



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase held in the Council Chamber at the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution:

“That the March 8, 2016 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Pages 1 - 9

Resolutions:

“That the minutes of the February 23, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

Resolutions:

“That the minutes of the March 2, 2016 Special meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

4. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

This opportunity is for members of the gallery to provide input on items on this Agenda

5. REPORTS

- a) Mayor and Council Reports
- b) Staff Reports

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Cost of Water Treatment Plant

Pages 11 - 12

A report from the Director of Financial Services is attached.

8.2 Art Holding Memorial Arena – Radio Antenna

Page 13

A report from the Director of Financial Services is attached.

8.3 Community Hall Renovations – Siding Cladding

Page 15

A report from the Director of Financial Services is attached.

8.4 Selling Wine in Grocery Stores

Pages 17 - 19

Correspondence has been received from the Provincial Government regarding the issuing of a limited number of licences for the sale of 100% BC wine in grocery stores.

- 8.5 Invitation Page 21
Mayor Berrigan has been invited to be a guest at the annual Miss Chase Excellence Pageant on April 30, 2016.

- 8.6 UBCM Membership Pages 23 - 24
Correspondence is provided for information from UBCM on their accomplishments in 2015.

RELEASE OF PREVIOUS IN CAMERA ITEMS

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution:

“That the March 8, 2016 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Village of Chase
held in the Council Chamber of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

R. Berrigan
N. Egely
D. Lepsoe
A. Maki
S. Scott

FINAL

In Attendance:

J. Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Pederson, Director of Financial Services

Public Gallery:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Egely

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That the February 23, 2016 Village of Chase Regular Council Agenda be adopted as amended with the removal of Items 7.2 Youth Action Committee and 7.4 Event Approval, and the addition of Item 6.4 Buy Local Buy Fresh Map Guide.” CARRIED

#2016/02/23_001

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the minutes of the February 9, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.” CARRIED

#2016/02/23_002

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the minutes of the October 20, 2015 Special meeting of Council be adopted as presented.” CARRIED

#2016/02/23_003

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Berrigan

- February 10 attended Shuswap watershed council meeting in Salmon Arm
- February 11 met with MP Mel Arnold to discuss Federal Budget proposals
- February 12 met with Chief and Council of Neskonlith Indian Band in Salmon Arm
- February 12 attended ribbon tying at Squilax Bridge in recognition of missing and murdered indigenous women

- February 13 attended the Heat Hockey game with TNRD Directors in recognition of their general financial contribution to our Arena
- February 16 participated in a Council workshop to discuss 2016 strategic planning
- February 18 attended the TNRD regular Board meeting
- February 20 attended a meet and greet with the Curling Club and person who is 'Curling Across Canada'
- February 20 attended the Chase Excellence Spaghetti Dinner and Apron Auction fund raiser
- February 21 attended the Chase Heat Hockey year end Banquet and awards

Councillor Egely

- February 9 attended a Citizens on Patrol meeting
- February 10 attended a Museum meeting – it was cancelled due to lack of quorum
- February 12 attended the Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band (LSLIB) Ribbon tying event for murdered and missing indigenous women
- February 13 attended the TNRD and CSRD representatives dinner and Chase Heat Hockey game (Chase Heat won 6 to zero against Kamloops!)
- February 15 participated in council's Strategic planning workshop
- February 16 attended the rescheduled Museum meeting
- February 20 attended the Curling Club promotional event
- February 20 attended the Chase Excellent Pasta Dinner fund raiser

Councillor Maki

- February 11, chaired Youth Action Committee. Committee is working on a 2 Year Strategic Plan to identify some specific programs for youth in Chase
- February 15 participated in Council's 2016 Strategic Planning Workshop

Councillor Lepsoe

- February 11 attended a pictograph meeting at LSLIB Band office
- February 11 attended the meeting with MP Mel Arnold regarding input for the 2016 Federal budget
- February 12 attended with the Mayor the Neskonlith Indian Band Chief and Council meeting
- February 12 attended the Red Ribbon ceremony at Squilax bridge
- February 15 participated in the Strategic planning workshop
- February 26 Stick curling at the curling rink

