



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, January 11, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

FINAL

In Attendance: J. Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Pedersen, Director of Financial Services
T. Pretty, Deputy Corporate Officer
P. Regush, Supervisor of Public Works
B. Lauzon, Fire Chief

Public Gallery: 5
Press: 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Berrigan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the January 11, 2016 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

**CARRIED
B#2015/01/11_001**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Egely
Seconded by Councillor Maki

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

**CARRIED
B#2015/01/11_002**

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 2016 Proposed Budget

The Director of Financial Services noted:

- An additional \$30,000 has been added for a Water Source assessment;
- An additional \$30,000 has been added as both revenue and expense for the TNRD grant towards arena upgrades;
- Currently the Village is spending more than they receive so some difficult decisions will need to be made. The current 5 year budget is running in a deficit until 2020, however, if capital projects are rescheduled then that could change.
- Currently there is a \$330,000 deficiency in 2016 general government.

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That the 2016 Village of Chase Corporate Service portion of the capital budget be approved.”
CARRIED
B#2016/01/11_003

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the 2016 Village of Chase Fire Department portion of the capital budget be approved with the Command Half ton (\$15,000) deferred to 2017.”
CARRIED
B#2016/01/11_004

- The winch would be used to keep a vehicle stable in the case of extrication (e.g. vehicle has gone down embankment). This would be much safer for members at the scene.

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the 2016 Village of Chase Rescue portion of the capital budget be approved.”
CARRIED
B#2016/01/11_005

Moved by Mayor Berrigan
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That the 2016 Village of Chase Public Works portion of the capital budget be approved.”
CARRIED
B#2016/01/11_006

- The work at West Shuswap would be to clean up the area across the road between A&W and Greyhound to make it user friendly for tourists.
- The arena work is to address drainage and will require exploratory work.
- The two irrigation projects are part of a package and to split them up would not be financially sensible.

Moved by Councillor Egely
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That the 2016 Village of Chase Parks portion of the capital budget be approved with the deferral of West Shuswap Avenue Improvements (\$20,000) to 2017.”
CARRIED
B#2016/01/11_007

- The Community Hall work will likely involve siding as opposed to painting in order to address a leak but the whole budget should be fine as is.

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That the 2016 Village of Chase Community Hall portion of the capital budget be approved.”
CARRIED
B#2016/01/11_008

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the 2016 Village of Chase Water portion of the capital budget be approved with the Water Line along Aylmer to VLA and along VLA at Drakes Landing be deferred to 2017.”

CARRIED
Councillor Lepsoe Opposed
B#2016/01/11_009

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That the 2016 Village of Chase Sewer portion of the capital budget be approved.”

CARRIED
B#2016/01/11_010

- A request was received last year to pave the remainder of the area by the Arena but that would cost approximately \$80,000. If there is a need to pave at the Arena to fix the drainage issue Public Works would try to see if they could work something out to do larger portions to help with dust.
- The mortgage on the Arena will be paid in 4 years so perhaps that will free up some money.
- Bev Iglesias – as the Lions Club are one of the largest users of the Community Hall they would like to see the proposed work put to tender as well as have input into any kitchen cupboard design.
- Len McLean – what impact has this exercise had on the budget? The budget was reduced by \$35,000 in 2016.
- Lynne Moyer – queried TNRD grant – the Director of Financial Services explained the revenue shows in operating but the expense shows in capital.
- Andrew Casavant – disagrees that garbage truck needs replacing and would like to see maintenance records.
 - The expected life span of such a truck is 5 years and this one has been in use for 8.
 - There is a need to ensure a new, reliable truck is in place before the old one breaks down.
 - Records will be provided to Mr. Casavant to view at the Village office.

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the 2016 Village of Chase Capital Budget be approved.” **CARRIED**
B#2016/01/11_011

- Len McLean – What do reserves for 2016 look like?
 - Sewer has approximately \$800,000 in reserve; \$1 million surplus
 - Operating \$40,000
 - Water Treatment Plant will break even
 - General fund has a \$1 million deficit; \$50,000 set aside
 - Debt is at 2.4 million
- The Director of Financial Services, CAO, Fire Chief and Training Officer worked very hard to cut the Fire Department budget increase by over 50%
- Councillor Egely – Are we in a position where we can begin to build up reserves?

- If the Village stays on track as per the 5 year budget proposed, reserves will be ready to start building in 2020.
- At the last meeting further information was requested on the mowers used by Public Works. The mowers are 6 and 9 years old and require constant maintenance
- Councillor Lepsoe queried what the total cost to maintain Parks is when you take into account mowing, watering, time, equipment, etc.
 - There is the possibility of having a water mapping document done which would identify the largest water users throughout the community.
 - The parks are metered so that information is available.
- Len McLean – some of the park sprinklers are angled so water goes on sidewalks and down the drain so perhaps could be realigned.
 - If they were realigned there would be a strip of dead grass just before the sidewalk begins.
- Lynne Moyer – having Village lawns looking beautiful while residents let their lawns burn isn't optimal.
 - The landscaping must be maintained as to replace and/or rejuvenate would be very expensive.
- Bev Iglesias – the hanging baskets are over watered and not worth the expense nor time of employees. The hand watered baskets could be removed to save money.
 - New containers have been purchased that will mitigate water loss.
 - Councillor Lepsoe agreed with Ms. Iglesias and thanked her for bringing the subject before Council.

6. IN-CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the Community Charter, paragraph (c) regarding labour relations and (k) regarding the proposed provision of a municipal service.”

CARRIED

B#2016/01/11_012

RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

“That the renewal of the Criterion Pictures Contract for 2016 at a cost of \$1200.00 plus taxes be released to the public on the January 26, 2016 Council Agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Lepsoe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That the January 11, 2016 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

B#2016/01/11_013

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

R. Berrigan, Mayor

T. Pretty, Deputy Corporate Officer