a letter she wrote to the CAO some time ago regarding the rezoning of the property on Aylmer Road and statements made by Council members about the property being unsuitable for residential development.

Chair Lepsoe thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and participating by asking questions and providing input.

7. IN-CAMERA

No in-camera meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Berrigan
Seconded by Councillor Scott

"That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned." CARRIED

Chairperson Lepsoe adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

These minutes were adopted by a resolution of the Committee of the Whole on March 4, 2014.

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Chairperson,
Councillor Lepsoe

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Chief Administrative Officer,
Joni Heinrich