Councillor Scott

- February 11 attended the meeting with MP Mel Arnold
- February 13 attended the Chase Heat Hockey game with TNRD and CSRD Directors to thank them for their financial contributions to the Arena
- February 15 participated in Council's strategic planning workshop
- February 20 attended the Curling Club meet and greet
- February 20 attended the Chase Excellent spaghetti dinner and apron auction fundraising event

b) Staff Reports

Public Works

- The two seasonal employees are back working with the department
- Street sweeping is being arranged and should be done within the next three weeks
- Line painting will be arranged soon

Fire Department

- One recent structure fire and several road rescue calls
- Association is planning another lobster dinner fundraising event

Bylaw Enforcement

- Property maintenance complaints are still low – our Bylaw enforcement officer has a good manner when dealing with property owners

Dog Control

- There was a recent dog attack in which the dog owner has agreed to pay the veterinary costs associated with the dog that was attacked

Director of Financial Services

- Preparing 2016 budget bylaws
- Continuing work on year end in preparation for auditors
- Handling queries regarding test water/sewer billings

CAO

- Various meetings and document drafting regarding Land Use matters
- Council agenda reports
- Preparation for Strategic Planning workshop
- Met with MP with members of Council, liaised with Ministry of Transportation regarding upgrades to Highway 1 at west end of Chase, met with other staff regarding set-up of EOC when necessary

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That Mayor, Council and Administration reports be received.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_004

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Fees and Charges Bylaw – Community Hall Rates

Moved by Councillor Egely

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That Village of Chase Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 808-2015, Amendment Bylaw No. 817-2016 be adopted effective March 1, 2016.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_005

6.2 Amendment to Village of Chase Waterworks Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the Village of Chase Waterworks Bylaw No. 718-2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 810-2015 be adopted effective immediately.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_006

6.3 Private Businesses Advertising on Village Owned LED Sign

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That the Village owned LED sign continue to advertise community event related information, and that private businesses not be permitted to advertise on the sign.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_007

6.4 Buy Local! Buy Fresh! Map Guide

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That the Village of Chase support the 2016 Thompson Valley (and Shuswap) Buy Local! Buy Fresh! Map Guide by purchasing ad space in the 2016 Map Guide at a cost of \$500 plus GST.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_008

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Utility Billing for 218 Aylmer Road

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the water rates, sewer rates and garbage rates for 218 Aylmer Road be charged in accordance with the new metered billing rates to be established by Council.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_009

7.2 This item was removed from the Agenda

7.3 Expense Reimbursement Policy

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Maki

“That the revised ADM-21 Expense Reimbursement policy as presented to Council at its Regular meeting of February 23, 2016 be adopted.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_010

7.4 This item was removed from the Agenda

7.5 Study in relation to Highway Improvements – West end of Chase

It was noted that the Ministry of Highways will be doing some testing of rocks and other materials on and around the rock bluff across from Petro-Canada on the Southeast side of the Highway 1 in preparation for highway improvements.

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the letter from the Ministry of Highways regarding survey, environmental, archaeological or geotechnical investigation on Village owned property on the Southeast side of Highway 1 near Petro-Canada be received as information.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_011

7.6 Economic Development Building Blocks Workshop

Moved by Mayor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That the Village of Chase cover the costs for any members of Council wishing to attend the Economic Development Building Blocks Workshop being held in Sicamous on March 1, 2016.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_012

7.7 Waiver Request

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the request from the Chase Firefighters’ Association request for waiving of the rental costs for use of the Community Hall for ‘Zumba’ classes February 3, 10, 15 and 17, 2016 be approved.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_013

<Councillor Maki excused herself from the meeting at 4:24 p.m. as she is on the Committee that is organizing the 2016 Shuswap Experience Trade Show >

7.8 Waiver Request

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the 2016 Shuswap Experience Trade Show being held at the Art Holding Memorial Arena on May be exempt from the Village of Chase Business License under Section 22 of the Bylaw entitled “Special Events”.

CARRIED

#2016/01/26_014

<Councillor Maki returned to the meeting at 4:25 p.m.>

7.9 Fee Reduction/Waiver Request – Chase Minor Hockey Association

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That Council approves the request to waive the rental cost for the use of the Community Hall for Chase Minor Hockey’s banquet event on March 9, 2016.”

