



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held at the Chase Community Hall, 547 Shuswap Avenue on
Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Rod Crowe
Councillor Alison (Ali) Lauzon
Councillor Ali Maki
Councillor Steve Scott
Councillor Fred Torbohm

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief

Public Participants: 5

Mayor Crowe announced that he proclaimed September 2020 as **Literacy Month** in the Village of Chase.

Mayor Crowe announced that he proclaimed September 21-27, 2020 as **Rail Safety Week** in the Village of Chase.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the September 8, 2020 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2020/09/08_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Meeting held August 11, 2020

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2020/09/08_002

3.2 Public hearing held August 11, 2020

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Public Hearing be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2020/09/08_003

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

James Douglas, of #16-566 Coburn Street, regarding item 9.8, introduced himself as the Chair of the strata council of Old Orchard Park trailer park. He expressed a concern related

to some possible danger trees in and around the riparian area that is adjacent to Old Orchard trailer. He indicated that they have been unsuccessful in applying for the necessary permits required to handle the situation themselves. They understand that the trees belong to the province, and is inviting the Village of Chase to assist them in mitigating this issue.

Ken Tompkins, of 566 Coburn Street, regarding item 9.8, reiterated Mr. Douglas' concerns, and added that the cottonwood trees in question grow quickly, then after approximately 20 years, they begin to rot, and the branches can break and fall off, potentially causing structural damage.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Leslie Brochu and Jamie Humphrey, Oncore Seniors Society

Ms. Brochu, of Oncore Seniors Society, presented a proposal to Council to develop seniors housing in Chase. The project would involve a partnership between the Village and Encore where the Village would provide the land under a 60-year nominal leasehold, and Encore, with financial support from BC Housing would build approximately 40 housing units for low income seniors.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- August 13 - TNRD Board of Directors meeting
- August 20 - Attended a Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee. The role of SIDIT is to help grow and diversify the economy of the Southern Interior of British Columbia through economic development
- September 1 – Raised the Chase Literacy Program flag on the flagpole in front of the Village Office and proclaimed September 2020 as *Literacy Month* in the Village

Councillor Lauzon

- September 1 – discussed connectivity issues with a local expert in internet connectivity and infrastructure, and recommended he meet with CAO Heinrich, and then Council to share his ideas
- September 1 – met with CAO Heinrich and asked her to set up a meeting with a local expert in internet connectivity
- September 3 – met with a local business to discuss concerns about that business from a resident
- September 3 – attended a Zoom meeting with the Chase Childcare Committee to discuss the provincial grant funding awarded the Village to offer an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Assistant training for up to 10 participants at no charge starting in November, 2020

Councillor Maki

- September 3 - met with Brock Endean of Chase Tourism regarding the condition of the rest stop, and the washrooms, and solutions for the leased area by Tree Top Flyers

Councillor Scott

- No report

Councillor Torbohm

- September 2 – Attended a Chase & District Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Gathering a work party to clean up the former rest stop on the highway
- Is concerned about derelict state of many downtown buildings
- Monitoring emails and responding as required
- Reviewed agenda, met with staff and local citizens as required
- Will not be available to participate in MIABC AGM at UBCM as will be in transit

Mayor Crowe agreed to participate in the MIABC AGM.

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That Mayor Rod Crowe be appointed to participate in the 2020 MIABC AGM being held during the 2020 UBCM virtual convention as the Village’s voting delegate.”

CARRIED

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b) Staff Reports

Fire Chief:

- Fire call outs: 9 (1 hydro line fire, 1 garbage bin fire, 1 structure fire, 2 landscape fires, 1 public service call, 2 fire burning complaints, 1 interface fire). The interface fire was purposely set in an area where 4 other fires had also been deliberately started
- Rescue call outs: 3 motor vehicle incidents, 2 extrications, 1 fatality
- 227 Burning Permits have been issued to date
- There are 24 members and 3 junior fire fighters in the department; 1 member on leave
- There are 16 members with Exterior Operations Certification
- Training has been going well with good attendance and skills practice
- Maintaining contact with the CAO regarding policies, directives, and updates

CAO:

- Announcement of Joe Matias, new hire in the position of Manager of Public Works. He starts on September 14. Previously he was a contractor with Corix, which provided the necessary certification levels for the Village’s water treatment plant. Having his expertise in-house will save up to \$35,000 in the annual budget.
- True Consulting is working on the whistle cessation project
- Assisted with securing the funding for the ECE Assistant education program being delivered in Chase
- There is another attempt with assistance from the City of Kamloops and the TNRD to initiate a sustainable Emergency Social Services program in Chase

Reports from the Corporate Officer and the CFO and were included in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the reports from Council members and staff be received for information.”

CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw Amendment 886-2020

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Village of Chase Volunteer Fire Department Establishment and Regulation Bylaw No. 795-2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 886-2020 be adopted.”

CARRIED

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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Write Off of Unpaid Taxes – Roll Number 512-71025.150

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT the Inspector of Municipalities be requested to approve the write-off of the unpaid taxes in the amount of \$192.86 and related penalty and interest charges for the 2019 property taxes on roll number 512-71025.150.”

CARRIED

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9.2 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – BC Northern and Rural Communities Infrastructure

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT staff submit a grant funding application for the South Thompson River Intake and Pine/Hysop watermain upgrades through the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – BC Northern and Rural Communities*; AND,

THAT Council supports the project and commits to its share of the project (\$0), as well as any cost overruns.”

CARRIED

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9.3 Senior Housing – Oncore Seniors Society

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Council accept the request from Oncore Seniors Society to obtain a long term lease of lands from the Village of Chase, and direct Administration to begin the process of such acquisition of Village owned property for the development of a low income seniors housing project.”

CARRIED

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9.4 Purchase Request for Portion of Road at 101 Aylmer Road

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council accept the request from Laura Boscher to purchase land from the Village of Chase, and direct Administration to begin the process of such acquisition of Village owned property to legalize her improvements; AND,

THAT the proceeds from the land sale be held in the appropriate reserve account.”

CARRIED

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- 9.5 2021 1-Year Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 893-2020
Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Scott
“THAT the 2020 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 893-2020 be given first reading.”
CARRIED
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- Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Mayor Crowe
“THAT the 2020 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 893-2020 be given second reading.”
CARRIED
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- 9.6 Chase Literacy Program-Annual Raise-a-Reader Campaign
Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm
“THAT the Chase Literacy Program-Annual Raise-a-Reader 2020 Campaign be awarded a grant in aid in the amount of \$450.”
CARRIED
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- 9.7 Secwepemc Landmarks/Trailhead Sign Posts
Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon
“THAT the Village of Chase provide permission for the placement of 2 Secwepemc Trailhead Signs at the locations shown on the map accompanying the letter from the Shuswap Trail Alliance partnership and that a letter of support be written and sent to the partnership.”
CARRIED
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- 9.8 Fallen and Broken Trees – Chase Creek
Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Mayor Crowe
“THAT Administration conduct necessary research and connect with various appropriate agencies regarding the ownership/riparian rights for various trees in and around Chase Creek adjacent to the Old Orchard Park strata, and bring back information to Council for further direction.”
CARRIED
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10. **NOTICE OF MOTION**
None
11. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS**
Ken Tompkins, of 566 Coburn Street, regarding item 9.8, again stressed the importance of the safety of the residents along the creek as it relates to falling cottonwoods. He said that a branch fell off last week and narrowly missed a mobile home and fell instead on the deck. He alleges there are many danger trees.
12. **RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**
None
13. **IN CAMERA**
None

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

**“THAT the September 8, 2020 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be
adjourned.”**

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 5:35 p.m.

Original Signed
Rod Crowe, Mayor

Original Signed
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer