



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase  
held virtually on  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer  
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer  
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief

Public Participants: 8

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the April 13, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_001**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held March 23, 2021

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

**“THAT the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_002**

3.2 Minutes of the Special meeting of Council held March 28, 2021

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

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

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_003**

3.3 Minutes of the Special meeting of Council held April 1, 2021

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the minutes of the April 1, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_004**

3.4 Minutes of the Special meeting of Council held April 6, 2021

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Scott

**“THAT the minutes of the April 6, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_005**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

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

Karen Bassett, of 564 Lakeshore Drive, regarding item 9.5, stated that Council's COVID-19 relief funding should only be used to benefit service groups operating within the Village.

**6. DELEGATIONS**

6.1 2020 Audited Financial Statements

KPMG presented the 2020 Audited Financial Statements

**7. REPORTS**

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- March 28 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 1 – Inspected the vandalism damage to the pier and wharf at Memorial Park
- April 1 – Attended Mayors Vaccine Roundtable with Interior Health
- April 1 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 6 – Attending a Special (Budget) meeting of Council
- April 8 – Attended Mayors Vaccine Roundtable with Interior Health
- April 12 – Was invited to attend and offer opening remarks at the Arena for the Mass Immunization rollout beginning April 12 that will vaccinate up to 400 persons per day

Councillor Lauzon

- March 27 – followed up with resident to ensure that their inquiry had been answered. It hadn't, I contacted CAO Joni Heinrich to ensure that he was assisted
- March 28 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- March 29 – Spoke with Board members of the Chase Recreation Society regarding the proposed Operating Agreement
- March 31 - attended the virtual EMBC Spring Hazard Awareness session
- April 1 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 6 – Attending a Special (Budget) meeting of Council
- Continue to receive complaints regarding the unsightly uptown storefront
- Received a number of complaints for the Village Office's flag not lowered in a timely manner to commemorate the passing of Prince Phillip

Councillor Maki

- March 25 - attended Shuswap Tourism Advisory Committee meeting
- March 28 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 1 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 6 – Attending a Special (Budget) meeting of Council
- April 8 - Approached by Shuswap Tourism to participate DBC Iconics Program
- April 9 - Attended the Tourism Launch - a collaboration between Chase, North and South Shuswap Chambers
- April 11 - Met with Brock Endean regarding the Festival Society

Councillor Scott

- March 28 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 1 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 6 – Attending a Special (Budget) meeting of Council

Councillor Torbohm

- March 28 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 1 - Attended a Special meeting of Council
- April 6 – Attending a Special (Budget) meeting of Council
- April 12 – Received COVID-19 shot
- Respond to phone inquiries from the public
- Review emails and respond when required
- Review agenda

b) Staff Reports

Fire Chief

- Fire calls for March: 3 calls; 1 fire burning complaint, 1 power lines down, 1 suspected natural gas leak
- Rescue calls for March: 3 calls; 1 stood down on scene, 1 stood down on route, 1 rope rescue for a hiker
- Campfire burning permits: 163 - Open Burning Permits 12
- We have all 21 members including 3 juniors, with their Exterior Operation Certification. This is the first time in the history of Chase Fire Rescue (110 years) that all members have achieved this level of training
- Rescue training has been going well, we have also altered Rescue training schedule
- The Canadian Red Cross – Fire Chiefs’ Association of BC with support from the Fire Commissioner, the Community Resiliency Grant Program has awarded Chase Fire Rescue \$32,165.00 for new rescue equipment and training
- We are gearing up for Wildfire season
- I have completed 57 Fire Inspections for 2021 thus far. Of those inspected, 24 require a reinspection. (42%)

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

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

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

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_006**

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 2020 Audited Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the Village of Chase 2020 Audited Financial Statements be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_007**

- 8.2 Willson Park Bridge Award  
Moved by Councillor Lauzon  
Seconded by Councillor Scott  
**“THAT the Willson Park Pedestrian Bridge project be awarded to MB Construction in the amount of \$127,190 excluding taxes or contingency.”**  
**CARRIED**  
**#2021/04/13\_008**
- 8.3 Early Childhood Education Assistant Program Grant  
Moved by Councillor Lauzon  
Seconded by Councillor Scott  
**“THAT Council rescind resolution #2021/03/23\_004 that directs Administration to apply for the next funding intake for the Early Childhood Education Assistant Program; AND**  
**THAT Administration be directed to look for multi-year grant programs for Early Childhood Education Assistants.”**  
**CARRIED**  
**#2021/04/13\_009**
- 8.4 Mid-Block Crosswalk on Shuswap Avenue  
Moved by Mayor Crowe  
Seconded by Councillor Scott  
**“THAT Council rescind resolution #2021/02/23\_018 that directs Public Works to install a crosswalk.”**  
**CARRIED**  
**#2021/04/13\_010**
- 8.5 Notice of Motion – Fire Department Remuneration  
< Councillor Lauzon left the meeting >  
Moved by Councillor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Maki  
**“THAT Administration be directed to amend Schedule “C” of the Fire Department Bylaw 795 to reflect remuneration in the amount of \$15 per hour for Firefighters holding Exterior Operations Certificates in all assigned duties.”**  
**CARRIED**  
**#2021/04/13\_011**
- Moved by Councillor Torbohm  
Seconded by Councillor Maki  
**“THAT Administration be directed to amend Schedule “C” of the Fire Department Bylaw 795 to reflect remuneration in the amount of \$15 per hour for firefighters attending a Road Rescue callout.”**  
**CARRIED**  
**#2021/04/13\_012**
- < Councillor Lauzon returned to the meeting >
- 8.6 Notice of Motion – Council Meeting Location  
Moved by Councillor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Maki  
**“THAT Council review the possibility of holding in-person Council meetings at the June 8, 2021 Regular meeting.”**  
**CARRIED**  
**#2021/04/13\_013**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Financial Plan Bylaw 2021-2025

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the 2021 to 2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 899-2021 be given first reading.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_014**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT the 2021 to 2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 899-2021 be given second reading.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_015**

9.2 Chase & District Christmas Hamper Society

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT Administration be directed to modify the Village’s lease with the Chase & District Christmas Hamper Society according to their March 24, 2021 letter, and return the agreement to a future Regular meeting for authorization to enter into said agreement.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_016**

9.3 Interfor – Fire Protection

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT Administration be directed to draft a Fire Protection Agreement with Interfor, Adams Lake Division and return the agreement to a future Regular meeting for authorization to enter into said agreement.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_017**

9.4 Emergency Support Services

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Maki

**“THAT Administration be directed to provide Rebecca Cooke, ESS Coordinator, a request letter on Village letterhead for purposes of attracting volunteer support within Chase for the ESS program.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_018**

9.5 Adams River Salmon Society

No Motion

9.6 Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Scott

**“THAT the letter from Lyn Hall, Mayor, Prince George, to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, regarding the Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan, be received for information; AND,**

**THAT the Village of Chase provide a Letter of Support for this initiative.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_019**

9.7 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application to BC Utilities Commission

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

**“THAT the letter from Lyn Hall, Mayor, Prince George, to the BC Utilities Commission be received for information; AND,**

**THAT the Village of Chase provide a Letter of Support for this initiative.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_020**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Maki provided the following Notice of Motion:

- That the Village revisit use of sidewalks for expanded patio areas in support of businesses, in a joint effort with the Chase & District Chamber of Commerce.

**11. IN CAMERA**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

**“THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (2) (c) labour relations or other employee relations.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/06\_002**

**12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the April 13, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2021/04/13\_021**

The meeting concluded at 5:46 p.m.

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Rod Crowe, Mayor

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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer