



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held virtually on
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer

Public Participants: 9

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the May 11, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Special meeting of Council held April 20, 2021

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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3.2 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held April 27, 2021

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Oli Martens, of 6133 VLA Road, regarding the cell phone tower to be located in Chase, believes Canada's safety regulations are too relaxed for cell towers and requested Council have the cell phone tower companies measure the radiation produced from the towers.

Ken Huxham, of 514 Alymer Road, advised that the proposed cell phone tower will be in his backyard and he wants the tower moved away from residences. He has also written to Navigation Canada as he believes the tower will intrude the flight path for fire fighting aircraft.

Russell Rowe, of 548 Alymer Road, acknowledged that improved cell service is needed for this area, however, the tower should be located away from residences, suggested across the river on the hillside.

Jenny Armitage, of 825 Okanagan Avenue, believes that cell phone towers have harmful effects on people, especially children, and does not want any towers near homes until the long term safety can be studied.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Recycle BC

The TNRD Manager of Environmental Health Services, Jamie Vieira, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the advantages of the Village of Chase joining Recycle BC:

- Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper products (PPP) recycling throughout BC
- The TNRD joined Recycle BC in 2018 and introduced multi-stream recycling at depots, stopping the single-stream (mixed) recycling that was in the “blue bag”
- The TNRD now accepts the Village of Chase recycling, however, if Chase declines joining Recycle BC, the TNRD will stop accepting Chase’s curbside mixed recycling
- Benefits for Chase to join Recycle BC are:
 - Stable end-market for recyclables
 - Financial benefit of \$60,000
 - Processing fees now paid to the TNRD at \$30,000/year would discontinue
 - Recycle BC would pay Chase \$30,000/year for residential recycling
- Disadvantages to join Recycle BC are:
 - Must comply with conditions and standards (contamination standards and bin checks)
 - Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) recycling is not included, meaning businesses in Chase would have to contract their own mixed recycling company for pickup of recyclables
 - Receiving facility determined by Recycle BC, however, would probably be in Kamloops
- Three options were provided, with the recommended option to join the Recycle BC program

The Corporate Officer advised Council that a full report will be on the next Regular Council agenda.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- April 28 – Attended the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) virtual conference and AGM. The Village of Chase had a resolution regarding firetrucks aging out after 20 years of use, seeking support that as long as the truck was tested and deemed to be in good condition, that the Fire Underwriters allow them to remain in service beyond 20 years of service. It was a unanimous vote in favor of the resolution and it will now go to the UBCM Annual Convention to be voted on by the local

government politicians in the entire province. If successful at UBCM it will go to the Provincial Government.

- April 29 – Attended Mayors Vaccine Roundtable with Interior Health
- May 4 – Attended a meeting with federal MP Mel Arnold
- May 6 – Attended a meeting with our Corporate Officer and a local first nations person to discuss ancestral remains that were found in Chase
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Councillor Lauzon

- April 29 – Phone call with a citizen regarding parking issues in the downtown core
- May 4 – Followed up with the Willson Park Footbridge contractor, who anticipates construction will start in July or August
- May 6 – Met with a downtown business regarding a recent citation and toured their business for possible outdoor dining, subject to Provincial approval
- May 10 – Reached out to the Youth Action Committee to discuss the Chase and Area Young Learners program

Councillor Maki

- Nothing to report

Councillor Scott

- April 14 – Attended a virtual meeting with MP Mel Arnold
- April 20 – Attended a Special meeting of Council with the Chamber of Commerce
- Working with the Corporate Officer regarding concern with LED streetlights in our area

Councillor Torbohm

- April 28 – Attended the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) virtual conference, AGM and resolutions meeting
- May 4 – Met with Sergeant Kennedy to discuss damage that is occurring at Memorial Park. The RCMP will institute late night patrols of the park.
- May 7 – met with a downtown business regarding their parking requirements and shed variance
- Reviewed emails and responded when required
- Responded to phone calls
- Met with staff to discuss various issues

b) Staff Reports

Reports from the Corporate Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Fire Chief were included in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

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

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8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 2021 to 2025 Financial Plan Bylaw 899-2021

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the 2021 to 2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 899-2021 be adopted.”

CARRIED

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8.2 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw 900-2021

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the Village of Chase 2021 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 900-2021 be adopted.”

CARRIED

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8.3 Fire Department Regulations Bylaws Amendment 903-2021

< Councillor Lauzon left the meeting at 4:50 pm after declaring a conflict of interest as Councillor Lauzon, her spouse and her daughter are all members of the Chase Fire Rescue Department. >

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the Village of Chase Volunteer Fire Department Establishment and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No 903-2021 be adopted.”

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< Councillor Lauzon returned to the meeting at 4:51 pm. >

8.4 Art Holding Memorial Arena – Partnering Agreement

Letter from the Chase & District Recreation Society requesting amendments to the Arena Partnering Agreement that was on the April 27, 2021 Council agenda; at Council’s request, Administration provided an excerpt from August 11, 2020 Council meeting relating to the additional \$50,000 that the Chase & District Recreation Society is requesting.

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT the motion from August 11, 2020 “THAT if additional funds are required, that the Recreation Centre Society approach Council if and when that need arises to explain and justify the need for additional funds” is sufficient and the Partnering Agreement will NOT be amended for the Society to have access to grant-in-aid without a specific request to Council, and a decision at that time from Council.”

CARRIED

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8.5 Cellular Towers

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the report entitled *Village Response to Installation of Telecommunications Infrastructure in Chase*, be received for information.”

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Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Administration contact Telus to determine the alternate viable locations that were considered for the siting of the proposed cell tower.”

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8.6 Grant in Aid Application – Chase and Area Young Learners Society

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Council authorize an Extraordinary Grant in Aid in the amount of \$2,000 to the Chase and Area Young Learners Society.”

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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Development Variance Permit Application – 116 MacPherson Street

Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council accept the application and direct staff to complete the referral process.”

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Mayor Crowe provided the following Notice of Motion:

- That Administration notify all businesses in town of the possible changes that could occur if Council authorizes to join Recycle BC, and the subsequent impact to the businesses.

Councillor Lauzon provided the following Notice of Motion:

- That Council consider implementing a two hour parking limit downtown.

11. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (2) (c) labour relations or other employee relations.”

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12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the May 11, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”

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The meeting concluded at 5:31 p.m.

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer