



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held via Electronic Participation on Tuesday, April 14, 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

Regrets: Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief

Public Participants: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the March 10, 2020 Village of Chase Regular Council agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2020/04/14_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Meeting held March 10, 2020

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the minutes of the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2020/04/14_002

3.2 Special Meeting held March 17, 2020

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the minutes of the March 17, 2020 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2020/04/14_003

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Comments submitted by Carolyn Parks-Mintz and James Mintz were summarized:

- Thanks to the CFO for diligent work on Village finances
- Supportive to see that work continues for Child Care Planning
- Do not support the restriction of visitors from other provinces during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Looking forward to Councillor Maki's economic recovery plan
- Do not support backyard chickens in Chase

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 2019 Audited Financial Statements

Brent Ashby, KPMG, presented the 2019 Audited Financial Statements

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- March 17 - Attended a special meeting of Council
- March 18 – Put COVID-19 signs on Art Holding Arena, Curling Club, Community Hall, Chase Creekside Seniors Center and the Museum closing these facilities to the public
- March 19 – Conference call with Emergency Management BC
- March 23 – Conference Call with Minister Robinson and Minister Farnworth
- March 24 - Conference call update with Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry
- March 25 - Mayor's weekly conference call with Minister Robinson
- March 26 - TNRD Board of Directors meeting by conference call
- April 2 – Weekly Mayor's conference call with Minister Robinson
- April 3 – Discussion with Interior Health, Manager of Clinical Operations, Cathy Thibault
- April 6 – Worked at the Chase Hamper Society food bank
- April 7 – Conference Call with CAO Heinrich and Cathy Thibault, Interior Health, Manager of Clinical Operations.
- April 7 – Interview with Lydia Frederick, Producer, Shaw Spotlight Shaw Communications Inc.
- April 8 – Conference call with CAO Heinrich, Blaine Covington, Chase and District Health Foundation representatives and Chase Hamper Society representatives
- April 9 – Participated in a photo op with The Chase Hamper Society
- April 9 – Mayor's weekly conference call with Minister Robinson

Councillor Lauzon

- March 17 – Attended a Special meeting of Council
- March 17 – Attended the Skatepark Society AGM
- March 31 - Working with the Chase Lions on organizing a 'virtual' 2020 Easter Eggstravaganza
- April 6 – Attended a meeting with the Chase Legion Liberation of Holland Committee to arrange for alternate plans for the event
- April 8 – Co-organized and participated in the frontline workers, medical & emergency personnel support parade
- April 9 – Met with the Chase Hamper Society to strategize around the increased demand for food bank services

Councillor Maki

- March 17 – Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 3 – Participated in a Community Task Force meeting in regards to the Shuswap Economic Development Recovery Strategy
- April 8 - Met with Brock Endean, Festival Society, regarding upcoming municipal events
- April 8 - Met with Brock Endean, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, regarding a local Economic Development Recovery Plan
- April 14 – Had a follow-up meeting with Brock Endean regarding an Economic Development Recovery Plan

Councillor Scott

- March 17 – Attended a Special meeting of Council

Councillor Torbohm

- March 17 – Attended a Special meeting of Council
- Reviewed agenda, met with staff and local citizens as required

b) Staff Reports

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the Fire Chief’s report be received late and in-absentia and allowed to be included in the minutes.”

CARRIED

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Fire Chief:

- Fire call outs: 6 (2 public service, 1MVI, 1 Kitchen Fire, 1 Gas Leak, 1 Landscape Fire)
- Rescue call outs: 1 motor vehicle incidents
- 132 Burning Permits have been issued to date
- There are 25 members and 4 junior fire fighters in the department; 1 member on leave
- There are 14 members certified with Exterior Operations training
- Due to COVID-19, all fire and rescue practices are cancelled until further notice
- All members have been assigned modules on Action Training (online training) and any mandatory practical evaluation are being closely considered. If members have to be evaluated, extreme measures will be taken and full PPE protocols will be strictly adhered too and enforced
- Due to COVID-19, stringent cleaning and disinfecting practices for the Fire Hall, trucks and equipment, and personnel hygiene have been incorporated as per the BC Health Authority and the Fire Chief Association of BC

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

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

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

CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 2019 Audited Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase 2019 Audited Financial Statements be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2020/04/14_006

8.2 Child Care Planning- Okanagan College Collaboration Invitation

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council supports the Chase and District Child Care Advisory Planning Committee to work with Okanagan College to apply for funding for Early Childhood Education Assistant training for child care providers in Chase and area to be managed by the Committee if funding is approved; AND,

THAT Council supports Neskonlith Indian Band’s application for funding for a child care program at the Neskonlith community.”

CARRIED

#2020/04/14_007

8.3 UBCM – Provincial Response to 2019 Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Administration be directed to submit a strong letter to the province regarding the necessity for equitable funding for Highway Rescue Services.”

CARRIED

#2020/04/14_008

8.4 Covid-19 –Potential correspondence to MP and MLA regarding visitors to BC from Alberta and other provides during pandemic

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the proposal to submit letters to our MP and MLA to encourage the Provincial government to restrict visitors to BC from Alberta during the pandemic to reduce pressure on the BC Health Care system, be received as information.”

CARRIED

#2020/04/14_009

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the Village of Chase Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 890-2020 be read a first time.”

CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 890-2020 be read a second time.”

CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 890-2020 be read a third time.”

CARRIED

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- 9.2 2020 to 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Mayor Crowe
“THAT the 2020 to 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 888-2020 be given first reading.”
CARRIED
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- Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon
“THAT the 2020 to 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 888-2020 be given second reading.”
CARRIED
#2020/04/14_014
- 9.3 Summer Recreation Program and Other Events in Chase in 2020-Covid-19
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki
“THAT the information shared with Council from the Chase Festival Society cancelling Canada Day, Music on the Lake and Cornstock events in 2020 and the temporary lay-off of the Visitor Information Services staff member be received and that Administration contact Mr. Endean to discuss any pre-committed payments and other costs associated with the outdoor events as well as costs relating to the Visitor Information Services contract.
CARRIED
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- 9.4 Use of Fire Department Apparatus in parades supporting Front Line Workers
Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Scott
“THAT Council sanction all events in support of the Covid-19 pandemic frontline workers organized by the Fire Department and permit the use of the Fire Department apparatus and equipment for these events.”
CARRIED
#2020/04/14_016
- 9.5 Economic Recovery Plan
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon
“THAT Administration bring back options for creating an economic development recovery plan.”
CARRIED
#2020/04/14_017
- 9.6 Backyard Chickens - Letter from Carmen Miller
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon
“THAT Administration be directed to conduct a community Facebook poll to detect if there is any interest in allowing chickens in Chase.”
CARRIED
CROWE AND TORBOHM OPPOSED
#2020/04/14_018
- 9.7 UBCM Membership Renewal Invitation
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon
“THAT Council agree to renew the UBCM Membership Dues for 2020 in the amount of \$1809.62.”
CARRIED
#2020/04/14_019

9.8 City of New Westminster – National Pharmacare Program

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT Village of Chase provide a Letter of Support to the City of New Westminster regarding the federal establishment a Universal Public National Pharmacare program.”

CARRIED

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9.9 City of Prince George – Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT the letter from letter from Lyn Hall, Mayor, City of Prince George, requesting support at the 2020 UBCM convention for sharing of lawsuit recovery monies to be used on the front lines of affected communities, be received as information.”

DEFEATED

CROWE, LAUZON, SCOTT OPPOSED

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Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT the Village of Chase provide a letter of support to the City of Prince George for sharing of lawsuit recovery monies to be used on the front lines of affected communities.”

CARRIED

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9.10 City of Burnaby–Condominium Insurance/Public Automobile Insurance

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the Village of Chase provide a letter of support to the City of Burnaby for preservation of public automobile insurance in BC, and for the province to take action against the skyrocketing costs of condominium insurance.”

CARRIED

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Questions were submitted from Carolyn Parks-Mintz and James Mintz regarding the following – Administration will provide information to Ms. Parks-Mintz and Mr. Mintz regarding the status of these matters:

- Chase business area parking
- Thompson Avenue parking signage
- Shipping containers on residential property
- Strategic Plan consultant and timeline
- Internet Fibre Optics
- Train whistle cessation
- Village roadway assessment

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

13. IN CAMERA
None

Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT electronic participation sessions for Closed Council meetings be conducted independently from Regular or Special meetings.”

CARRIED

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the March 10, 2020 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 6:07 p.m.

Original Signed
Rod Crowe, Mayor

Original Signed
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer