

VILLAGE OF CHASE
STRATEGIC PLAN 2021 AND 2022



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BACKGROUND

This document represents the Village of Chase Strategic Plan for 2021 and 2022 and outlines for Village citizens and business owners/operators the following:

- What services do we provide
- Why do we provide these services
- What has been accomplished in 2019 and 2020
- What projects and activities are planned for 2021 and 2022

VILLAGE OF CHASE- WHAT WE DO

The Village of Chase, being a municipality, is governed primarily by provincial government legislation. The *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act* provide authority to local governments in BC that allow those local governments to tax property in their boundaries and to levy fees used to provide amenities and services. Local services such as snow plowing, line painting, development planning, building inspection, business licencing, fire suppression and inspection services and licensing of dogs are some of the many services the Village of Chase provides to promote the well-being of our community members and stewardship of Village owned assets.

The Village Council is charged with governing the community, which means Council sets policy, overarching goals, and levels of service in what they think are the best interests of the community as a whole, and the employees perform the necessary functions to deliver the services, following the policies and goals set out by Council.

The current Council was elected in October 2018 to govern the community for 4 years. This document contains the various goals Council wishes to accomplish on behalf of the community for the remainder of their term, while fostering the economic, social and environmental well-being of the community.

CORE SERVICES

Core or essential services such as road maintenance, garbage collection, water treatment and distribution, development planning, implementing Council's direction, responding to public enquiries consist of the day-to-day work of the Village and these core services require at least 80% of the Village's financial and human resources. The delivery of these essential services generally goes unnoticed, but they are at the very heart of what the Village does on behalf of its citizens. The Strategic Plan does not detail the ongoing core work of the Village, rather it identifies projects and initiatives that Council identifies as priorities. Core service areas form the main sections of the plan, while projects and initiatives Council wishes to accomplish are outlined under each service heading.

Core service areas:

- Administration & Finance
- Community Planning and Development
- Public Works and Infrastructure
- Parks, Facilities & Recreation
- Economic Development
- Fire Department

Mission Statement

To continue to promote Chase as a friendly, vibrant and safe place to live, ensuring all members of the community are treated with dignity and respect, while providing amenities required for the well-being of the community in a fiscally responsible manner.

Administration and Finance

What services do we provide

The Village is responsible to provide certain services and administration (documentation, recording, ensuring fiscal responsibility) are all activities that go along with the delivery of services. From Council decision follow up actions, to researching and drafting bylaws and reports, to providing information to Council to ensure decision making is based on well researched information, to preparing a budget, all actions of Council and staff must be undertaken responsibly. Activities must conform to applicable legislation, bylaws, Council policies and defined procedures. Ensuring transparency, accountability and fiscal responsibility in all our actions is extremely important.

Why do we provide these services

Responsible administration and well managed finances are the foundation of all the Village does on behalf of citizens. In order to enhance the community and ensure services like clean drinking water and wastewater treatment are available to citizens and businesses, the Village is committed to long term financial planning and management.

What we have accomplished this term

- Ongoing COVID 19 Community safety, prevention, and enforcement coordination
- Asset management long term investment strategy
- Family Day activities with grant funds received
- Economic Development Models Research and report to Council
- Conduct Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Rate Review
- Village office computer upgrades

What we are working on in 2021 and 2022

2021

- Herbicide/pesticide bylaw research & development
- Early Childhood Education Assistant Training
- Cemetery Software Research & Acquisition
- CP Rail Whistle Cessation & Crossing Regulation Adherence Review
- Continue with ongoing communications to the public including monthly newsletters, utility billing inserts, newspaper articles, ads, information on social media sites
- Increase contributions to reserves for roads
- Clock Tower Repair

2022

- Planning a Community to Community Forum with local First Nations community leaders
- Re-initiate Youth Action Committee
- Considering how to best provide for future Economic development of our community
- Preparing for Local Government election (will be held October 2022)

Goals for Future Consideration

- Rental property planning
 - Office renovations
 - Cemetery columbarium
 - Acquisition of elementary school site
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Community Planning and Development

What services do we provide

The Village must ensure responsible development, determines land use and regulations, provides for longer term planning, creates plans for future development needs, promotes safety and provides community amenities. that promote health and well-being.

Why do we provide these services

Land Use Regulations, Official Community plans and Community planning, are undertaken to ensure, safe, orderly, responsible and efficient development that includes the provision of the necessary servicing within the community. These activities and the provision of amenities that promote social and environmental sustainability enables the Village to develop and evolve in the way citizens have identified.

What we have accomplished this term

- Active Transportation Plan
- OCP current state analysis
- Childcare strategic plan
- Subdivision servicing bylaw
- Housing Needs Report

What are we working on in 2021 and 2022

2021

- Finalizing OCP Renewal
- Oncore Senior Development Proposal negotiations, configuration, land
- Various subdivisions of parcels within the municipality
- Design work for Active Transportation projects
- Soil removal & deposit bylaw research & development
- DCC Bylaw review and renewal

2022

- Meetings with local Indigenous Community Leaders to continue sharing ideas and working together
- Urban hens procedures and requirements
- Development Approvals Procedure bylaw
- MOTI Hwy 1 and Brooke Drive project – Community advocacy, project management, technical liaison & communication, and coordination

Goals for Future Consideration

- Shepherd Road connectivity
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Public Works and Infrastructure

What services do we provide

The Village is responsible for planning and repairs and maintenance of Village public works and utilities including roads, water, and wastewater infrastructure. Additionally, snow plowing, sidewalk repairs, street lighting maintenance, Village building maintenance and repairs are provided. Planning for future upgrades of various amenities and infrastructure is an important aspect of this core service area. All services provided must conform to legislative requirements, policies and procedures and must be handled efficiently and effectively.

Why do we provide these services

Public works and utilities are vital Village services that protect public health and safety along with enabling residential, commercial, and business development. Making sure our infrastructure is well-maintained and meets the needs of current and future residents ensures we can provide the services residents expect and helps us to attract new businesses and residents to our community.

What we have accomplished this term

- 2019 Conditional roads assessment – partial
- Embankment rehabilitation at Annex School
- Sanitary Sewer video scoping
- Utilities service rate review (see also Administration and Finance)
- Accessibility upgrades (automatic doors) at Village office
- Hydraulic Water Modelling – Asset Management
- Sanitary Sewer Video Scoping

What are we working on in 2021 and 2022

2021

- Transition recycling collection service to Recycle BC
- Fleet Replacement Plan
- Acquisition of Shoring equipment
- Conditional Road Assessments – next phases
- Adams Lake Sewer Servicing Project
- Utilities computer for data capture
- Cross connection program
- Refurbish Community Hall Message Kiosk
- Complete perimeter Chain link security fencing for public works yard
- Install line to emergency rapid infiltration basin
- Flood mitigation Assessment and Mapping – Chase Creek

2022

- Paving – road remediation
- Sidewalk Improvement Plan
- Streetlights Brooke Drive
- Stormwater Feasibility Assessment
- Repair/rebuild rapid infiltration basins #4 & 5

Grant Dependent

- Watermain Upgrade at South Thompson River Intake & Hysop/Pine
- Flood mitigation South Thompson Little Shuswap
- Bay Dr & Montgomery PI assessments

Ongoing

- Transitioning septic users to municipal sewer

Goals for Future Consideration

- Dyke Improvements
- Reservoir cleanout
- Water communication equipment upgrade
- Replace sewer lagoon aerator blowers
- Lagoon cleanout
- Hillside Ave water connection & looping
- Chase Creek Remediation

Parks and Recreation

What services do we provide

The Public Works department maintains the Village's parks, playground equipment, skatepark, splash pad, public washrooms, pathways, and community owned facilities including the Community Hall. Walking and cycling path maintenance and future development is also provided, as well as access to walking trails adjacent to the municipal boundary.

Why do we provide these services

Parks, recreation and community hall facilities are part of a healthy community and support the social, mental, and physical health of citizens. Access to recreational opportunities both in the natural environment and in facilities supports the local economy.

What we have accomplished this term

- Installation of automatic washroom doors at Memorial Park
- Installation of automatic doors at Centennial Park
- Community Hall Sounds and Lighting Upgrades

What are we working on in 2021 and 2022

2021

- Secwepemc Landmark & trailhead signposts
- Willson Park Footbridge – RFP process
- Community Hall Roof replacement
- Bandshell refurbishment
- Boat launch improvements – Memorial Park
- Wading pool improvements
- 2nd Avenue bike lanes concept plan
- Arena operations assessment mechanical review

2022

- Senior Centre covered entrance
- Shuswap Trails & Scatchard Trail enhancements
- Wharf painting

Grant Dependent

- Thompson Avenue to Willson Park Access Improvements

Goals for Future Consideration

- Playground equipment upgrades
 - Curling Rink Roof
 - Community Hall foundation & weatherproofing
 - Arena upgrades
 - Zamboni replacement
 - Additional walking trail development
 - Washrooms Willson Park
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Economic Development

What services do we provide

While not a legislated service, the Village of Chase understands the importance of The Village is currently exploring how to best provide Economic development planning and services.

Why do we provide these services

Economic development helps our community grow, attracting new businesses and residents, and at the same time, strengthening our tax base which helps us to provide more services in our community.

What we have accomplished this term

- Economic and tourism strategy analysis
- Economic Development Models Research

What are we working on in 2021 and 2022

2021

- Connectivity Infrastructure Strategy (broad band-needs assessment)
- Discussions with Chamber regarding Shuswap Economic Development Society participation
- Signage Improvements – replace message board at community hall
- Work with private communications company regarding potential upgrades to Chase and area internet services

2021 and 2022

- Implement Economic & Tourism Strategy action items
- Implement Active Transportation Plan action items

2022

- Wayfinding Signage – MoTI/Village of Chase partnership

Goals for Future Consideration

Grant Dependent

- Branding Project for Chase
 - LED Reader board at Chase Chamber Office
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Fire and Rescue Department

What services do we provide

The Chase Fire Department provides fire suppression and prevention services within the Village of Chase, and also provides suppression services to VLA Road properties and properties associated with Matthey Brothers' business operations. The fire department also provides medical lift assists when available, and also provides public education to school age children. In addition, the department provides road rescue services in a large region surrounding Chase, assisting the RCMP and the BC Ambulance Service with tasks associated with motor vehicle crashes.

Why do we provide this service

Emergency fire services protect property and community members, and reduces the costs of property insurance. Road rescue is provided to assist with vehicle crashes to speed up access to injured individuals. A community with fire suppression and prevention services attracts new residents contributing to economic development.

What we have accomplished this term

- Emergency Operations Center equipment procurement and EOC generator installation
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan completed
- Fire Smart Fuel Management project – Adams Lake Lumber Mill

What are we working on in 2021 and 2022

2021

- Firetruck Replacement
- Fire Smart Education for property owners
- Flooding Education for property owners
- Evacuation Route Planning
- Fire Hall Elevator Conversion to Hose Drying Rack

2022

- Fire Department Inventory and Equipment Plan
- Emergency Plan Update – work with TNRD
- Table Top Exercises for Emergency Preparedness/EOC Training

Goals for Future Consideration

- Fire Services Agreements with Adams Lake Indian Band and others
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