



Minutes of the Special (Budget) Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held in the Council Chamber of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: R. Berrigan
Councillors: N. Egely
D. Lepsoe
A. Maki
S. Scott

In Attendance: J. Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Pedersen, Director of Financial Services
B. Lauzon, Fire Chief
K. Doerksen, Training Officer/Captain

Public Gallery: 5
Press: 1

FINAL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Berrigan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That the December 14, 2015 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

**CARRIED
B#2015/12/14_001**

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 2016 – 2020 Five Year Financial Plan / 2016 Annual Budget

The Director of Financial Services explained:

- There are more cost centres showing on the budget as this is a way that expenditures in various areas are being tracked – they show detail of various activities in account areas
- With the proposed budget having been provided, there is a \$376,000 deficit in the operating fund, and \$173,000 deficit in the water fund and a \$42,000 surplus in the sewer fund for an overall proposed deficit of \$508,000 for 2016
- The budget being provided here accounts for a 3% tax increase for 2016

Fire Department

Council reviewed the various proposed operating budget areas. The Fire Chief explained that the request for the Fire Department relates primarily to training and supplies, based on the fact that there are a significant number of new members in the department.

While the proposed budget for the Fire Department reflects a large increase, the Fire Chief, Training Officer and Administrative staff will be reviewing the numbers in an effort to reduce the requests being made.

A query from the gallery was received regarding whether costs to train fire fighters can somehow be recouped if the individuals leave the Village.

Mayor Berrigan noted that it is difficult to get volunteers these days, and making people pay for a portion of their own training or making them required to reimburse the Village would be a deterrent to attracting volunteers.

Public Works

Several queries were made about operational items including the costs associated with maintaining the mowers as one of them is relatively new. It was also queried as to whether there could be a significant cost saving for the Fire Department to be able to fuel through the School District's fueling station at the public works yard.

The Supervisor of Public Works will be available at the next budget meeting to address these and any other questions related to public works.

Other areas of the budget were reviewed including the water fund and sewer fund.

Moved by Councillor Egely

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"That the next budget review meeting be scheduled for January 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m."

**CARRIED
B#2015/12/14_002**

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Scott

"That the December 14, 2015 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting be adjourned."

**CARRIED
B#2015/12/14_003**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Original Signed
R. Berrigan, Mayor

Original Signed
J. Heinrich, CAO