



EXTRA 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, November 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.6 Trans-Canada Highway #1, Chase Creek to Jade Mountain Improvements Page 48
An invitation from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to attend an open house regarding Trans-Canada Highway #1 improvements on November 22, 2017 between 3:00p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall with an elected officials overview starting at 2:00 p.m. This open house invitation applies to all residents of Chase, those residing in the area who may be affected, and those having an interest in Chase and area.
- 9.7 RCMP Perspective on Trans-Canada Highway #1 Proposed Improvements Page 49
A letter from Sgt. Gary Heebner of the Chase RCMP detachment expressing safety concerns related to the reduction of access and egress to and from Chase for emergency service as it relates to the Trans-Canada Highway #1 proposed Improvements.



November 10, 2017

Mayor Rick Berrigan and Council
Village of Chase
PO Box 440
Chase, BC
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Dear Mayor Berrigan and Council,

Re: Trans-Canada Highway Chase Creek Road to Jade Mountain

Further to our correspondence regarding the above mentioned project, I am writing to extend an invitation to you.

As part of the project delivery process the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) is holding a Public Open House for the general public to preview plans and provide comments regarding four-laning of projects near Chase (Chase Creek Road to Chase West and Chase West to Jade Mountain). The event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 22, 2017 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the Chase Community Hall, 547 Shuswap Avenue in Chase, BC. Local elected officials are invited to meet with the project team prior to the event from 2:00pm to 3:00pm to answer any questions you or your council may have. Your senior staff are welcome to attend as well.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact me at 250-828-4254.

Yours truly,

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October 25, 2017

Dear Mayor Berrigan:

re: Proposed Highway #1 Access to Village of Chase

After attending the Village of Chase council meeting yesterday afternoon, and learning of the proposed plans for highway access in and out of the village, I thought it necessary to provide a police perspective on the matter.

The Chase RCMP detachment area extends from Seymour Arm in the north, to Pritchard and Sorrento on Highway #1. Approximately half of our call load is from outside the municipal boundary of Chase, and thus we are accessing Hwy #1 at all times of the day. Currently we have three points at which we can turn onto, or off of, the highway: Shuswap Avenue (East end), Coburn Road (mid-point), and Shuswap Avenue (West end). There are frequently times when responding to an emergency call that we would like to see an additional highway access closer to the detachment, such as at Brooke Drive.

Having said that, the proposal that was spoken-of at yesterday's council meeting included a possible Brooke Drive access, but at the cost of eliminating all three of the other access points. From a public safety point of view, this is not acceptable. Firstly, one point of access would, in the event of a public emergency such as a wildfire, create a choke point for the public trying to leave the area while public safety authorities would be trying to get into the community. If the wildfire, or other emergency, were to actually block the access, there would be no way to accommodate the traffic flow.

Secondly, the Village of Chase is bisected by the Canadian Pacific Railway's main line. This is a busy rail line, in operation twenty-four hours a day. The trains that pass through Chase are usually more than a kilometer in length and carry all types of cargo, including oil, chemicals, coal and general goods. If one of these trains happened to derail in the community and a tank car of chemicals such as chlorine or ammonia began to leak, one exit route out of the village would not be enough, particularly if the chemical drifted on the wind toward that exit. While it is true that Chase has access to Kamloops-Shuswap Road in order to help with evacuations, it is likely that this road would be compromised in the case of a large wildfire, or if a train

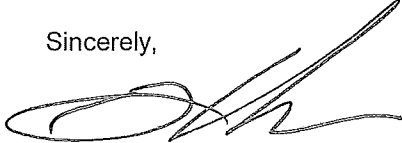


were halted on the tracks due to derailment or other blockage.

Thirdly, the police are occasionally required to close the distance on, or pursue, fleeing suspects, who may try to enter or leave the community, depending on the circumstances. Having only one access point makes it difficult for police to get to the highway quickly, particularly if they are at the far reaches of the town at the time of the call. The current three intersection points allow for very quick access from all areas of town. Fire and Ambulance services would be similarly affected.

This highway expansion is a major project that will permanently affect the future course of the community. It is inconceivable from an emergency response perspective to only have one access to Hwy #1, and I implore the Village to ensure that dangerous circumstances and mass casualty events are taken into account during the planning phase of the Highway 1 expansion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. W. Heebner", written over a horizontal line.

Sgt. G. W. (Gary) Heebner
NCO i/c Chase Detachment