CARRIED

#2016/01/26_015

It was noted that Mayor Berrigan and Councillors Maki, Egely and Lepsoe will attend the event.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Karen Bassett – 564 Lakeshore Drive

- Has written several letters with no response from both my private address and my business address regarding my test water bills – they show that I am utilizing far more water than I do
- What is the procedure or guidelines for property owners to deal with discrepancies in their bills and suspected leaks?

The Director of Finance will speak directly with Ms. Bassett outside of the Council meeting.

Blaine Covington – 420 Juniper Street

- Noted that when he received his test water bills he discussed them with his neighbours to see if there were similarities based on similar lawn watering practices

Graham Bell – 500 Elm Street

- Why are minutes from a meeting held in October 2015 only being adopted now

Karen Bassett

- Why has a cap of 20 firefighters been instituted when at the last structure fire only 3 firefighters were in attendance

Mayor Berrigan answered that it is a matter of costs – it is very costly to provide full protective gear to more than 20 individuals

Graham Bell

- What is the strategic plan and will it be provided to the public?

Karen Bassett

- Econospan did some metal works on the bridge by the Legion in the past – it is hoped they will be able to provide service to the Village again – it seems that no local contractors are ever given any work by the Village of Chase
- It seems excessive for the meal rates in the Expense policy to be increased to the existing levels for larger centers

RELEASE OF PREVIOUS IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

7. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the Community Charter, paragraph (c) regarding labour relations or other employee relations and (e) regarding the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_016

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the February 23, 2016 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

#2016/02/23_017

Mayor Berrigan adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

R. Berrigan, Mayor

J. Heinrich, CAO

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Village of Chase
held in the Council Chamber of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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

FINAL

In Attendance: J. Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Pederson, Director of Financial Services
T. Pretty, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public Gallery: 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Berrigan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the March 2, 2016 Village of Chase Special Council Agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2016/03/02_001

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

None

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Music in the Park 2016

The CAO gave a verbal report noting that Tuesday's were flagged as available for the Village to participate in the Shuswap Tourism music in the park series. The deadline to confirm participation is March 7, 2016. Discussion:

Mayor Berrigan

- Big advocate of using and promoting Village parks and when this originally came forward he was in favour, however, he is now unsure it is the fiscally responsible thing to do.
- There is a request to utilize \$7,000 in funding and there is no plan or budget in place. Unless he can see a concrete plan and budget he is not in favour.

Councillor Maki

- Distributed a copy of a plan and a mock-up poster (available in file).
- There are 9 days of events and she has been in contact with the Festival Society who are very keen to help make these events happen.
- Admission to the events will be free and will have a strong emphasis on shopping and dining locally.
- There will also be a night market on site.

Mayor Berrigan

- Concerned there are a lot of ideas presented but not many items confirmed.

Councillor Egely

- This is a great start but doesn't believe we are where we need to be yet.
- Until a firm budget is in place she is not comfortable approving.
- There are a lot of expenses noted that hadn't previously been considered.

Councillor Maki

- The Festival Society has expressed interest in contributing a significant amount of funding to this project.

Councillor Scott

- Thanked Councillor Maki for putting together so much information on such short notice.
- These initiatives have to start somewhere and if we delay we will miss the deadline.
- This Council is very fiscally aware and will ensure the project does not go over budget.
- This type of event / promotion is part of the Strategic Plan.

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"That Councillors Maki and Lepsoe be appointed to organize nine (9) music in the park events in Memorial Park in 2016 in conjunction with the Shuswap Tourism music in the park series with a budget of no more than \$1,000 per event being expended from the Economic Development and Other Tourism accounts."

A vote was taken on the main resolution as amended

CARRIED

Mayor Berrigan and Councillor Egely opposed

#2016/03/02_003

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"That the main resolution regarding the 2016 music in park series be amended to replace "a budget of no more than \$1,000 per event" with "a total budget of no more than \$7,000"."

CARRIED

Mayor Berrigan and Councillor Egely opposed

#2016/03/02_002

Councillor Lepsoe

- This type of event has been a dream and he is confident the Festival Society will be extremely pleased to assist.
- The First Nation bands have also expressed interest in working with the Village on this type of initiative.
- This will be a great opportunity for the Village.

Councillor Egely

- Queried how this will affect the budget. The Director of Financial Services noted it will be approximately \$40,000 over 5 years but there is no revenue coming in to

offset the expenditure so some items may need to be moved from the 5 year budget to stay on track.

Mayor Berrigan

- Realizes revenues won't be increasing but this is part of the Strategic Plan and sometimes things need to be made to happen.
- Reluctant to proceed as we should have been better prepared before contacting Shuswap Tourism about taking part in this series.

For clarity, Resolution #2016/03/02_003 as amended reads:

“That Councillors Maki and Lepsoe be appointed to organize nine (9) music in the park events in Memorial Park in 2016 in conjunction with the Shuswap Tourism music in the park series with a total budget of no more than \$7,000 being expended from the Economic Development and Other Tourism accounts.”

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That the March 2, 2016 Village of Chase Special Council meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

#2016/03/02_004

Mayor Berrigan adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

R. Berrigan, Mayor

T. Pretty, Deputy Corporate Officer



Village Of Chase

Administrative Report

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Director Financial Services

DATE: 02 March 2016

RE: Cost of Water Treatment plant and Related Capital

ISSUE/PURPOSE

For council information

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

The Water Treatment Plant costing has been completed. I have provided a detailed summary to Public Works for comment on lifespan of the various segments and detailed lists of equipment for amortization purposes. In the meantime I have utilized standard amortization guidelines for the various items. The building and infrastructure costs include allocation of engineering and other overhead costs.

The basic cost is as follows:

Building	\$3,145,822
Piping Fittings and Valves	1,436,262
Instrumentation and Controls	481,503
Equipment	1,495,577
Water Well	122,633
Other costs	251,773
Total cost incurred	\$6,933,570

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The full cost has been funded by Federal Provincial grants, debentures, gas tax funds and village contribution from surplus. In the future there will be an increase in amortization to reflect the addition to capital. The lifespan of the various items ranges from 7 years to 75 years, the building structure being generally rated as 70 years. My initial estimate of annual amortization for the project is \$240,000. This

has no impact upon the budget directly, but we must plan on replacement of equipment and items as they wear out.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the cost of Water Treatment Plant be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed

Leif Pedersen, Director Financial Services



Village of Chase

Administrative Report

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Director Financial Services

DATE: 01 March 2016

RE: Art Holding Memorial Arena – Radio Antenna

ISSUE/PURPOSE

For council information

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

The radio station located within the Art Holding Memorial Arena has been sold to David Bird of Chase. Mr. Bird has cleaned up the radio room and the Antenna Tower is still located on the roof of the arena. He is unable to remove it at this time and wishes permission to leave it in place

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

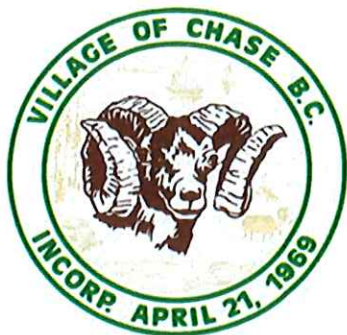
There are no direct financial implications, but there is a remote risk of damage to the roof if we have significant wind.

RECOMMENDATION

That council grant permission to leave the radio antenna on the roof of Art Holding Memorial Centre.

Respectfully submitted,

Leif Pedersen, Director Financial Services



Village Of Chase

Administrative Report

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Director Financial Services

DATE: 04 March 2016

RE: Community Hall Renovations – Siding Cladding

ISSUE/PURPOSE

For council information

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

We have budgeted annually renovation costs of \$25,000 for several years. In 2016 we have also budgeted \$15,000 for Community Hall Siding Cladding for the exterior wall. We have discovered serious leakage problems with the walls which require significantly more work than originally estimated. We will have professionals evaluate the work which must be done, but we anticipate a total cost in the vicinity of \$70,000. We intend to complete this work over two years utilizing the renovation budget and the special Exterior cladding budget to fund the improvements. The other original works planned will be delayed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the final works budget comes close to our estimate, there will be no impact upon our overall budget. The works are essential to the safe use of the building in the future.

RECOMMENDATION

That council receive the Community Hall Renovations – Siding Cladding report for information.

Respectfully submitted,



Leif Pedersen,
Director Financial Services



Ref: 37429

To Local Governments

February 24, 2016

Dear Mayors and Board Chairs:

We are writing to inform you of an exciting new initiative, announced on Thursday, February 18, to issue a limited number of licences for the sale of 100% BC wine on grocery store shelves. We would like to take this opportunity to explain the rationale for this offering, part of the second round of changes to the liquor laws to permit the sale of BC wine on grocery store shelves.

The BC wine industry has been a true success story with over 300 wineries now producing world class wines. The citizens of British Columbia have shown their appreciation of these wines as sales continue to increase.

During the 2013 Liquor Policy Review conducted by Parliamentary Secretary John Yap, we heard from thousands of British Columbians who wanted more convenient access to liquor and particularly to BC wines. The Government listened to these concerns and initiated a number of reforms including:

- Permitting the 21 licensed VQA wine stores to relocate to grocery stores to sell their wine on grocery store shelves;
- Permitting full service licensee retail stores and government liquor stores to relocate to grocery stores to operate as a store in store; and
- Committing to issue a limited number of special wine store licences for the sale of BC wine on grocery store shelves, as announced today.

Initially, we will auction six opportunities to apply for the special wine store licence, an approach which will ensure fairness and transparency. The successful bidders will then proceed through the regular application process to obtain the licence. Only grocery stores which meet the specified regulatory criteria will be eligible to bid. These criteria include that the store be a minimum of 10,000 sq. ft. and be focused on food sales; the same criteria that apply to the relocation of the other types of wine and liquor stores to grocery stores.

To provide the greatest consumer convenience, the products permitted for sale include all types of BC wine made from 100% BC agricultural inputs. This includes cider, honey wine, fruit wine and sake. The rules for VQA stores have also changed to permit them to sell these same types of products.

As you may know, Provincial regulations do not permit the relocation of a licensee retail store or government liquor store to within 1 km of one another. This rule does not apply to existing wine stores and will not for these special wine store licences.

The rationale for the 1 km rule is to provide some degree of market certainty for retailers and to ensure a community is not over-served with liquor stores which can have negative community impacts.

The product selection sold in these stores is very limited compared to the full variety of domestic and international beer, wine, and spirits sold in a private or government liquor store. BC wines represent only 26 percent of the total wine sales in BC and this also represents 9% of all liquor sales in the Province. In addition, a significant percentage of these BC wine sales are made from the winery or sold directly by them to restaurants and bars. This means overall sales in competing full service liquor stores are unlikely to be significantly impacted.

Were the 1 km rule to apply to wine stores, a community would be prevented from having a full service liquor store in its neighbourhood due to a wine store's location. Consumers wishing to buy beer, spirits or imported wines would be inconvenienced. For your information, there has existed for many years an additional 20 wine store licences issued to individual wineries or small groups of wineries. Once again, the location of one of these stores, perhaps selling only one winery's products, would prevent a full service liquor store moving to within 1 km of the wine store.

In summary, the number of wine stores selling BC wine is very limited with only 21 VQA stores, 20 issued to wineries and up to 18 of the announced special wine stores. This compares to 671 full service private liquor stores, 196 government liquor stores and 221 rural agency stores all selling all types of liquor.

We understand concerns have been expressed about the retailing practices of grocery stores in jurisdictions where liquor is sold in grocery stores and more specifically that this sector tends to favour larger producers and employ low priced sales strategies to build market share. We believe that these concerns are not legitimate in the BC market in regard to wine stores. On Tuesday, February 23, our government announced – effective May 1, 2016 – minimum liquor pricing for licensee retail stores, wine stores, and manufacturer on-site stores. The same policy will apply to BC Liquor Distribution Branch stores and, by extension, rural agency stores. This policy will effectively protect against pricing practices using wine (or other liquor) as a “loss leader”.

For the VQA and special wine store licences it will be a licence term and condition that the stores carry a broad selection of product from all sizes of wineries to ensure the most number of wineries possible have shelf space in these stores. In addition, Provincial law prohibits liquor suppliers from offering incentives to licensees to gain greater shelf space or market access. The whole intent of special wine store licence is to provide enhanced consumer access to our wonderful wines and to help support our wine industry. In our discussions with the grocery industry they understand and support these goals.

Finally, we are aware that concerns have been expressed that the special wine store licence is non-compliant with our trade obligations. Our intention with the recent changes is to strike a

balance that meets our trade requirements and also promotes the quality products that are made and bottled here in B.C. The special wine store licences are not new licences *per se* but rather are re-issued and reconfigured dormant BC wine store licences that were issued several years ago. Any licences issued will remain consistent with those allowed and already created under existing trade laws.

We appreciate the opportunity to explain the Province's wine store retailing strategy and we hope you will take these matters into consideration should any of these stores plan to open in or relocate to your community.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Coralee Oakes
Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction
Minister Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch



The Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
Minister Responsible for TransLink

CHASE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

BOX 800

CHASE, BC V0E1M0

February 29 , 2016

Mayor Rick Berrigan
Village of Chase
Chase, BC

Dear Mayor Berrigan

We are writing to extend an invitation for you to be our guest at our annual Miss Chase Excellence Pageant on April 30, 2016.

We hope that you or a representative can attend and bring greeting to everyone from the Village of Chase.

The day will commence with a dinner at the Chase Community Hall at 4:00pm with the Pageant to follow at 6:30 sharp at the Chase Secondary School Gym and we will have a reserved seat for yourself.

We request that you confirm attendance by April 15, 2015 by contacting myself at 250 6798546 or Jacquie Everett at 250 6752474.

We hope that you will be able to attend.

Yours truly,



Pam Hartley
Secretary

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February 5, 2016

Mayor Rick Berrigan and Council Members
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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Re: UBCM Membership

It is my pleasure to write to invite your local government to renew its membership with the Union of BC Municipalities.

2015 was the 110th year that UBCM has represented local governments in British Columbia. Through these years of service, UBCM has developed a set of guiding principles that have stood our organization well: a commitment to advocacy and program delivery that is policy-based, nonpartisan, timely and credible.

Policy-based – our advocacy is based on the positions established by our members through resolutions at Convention, direct consultation of local government and analysis based on the best available data.

Nonpartisan – our approach is pragmatic and our outreach extends to all political parties.

Timely – UBCM keeps watch for windows of opportunity in order to effectively advance the shared interests of our membership.

Credible – having attained membership among 100% of BC's local governments, UBCM speaks on behalf of the diverse needs of BC's communities and regions.

These provide the foundation for how we respond and act on your behalf in our day-to-day work. The following are examples of those principles in action:

- UBCM's survey and report on the operations of the Auditor General for Local Government revealed significant performance gaps in the office and led to several legislative and operational changes to improve the office.
- Spoke out against the Province's decision to download the cost for DNA analysis in police investigations to local governments.
- Advanced local government interests in federal and provincial discussions with respect to the design of infrastructure programs.
- Managed the intake of 222 applications to the Strategic Priorities Fund through the Federal Gas Tax Agreement.

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- Our Executive met with Ministers and MLAs at the Legislature to advocate for local government interests relative to infrastructure funding, impact of mental health issues on policing costs and land-based spills.
- Welcomed Huu-ay-aht First Nation as our 196th member.
- Continued to monitor elections expense limit legislation with the introduction of exposure bill in fall 2015.
- Secured \$10 million in additional funding for the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative.
- Submitted report on the Standing Committee on Health on how to improve health in rural BC.
- Undertook a survey of members regarding forest policy and delivered the findings to the Minister's Forests and Range Practices Advisory Council.
- Supported processes to solicit local government input on a range of issues, including livestock policy; Agri-tourism in the Agricultural Land Reserve; hazardous waste and recyclable material; liquor policy; bio-solids storage; the Climate Leadership Plan; and emergency communication.
- Monitored development of federal Comprehensive Land Claims Policy in follow-up to our submission.
- Partnered with Reconciliation Canada to support the delivery of 100 Dialogue Workshops throughout BC.

It has been an honour for the Executive and staff of UBCM to work on your behalf this past year. With your renewed commitment to membership, we would be pleased to do so again in 2016-2017. If you have any questions or comments about our work, I would be glad to hear them. We look forward to your continued support for the coming year.

Sincerely,



Chair Al Richmond
UBCM President