



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase  
held at the Chase Community Hall, 547 Shuswap Avenue on  
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Public Participants: 2 in person, 2 via Zoom

**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 October 12, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as amended by removing Item 8.6 Notice of Motion – Memorial Wall at the Cemetery.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_001**

The Mayor noted that the Memorial Wall item will be placed on the October 26, 2021 agenda.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held September 28, 2021

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the minutes of the September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_002**

3.2 Public Hearing held September 28, 2021

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“That the minutes of the September 28, 2021 Public Hearing be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_003**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**6. DELEGATIONS**

None

**7. REPORTS**

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Lauzon

- In light of the Pandemic, and restrictions, as Community Service liaison, I've been attempting to reach out to our local Community Groups to see how they are faring. Just a few quick updates:
- The Legion – will be having an Executive Mtg tomorrow to discuss the possibility of holding a general meeting, and AGM. There will not be a Remembrance Day march this year, nor activities at the community hall. As like last year, there will be a small ceremony out front of the Legion, candles will be placed rather than wreaths
- Chase Recreation Society – AGM held on Oct 7th. 2 new members joined the board as directors, Courtenay Einfeld, and Colin Skillen. The Society is thrilled with the new Zamboni. Programs are all going well. The new figure skating club is up & running. Heat games are going well, averaging 150 people in the building. Minor hockey is underway, and the learn to skate program starts today. Public skating starts Oct 17th. All user groups are instituting good COVID protocols, everyone is happy to be back.
- Chase & District Fish & Game – a great deal of work has been done to clean-up the Gun Range and install a pistol range. The group are currently facilitating an online 50/50 raffle to assist in fundraising, as many of their usual events were cancelled due to the pandemic. The group is planning an open house at the Gun Range on the 30th of October. The focus being on an introduction to Archery
- Chase Firefighters Association – have been working at raising funds to complete the Structural Protection Unit. Plans are to utilize the unit next fire season, revenues earned to be used to assist in replacing the Highway Rescue vehicle
- Chase Country Christmas Committee – plans are underway to facilitate a Parade this year. The Committee is meeting again tomorrow evening to discuss plans
- Chase Lions – Oct 15th closure of the campground. Restart of calendar & 400 Club ticket sales. Discussions with Village Admin regarding a multi use walkway from the falls to the RV park. Also, the roof replacement for the office building has begun, paid for by the COVID-19 restart funds, and delayed by the heat and wildfires
- Chase Heat – Hockey is underway. League game play, entrance to games upon proof of double vaccination & masks
- Chase Hamper Society – producing 25-30 hampers per hamper day, with emergency hampers in between those days. The theft of the van has created a real hardship not being able to pick up fresh produce & food share. The van has not been recovered, anticipating replacement in the New Year, making Christmas distribution a challenge

Councillor Maki

No report

Councillor Scott

No report

Councillor Torbohm

No report

Mayor Crowe

- Had several meetings with CAO Heinrich
- October 8 – Did an interview with CBC Radio. Jennifer Norwell wanted to know about our new Willson Park Bridge. She asked about other things going on in Chase and I spoke about the paving we have going on as well as the work that we have happening with our Community Hall and the Trans Canada highway construction underway

b) Staff Reports

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

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

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

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_004**

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 2022/2023 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 910-2021

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the 2022/2023 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 910-2021 be given third reading.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_005**

8.2 BC Provincial Nominee Program (Entrepreneur Immigration)

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Maki

**“THAT the Village of Chase apply to participate in the BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot Program for 2022.”** **CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_006**

8.3 Strategic Plan – Quarterly Review (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the Third Quarter Report on Council’s 2021 and 2022 Strategic Plan be received for information.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_007**

8.4 Whistle Cessation Project Update

Moved by Councilor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

**“THAT the Whistle Cessation report from the Corporate Officer be received for information.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_008**

8.5 Notice of Motion - Liability Insurance for Chase Country Christmas Parade

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Scott

**“THAT the Village of Chase take on overall responsibility for the 2021 Chase Country Christmas events and extend liability coverage to the participants.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_009**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Childcare BC New Spaces Fund 2021/2022

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the Village of Chase not pursue the 2021/2022 Child Care Spaces Grant opportunity.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_010**

9.2 Christmas Closures

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Maki

**“THAT Council approve the closure of the Municipal Hall to the public effective noon, Friday December 24, 2021 reopening Tuesday January 4, 2022. CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_011**

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

11. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

Amit Goel, of 830 Thompson Avenue, expressed gratitude to Council for agreeing to participate PNP, EIRP, and RNIP programs.

Blaine Covington, of 420 Juniper Avenue, explained that the Chase Community Services Society is fundraising to purchase another vehicle to transport seniors and disabled to medical appointments outside of Chase to ensure the existing vehicle is available for transporting people within the municipality.

12. **IN CAMERA**

None.

13. **RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

None

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the October 12, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/10/12\_012**

The meeting concluded at 4:24 p.m.

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Rod Crowe, Mayor

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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer