



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase held  
Virtually on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Ali Maki

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

Also in Attendance: Board of Directors of the Chase & District Recreation Society

Public Participants: 2

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the March 2, 2021 Village of Chase Special Council agenda be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/03/02\_001**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of February 11, 2021 be adopted as amended.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/03/02\_002**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

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

Email correspondence from Roland Mockford was read into the record:

- Thanked Mayor and Council, the Recreation Centre Society and Village Administration for commitment to entering into an agreement
- Is of the opinion that the Recreation Centre Society should be applying for other funding/grants

**6. DELEGATIONS**

None

**7. REPORTS**

None

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 8.1 Art Holding Arena Operating Agreement

The following was discussed:

- Council agreed to \$150,000 as an annual payment to the Society; they would have to come before Council to explain why they would need additional funds
- Board member Herman confirmed that the ice rental rates are increased every year and the “Heat” pay more than other hockey groups
- The cost to keep ice in the Arena during the summer is significant
- Unless there are hockey camps and the costs can be covered it does not make financial sense to have ice in the summer
- Rates in Chase are similar to other communities, more expensive than Logan Lake, less than Kamloops
- What we are going to have to look at as a Council is do we pass the extra costs onto the users or the taxpayers
- \$150,000 is already 14% of the Village’s taxation – increasing this would need taxpayers’ input
- Board member Herman stated that the people who live outside of Chase use the Arena more than the people of the Village
- It was confirmed that funds were received from the TNRD and the CSRD in past and those funds were one-time gas tax funds
- Clearwater’s situation is much different than Chase’s – the electoral areas have a higher population that use the facility in comparison to Chase
- BC Hockey’s catchment area includes the North Shuswap – as they can’t go to Salmon Arm to play, the CSRD should be contributing funds to our Arena to support their minor hockey groups
- The amount of the manager’s contract was increased in 2020 to cover costs he incurs when he hires people to help him run the Arena

### Wish List

The CFO explained:

- She broke the items on the ‘wish list’ into two categories: (1) structural and mechanical and (2) maintenance
- For example, gutters, asphalt repair pump motors are structural and mechanical in nature, while painting is maintenance
- Items like weather stripping the door, shelving and locks on beer coolers should be the responsibility of the Society, while exterior door replacement and windows is the responsibility of the Village
- Costs and needs priority for various structural and mechanical items need to be obtained and then budgeted for
- Recommends an electric Zamboni as this might provide opportunities for grants such as the FCM green fund
- The repair items do not meet the criteria of being Village responsibility

### Communication between Society and Village

- It was agreed that both parties need to work more closely together

Moved by Councillor Scott  
Seconded by Mayor Crowe

**“THAT the Village of Chase assume the lease agreement with the Chase Canyon Eco-Adventures Ltd. from the Chase & District Recreation Society.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2021/03/02\_003**

Moved by Mayor Crowe  
Seconded by Councillor Scott

**“THAT Administration explore some alternatives to the restrictive covenant on the arena lands and report back to Council at a future meeting.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2021/03/02\_004**

Regarding multi-year tax exemption, the CFO stated that this can be done, however the timing should align with Council’s term.

Moved by Councillor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the Village of Chase and the Chase & District Recreation Society meet quarterly; AND,**

**THAT a Council liaison appointment be made for the Chase & District Recreation Society.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2021/03/02\_005**

Moved by Councillor Lauzon  
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT Councillors Lauzon and Torbohm, and CAO Heinrich be appointed as the Village’s representatives to the Chase & District Recreation Society.”**

**CARRIED**  
**#2021/03/02\_006**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**11. IN CAMERA**

None

**12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the March 2, 2021 Village of Chase Special Council meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/03/02\_007**

The meeting concluded at 7:41 p.m.

**Original Signed**

Rod Crowe, Mayor

**Original Signed**

Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer