



Minutes of the Special (Budget) Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held upstairs, Fire Hall, 810 Okanagan Avenue
on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Rick Berrigan
Councillor Nancy Egely
Councillor Ali Maki
Councillor David Lepsoe
Councillor Steve Scott

FINAL

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Leif Pedersen, Director of Financial Services
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Tim Perepolkin, Manager of Public Works
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief

Public Gallery: 16
Press: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Berrigan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That the February 6, 2017 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 2017 Proposed Budget

The Director of Financial Services opened the discussion by reviewing the report he prepared regarding changes to the Capital budget for 2017 that have been discussed by Council at previous budget meetings.

Public Works Operating Budget

The Director of Financial Services reviewed the Public Works operation budget with Council.

Questions were permitted from the gallery:

- Bruce Nelson (216 Ash) asked what ‘allowances’ meant under wages – the Director of Financial Services (DFS) responded that this was part of wages and was only broken out in 2016 and won’t be shown again separately from wages
- The \$300 budgeted for lighting and the \$3676 that was spent was a spike because of a new lamp standard that was unexpectedly needed on Shuswap in 2016

- The owner of 1690 VLA Road queried whether the development on Aylmer Road would add costs to the Village – Mayor Berrigan noted that DCCs will be collected and there will be not costs to the Village associated with the servicing required to be installed for the development
- Don MacDonald asked what the growth projections are for Chase and the Mayor replied that there are 70+ near term new homes coming to Chase
- Scott Koch from 1050 Arbutus asked what the Village was amortizing and the DFS replied it was for infrastructure
- Fraser David suggested painting the bandshell to protect the long term investment
- Councillor Lepsoe asked when water meters would be installed in the parks and the DFS replied that the cost to replace/install water meters in parks is currently not budgeted but it could be added in a future budget. He added that exact water costs could then be allocated to the parks budget
- Carolyn Parks-Mintz asked what water meters cost – it is estimated that each for parks would cost between \$3 and \$5000
- It was suggested that while it would be nice to be able to accurately track water usage in our parks the costs to install water meters is not feasible at this time
- Bev Iglesias questioned why wages were going down in future years and the DFS replied that reallocation of staff wages were going into their proper accounting locations
- Bev Iglesias asked about the costs of the summer program that is run out of the Community Hall. The CAO replied that detailed costs for usage of the hall are not currently tracked but the revenues and expenditures for the Hall are tracked as well as the grant-in-aid requests that are tied to the Hall
- Carolyn Parks Mintz suggested that the Village inquire at TRU to see if there are students willing to work on a trails master plan as part of their studies
- Len McLean asked DFS to explain why the reserves are in current state. The DFS stated that history has caught up with us; that taxes have not been raised enough in the past; that major assets such as the fire hall expansion in past years were funded by reserves and not by borrowing, reducing the reserves of the Village
- Len McLean commented that the administration is doing a fine job and corrections are being made before we experience what happened in Lillooet.

Fire Department Operation Budget

The DFS provided an overview of the Fire Department Operating budget noting that no changes had been made at previous budget meetings.

Tax Rates

Tax rates were discussed, and the DFS outlined that if taxes were raised 4% this year and in the next five years, in the fifth year the deficit would be eliminated and a small surplus would begin growing

The DFS further noted that if taxes were raised 5% over the next few years, the deficit would be halted in year four, while a 6% increase over the next few years would halt the deficit in year three.

3.2 Disposition of Assets

1981 International Fire Truck

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That Council authorizes the disposition of the 1981 International 2WHDR truck having Serial Number 2HTD103BOBCA23548.”

**CARRIED
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2009 Nissan Versa Village office car

Moved by Councillor Egely
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“That Council authorizes the disposition of the 2009 Nissan Versa car having Serial Number 3N1BC13E69L469366.”

**CARRIED
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3.3 Transfer of Assets

2013 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab Public Works truck

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That Council authorizes the transfer of the 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab truck from Public Works to the Fire Department effective March 1, 2017.”

**CARRIED
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4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the February 6, 2017 Village of Chase Special (Budget) Council meeting be adjourned.”

**CARRIED
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The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Original Signed
Rick Berrigan, Mayor

Original Signed
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer