



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 30, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Rick Berrigan
Councillor Nancy Egely
Councillor Ali Maki
Councillor David Lepsoe

FINAL

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Leif Pedersen, Director of Financial Services
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Tim Perepolkin, Manager of Public Works
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief

Regrets: Councillor Steve Scott

Public Gallery: 14
Press: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Berrigan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the January 30, 2017 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2017 Proposed Budget

The Director of Financial Services explained the overall 5-year financial situation for the Village, noting that the sewer and water funds are in relatively good shape but the General Fund is still operating at a deficit and will arrive at a \$1.9 million deficit after 5 years without changes. There are two ways to relieve this situation:

1. Increase revenues through taxation and other sources OR
2. Reduce costs

The CAO explained the Drakes Landing sanitary connection project and why it is no longer a budget item.

Discussion of the General Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund

The Director of Financial Services (DFS) explained the various funds including the current balance and the projected balance after 5 years.

Questions were permitted from the gallery:

- James Mintz asked if the money in the funds could be transferred between funds and the DFS replied that only Council could authorize that
- Scott Cooke asked about the purposes of the funds and the DFS response was that the funds are used for infrastructure replacement
- Carolyn Mintz asked if grants are recognized in the accounting numbers and the DFS clarified that grants are tracked but cautioned that grants are not free because they rarely cover the total cost
- Beverley Iglesias asked if the 2008 fire hall is part of the problem and the DFS reported that \$1,000,000 in cash was spent and taxes were not raised afterwards to recharge the funds
- Carolyn Mintz asked about the \$10,000 for the school annex and the Mayor replied that it is for a study to determine best use of the closed school on Shuswap Avenue
- Beverley Iglesias asked about the fleet and the CAO reported that there may be a surplus in the fleet and the Village was investigating the idea of selling a Nissan Versa, a 1981 fire truck, and a Public Works vehicle
- Scott Cooke asked about fire hydrants being an asset
- Fraser stated that hydrant servicing costs are allocated to Public Works while the capital costs are allocated to the Fire Department. It was re-iterated that the public is made aware that the reason hydrants are included under the Fire Department and not Public Works is that hydrants exist for purposes of fire suppression.
- Barbara asked if the solar lights at Memorial Park will last and the Mayor responded that they will last and that the existing lights are inefficient
- Beverley Iglesias asked why there was no money in the budget for the spray park for operations in the event that the Lions cannot meet the costs every year and the Mayor stated that it is premature to put monies in the budget when there is not even an agreement in place and the project is not built yet
- Carolyn Mintz asked about ~\$700,000 allocated to the curling club and the DFS replied that the Village paid \$100,000 for this ~\$700,000 asset
- Scott Cooke made the comment that the TNRD owns the arena in Clearwater, and posited that outside users should have to pay more to use Village amenities, and that the Village should lobby other levels of government to help support the arena. The Mayor said that this could be brought up at a Regular Meeting
- Nancy Fierhurst also added that there should be a 2-tiered systems for user fees based on residents and non-residents.

Mayor Berrigan announced that the next budget meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

The Director of Financial Services explained that the numbers presented at this meeting will have final year-end adjustments for the February 6 meeting.

6. IN-CAMERA

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Egely

Seconded by Councillor Maki

**“That the January 30, 2017 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting be
adjourned.”**

**CARRIED
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The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Original Signed
Rick Berrigan, Mayor

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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer