



Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of the Village of Chase
held in the Council Chamber of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Berrigan
Councilor Nancy Egely
Councilor David Lepsoe
Councilor Ali Maki
Councilor Steve Scott

Also in Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer

FINAL

Public Gallery: 5

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Berrigan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Egely
Seconded by Councilor Maki

"That the July 5, 2017 Village of Chase Special Council meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

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3. NEW BUSINESS

Cannabis and Local Governments

The Corporate Officer provided an overview of some slides that had been provided by Fulton & Company at a recent Administration workshop hosted by the TNRD.

It was noted:

- De-criminalization of cannabis is coming
- Local governments will be in a good position to deal with the production, distribution and sales of cannabis in their jurisdictions if they start to plan now for the inevitable
- Several communities in BC are already experiencing dispensaries – some communities are letting these dispensaries do business 'under the radar', some communities are licensing the businesses and some communities are completely prohibiting the businesses
- The Village has been approached by a person who runs several dispensaries for medical cannabis in other communities and he wishes to open a similar business in Chase – the Village needs to know what the ramifications are of allowing or disallowing at this time so it can make a decision about the request that will be coming forward

Sam Dabner of Fulton and Company joined the meeting via telephone. The following comments were made:

- Changes in the cannabis regime has got the attention of legal professionals that advise local governments
- Impacts will likely be significant on local governments
- In July 2018 when the Cannabis Act comes into force federally, people will be able to possess up to 30 grams of cannabis for their own use, will be able to grow their own

- cannabis (up to 4-1 meter high plants per household) and dispensaries will be permitted to sell cannabis for medical and recreational purposes depending on the local government regulatory regime
- A regulatory framework will exist however at this time no information has been shared by the Province of BC with any local governments
 - This topic will be a major discussion at UBCM 2017
 - Areas of control the local governments may have to address cannabis will be through zoning, business licensing, nuisances and building regulations
 - Village of Chase could choose to regulate dispensaries, prohibit dispensaries until cannabis is decriminalized, or it could simply not 'deal with it' at this time – the approach depends on resourcing to some extent

Mayor Berrigan thanked Sam Dabner for his participation and information. Mr. Dabner disconnected at this time.

Other comments from members of the gallery included:

- How will people who are driving will impaired by cannabis be tested?
- Local government will need to address areas of the community that will be permitted for sales and production
- Growing operations in residential areas was discussed and needs to be addressed at the current time by the RCMP

Mayor Berrigan thanked those members of the public that attended the session

4. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. IN CAMERA

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councilor Scott

“That the July 5, 2017 Special Council meeting be adjourned.”

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The meeting concluded at 4:36 p.m.

Original Signed
Rick Berrigan, Mayor

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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer