



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held virtually on
Tuesday, June 22, 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

Public Participants: 27

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the June 22, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2021/06/22_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held June 8, 2021

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Angie McLaren, of 562 Maple Place, regarding item 9.1, advised that the Chase Environmental Action Group met with Administration over the past year to draft the Pesticide Use Control Bylaw. The Group is very excited to be able to promote and educate residents to manage alternative methods of weed control. They will be providing educational material for the Village to post on its website, and will be participating in farmers markets, etc.

Ian Dewing, of 1082 Hillside Avenue, regarding item 8.2, does not support the cell tower location, he is concerned with the health effect on humans and the eco-system.

Ellen Blackburn, of 435 Pine Street, regarding item 8.2, confirmed cell phone connectivity needs to be improved, but does not approve of the proposed location as she believes the close proximity to residences will damage immune systems. Her proposal would be for the

tower to be located a safe distance from the Village and recommended that the Village hire a private consultant to propose an alternate site.

Jillian Folk, of 1029 First Avenue, regarding item 8.2, lives within 500 meters of the proposed Rogers cell phone tower in the downtown area. She does not support cell towers within 500 meters of any residences until long term studies provide assurance there are no ill effects.

Jenny Armitage, of 825 Okanagan Avenue, regarding item 8.2, requested Council consider the consequences of the health risks and effects of cell towers located within 500 meters from where anyone works or lives.

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the time limit of 15 minutes for the Public Input on Current Agenda Items be extended for the public to have the opportunity to participate in the input.”

CARRIED

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Stefan Schielke, of 1274 Dempster Road, Lee Creek, regarding item 8.2, doesn't believe that a cell tower should be sited in the middle of town, in the bottom of a valley.

Dan Stevens, of 1016 Second Avenue, regarding item 8.2, is not against a cell tower, just doesn't like the proposed location.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Community Futures Thompson Country

Julie Kimmel, Rural Business Recovery Coordinator with Community Futures Thompson Country, presented the economic development/business planning services that are available for the community of Chase:

- Business loans
- Business programming and workshops
- Self-employment program
- Community capacity building
- Business advice

6.2 Proposed Telecommunications Cellular Tower – 530 Aylmer Road

Brian Gregg, SitePath Consulting Ltd. (for Telus) gave a brief overview on their report entitled *“Public Consultation Summary & Land Use Concurrence Request”*, requesting land use concurrence from the Village of Chase in the form of a resolution or a letter addressing that the:

- Village is satisfied with the Telus' consultation process,
- Proposed tower is a permitted use,
- Proposed design and location is acceptable,
- Village of Chase concurs with the tower location.

Mr. Gregg responded to numerous questions from Council and did concur that Telus may look at an alternate location for the proposed cell tower if that was the wish of Council. He could not, however, commit to a new timeline.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- June 9 - Attended the Shuswap Watershed meeting
- June 10 - Attended the Thompson Region Division Healthcare Symposium on community wellness
- June 13 – Attended the Adams Lake Indian Band Walking our spirits home event that saw participants walk from the Kamloops Residential School to the ALIB gymnasium over 3 days in honor of the 215 children that never made it home, and to all residential school survivors and their relatives and communities
- June 17 – Gave a speech to the Chase Secondary grade 12 graduates congratulating them on behalf of our community and wished them well in their future endeavors
- June 17 – Attended the TNRD Board of Directors meeting
- June 18 – Attended the TNRD Committee of the Whole meeting
- June 21- Attended Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band Aboriginal Day event

Councillor Lauzon

- June 21 – Assisted the Chase Hamper Society with the set up the newly renovated kitchen at the community hall. Discussed with the Executive Director having an official unveiling in the future.
- Responded to numerous calls and emails regarding the proposed cell tower.

Councillor Maki

- Emails with the Festival Society regarding Canada Day celebrations. The Society has confirmed that the Heritage Canada federal grant can be utilized up to the end of August, so the Society is requesting that the Village of Chase does not host any Canada Day events on July 1st as the Society would like to engage later this summer with the Neskonlith, Little Shuswap, and Adams Lake Indian Bands in hosting a celebration a little different than the usual Canada Day.

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the Village of Chase not host any activities on July 1, 2021.”

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Councillor Scott

- Spent the last two weeks researching the cell tower issue, including a site visit

Councillor Torbohm

- June 18 – Attended the Shuswap Trail Alliance Meeting
- June 19 – Walked by the area of the proposed cell tower location and the hydro substation in that same area
- Reviewed the area of the Development Variance Permit application on this agenda, at 116 Macpherson Street
- Reviewed emails regarding the proposed cell phone tower
- Responded to questions from the public
- Consulted with staff when required

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Telecommunications Infrastructure Survey

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council receive for information the memorandum from Urban Systems with results analysis of the Village of Chase Telecommunications Infrastructure Survey.”

**CARRIED
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8.2 Telus Telecommunication Tower Application

Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council provide non-concurrence to Telus’ application for installing a 48.1 m telecommunications tower at 530 Aylmer Road.”

**CARRIED
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8.3 Facilities Re-Openings

Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the Chase Community Hall, and the Chase Creekside Senior Centre be reopened according to BC’s Public Health Officer’s Order on Gatherings and Events dated June 15, 2021, and that future parameters be followed as regulated by the Public Health Orders.”

**CARRIED
#2021/06/22_007**

Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT spectators be allowed to attend the Art Holding Memorial Arena according to BC’s Public Health Officer’s Order on Gatherings and Events dated June 15, 2021, and that future parameters be followed as regulated by the Public Health Orders.”

**CARRIED
#2021/06/22_008**

8.4 Council Meetings to be Held in the Chase Community Hall

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT effective July 13, 2021, Council Meetings will resume at the Chase Community Hall with the public allowed to attend in accordance with BC’s Public Health Officer’s Order on Gatherings and Events dated June 15, 2021, and that future parameters be followed as regulated by the Public Health Orders.”

**CARRIED
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8.5 Recycle BC – Village of Chase Onboarding

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase submit a Transition and Implementation Plan to Recycle BC; AND,

THAT the Village of Chase enter into a Services Agreement with Recycle BC; AND,

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.”

**CARRIED
#2021/06/22_010**

- 8.6 Development Variance Permit #1-2021 – Chase Equipment & Supply Ltd.
Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Scott
“THAT Development Variance Permit #1-2021 NOT be issued subject to a restrictive covenant for parking being registered on an adjacent property owned by Chase Equipment and Supply Ltd.”
DEFEATED
CROWE, LAUZON, MAKI, SCOTT OPPOSED
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Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Development Variance Permit #1-2021 be amended to reflect a decrease to the parking space requirement from 64 to 31 total parking spaces; AND,

THAT the Permit not be issued until a restrictive covenant for development of a parking lot be registered on an adjacent property title owned by Chase Equipment and Supply Ltd.”

CARRIED
Councillor Torbohm OPPOSED
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- 8.7 Underwood Hotel – Request to Remove Section 57 Building Contraventions

Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT 718 Shuswap Avenue (Lot 19, Block C, District Lot 517, Kamloops-Yale District Plan 514), is hereby declared as meeting the requirements of the BC Building Code, and the Village of Chase Building Bylaw 803-2014 and that the Notice on Title registered against the property’s title pursuant to section 57 of the Community Charter (SBC 2003) be rescinded; AND,

That Administration be directed to remove the Notice on Title.”
CARRIED
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- 8.8 Notice of Motion – Municipal Flags Lowered to Half-Mast

Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Administration develop a policy for the Mayor to have the authority to have the municipal flags lowered to half mast in special, time sensitive circumstances.”

CARRIED
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- 8.9 Notice of Motion – Chase Museum Flag Pole

Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Administration report back to Council with a cost estimate to replace the three flag poles at the Chase Museum.”

CARRIED
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9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Pesticide Use Control Bylaw 907-2021

Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the Village of Chase Pesticide Use Control Bylaw No. 907-2021 be given first three readings.”

CARRIED
#2021/06/22_016

9.2 Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment – Pesticide Use 908-2021

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 908-2021 be given first three readings.”

CARRIED

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9.3 Working Together Pow-wow Society – 9th Annual Pow-wow

< Councillor Lauzon left the meeting at 6:24 pm after declaring a conflict of interest as she is employed by the Neskonlith Indian Band. >

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Council authorize \$250 as an Extraordinary Grant-in-Aid to the “Working Together Pow-wow Society” as a contribution towards their 9th annual traditional pow-wow on June 25 to 27, 2021 on Neskonlith IR#2.”

CARRIED

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< Councillor Lauzon returned to the meeting at 6:25 pm. >

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Mayor Crowe provided the following Notice of Motion:

- That the Village of Chase Council will NOT be in concurrence with a Rogers telecommunications tower being installed at 119 Chase Street when Rogers comes before Council.

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Ali Ferguson, of 514 Aylmer Road, thanked Council for listening to the residents' concerns and hopes that a better location is found for a cell tower.

Selina Knorr, of 420 VLA Road, thanked Council for listening.

Beverley Iglesias, of 621 – 3rd Avenue, commended Council doing due diligence with regards to the cell tower. She also enquired regarding item 9.3, the Mayor confirmed that extraordinary grant-in-aids are a one time only grant.

Beverly also enquired who determines when and who overtime compensation is paid for management as the In-Camera motion brought forward April 27, 2021.

The Chief Financial Officer confirmed that if the Corporate Officer takes annual vacation owed him during the week and then works on the weekend, he would be paid overtime for the weekend time worked.

Ken Huxham, of 514 Aylmer Road, thanked Council for supporting the residents' opposition to the cell phone tower installation. He recommends that Council investigate and write a policy to avoid cell phone tower installation requests in the future.

Jillian Folk, of 1029 First Avenue, thanked Council for listening.

Talitha, address unknown, thanked Council for not supporting the cell tower installation. She stated that in her opinion the Secwepemc Nation needs to be consulted before cell towers are installed.

12. **IN CAMERA**
None

13. **RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**
None

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the June 22, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 6:43 p.m.

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer