



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held at the Chase Community Hall, 547 Shuswap Avenue on
Tuesday, September 28, 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: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer

Public Participants: 3

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Crowe proclaimed October 2021 as ***Foster Family Month***.

Mayor Crowe proclaimed September 20-26, 2021 as ***Rail Safety Week***.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the September 28, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held August 10, 2021

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARING

There are separate Public Hearing minutes

< Regular meeting reconvened at 4:21 p.m. following the Public Hearing >

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Entrepreneur Immigration Pilot Programs
Amit Goel, Director, Goel's Solutions Ltd.
Kevin Kruger, Krueger Consulting Ltd.,
Debbie Anderson, RN

Mr. Goel appealed to Council to consider Village of Chase's enrolment with the BC Provincial Nominee Program (Entrepreneur Immigration) and the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Program to enhance economic activities in the Village of Chase and the Region.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- August 11 – EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 12 – 2 - EMBC & BC Wildfire mtgs.
- August 12 – mtg. with CAO Heinrich, Chase and District Health Foundation members and Health Center manager for Interior Health.
- August 13 – 2 EMBC & BC Wildfire mtgs.
- August 14 – 2 EMBC & BC Wildfire mtgs.
- August 15 – 2 EMBC & BC Wildfire mtgs.
- August 16 – 2 EMBC & BC Wildfire mtgs.
- August 17 – 3 EMBC & BC Wildfire mtgs.
- August 18 – 2 EMBC & BC Wildfire mtgs.
- August 18 – Mtg. with CAO Heinrich and Mr. Amit Goel
- August 19 – EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 20 – EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 21 – EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 22 - EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 23 – EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 24 – EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 25 - EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 26 – EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 29 – EMBC & BC Wildfire mtg.
- August 31 – Doug Copeland retirement and seeing our new Zamboni for the ice arena
- September 1 – TNRD Board mtg. in Kamloops
- September 2 – Special TNRD Closed Board mtg. in Kamloops
- September 8 – Shuswap Watershed Council mtg.
- September 13 – attended a UBCM mtg. with Councillor Alison Lauzon and Councillor Torbohm and CAO Heinrich with Parliamentary Secretary Rice regarding the Fire Underwriters setting an aging out of fire trucks. We asked the Province to call for a mtg. of all small BC municipalities, the Provincial Government and the Fire Underwriters to discuss extending the life of firetrucks in small municipalities and regional districts subject to maintenance and condition.
- September 14 – Attended the UBCM Pathways to truth and Reconciliation plenary session with the Honourable Murray Sinclair.
- September 14 – attended the UBCM concurrent workshop on Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency.
- September 14 – Chase and District Health Center mtg.
- September 15- Attended the UBCM resolution voting session.
- September 15 – Attended UBCM Concurrent workshop – Meeting the need: Shared Regional District Services and a workshop on Tourism recovery through collaboration.
- September 16 – UBCM Resolution Voting session.
- Attended the UBCM Keynote address speaker meeting. The speaker was Rick Mercer.

- Attended the UBCM Concurrent Workshop – Modernizing Forest Policy in BC.
- September 16 – Attended a TNRD Special Closed Board of Directors meeting.
- September 17 – Attended the UBCM Concurrent Cabinet Town Hall meeting on Supporting Resilient Communities.
- September 17 – Attended the UBCM address by BC Premier John Horgan.
- September 23 – Mayors Vaccine Roundtable meeting
- September 23 – TNRD Regular Board of Directors meeting.
- September 23 – TNRD Confidential Closed Board meeting.
- September 28 - attended photo op and grand opening of the footbridge at Willson Park

Councillor Lauzon

- August 17 – spoke with both the Lions Club & the Hamper Society regarding the impending Hamper Society Lease Agreement with the Village
- August 23 – spoke again the Chase Lions regarding concerns involving the Hamper Society lease. Reached out to Cao Joni Heinrich, to see how the Lease Agreement was coming along.
- August 24 – followed up with the Chase Lions
- August 31 – once again spoke with the Chase Lions regarding the Hamper Society Lease
- Attended the Farewell Gathering to recognize Doug Copeland, retiring Arena Manager, and to meet Chris Koch, who has taken over the role as Arena Mgr. Unveiled the new to us Zamboni that evening.
- September 9 – met with CAO Joni Heinrich to prepare briefing note for upcoming UBCM Ministers meeting
- September 13 – Partook in the Provincial Cabinet Ministers mtg with other members of Council & Parliamentary Secretary Jennifer Rice, to discuss the Underwriters current policy of aging out Fir Apparatus. The Village would like to see this timeframe extended to assist small communities across BC.
- September 13-18 – attended the Virtual Union of BC Municipalities Conference
- The first day gave us an opportunity to navigate around the conference, and the UBCM kick-off networking night. Sept 14th – Official convention opening, the Annual Meeting & Address by Minister of Municipal Affairs & FCM President., and Community Excellence awards
- Once of the honourable mention awards really caught my attention – Maple Ridge's Emergency Preparedness for Seniors. Videos & Pamphlets specific to Seniors to educate and address emergency preparedness. Evacuation, what to do.. etc. As a majority of Chase's population are seniors, I'd really like us to pursue this, and perhaps use Maple Ridge as a template for us.
- Through the week, in addition to partaking & voting during the Resolutions, many breakout information sessions were available. Throughout the week I sat in on a number of these sessions:
 - -the Shared Regional District Service- there was discussion of communities sharing resources with RD's – Gateway Signage, Fibre optic..
 - - Global Warning – Lessons from the 2021 Heat Wave – mostly the elderly & the isolated were impacted. During the Minister's address, she indicated that 1,011 people passed away due to the Heat Wave. Focus needs to be put on Protective Programs, and a way to reach out to those vulnerable & isolated, and increasing urban greenspace.
 - - Modernizing the Forestry policy in BC – some of the topics:
 - Revising Area based Tenure Pricing

- Minimizing Slash Burning
 - Strengthening Compliance & Enforcement
 - Re-Integration of Prescribed & Cultural Burns
 - Municipalities are encouraged to submit ideas & thoughts.
- While exploring the Virtual Exhibitor Showcase, I reached out to the BC Fire Chiefs Association to discuss recruitment & retention. There is a national initiative "Answer the Call", and canvassing CRA for large tax breaks for paid on call firefighters. Since then, the Executive Director of the BC Fire Chiefs Assoc. has been in contact with our local chief, to provide material & resources.
 - Reached out to Telus to inquire once again about Fibre optic service in Chase. We discussed Connectivity & Funding. The Telus rep indicated a reading of 10/10 to qualify, says that Chase is 50/10. Not sure what that means, but apparently we don't qualify.
 - In light of the Pandemic, and Wildfires, it was announced that there is new funding opportunity – the Province's Strengthening Communities Fund. I'd like to see us look further into this opportunity.
 - September 21 – Followed up again regarding the Hamper Society Lease
 - Inquired the status of the repairs to the Clocktower, provided Administration with contact info for the company the Clock was purchased from.
 - September 22 – attended the Chase Country Christmas Committee mtg. Plans are underway to facilitate events that will adhere to the Public Health orders.
 - September 23 – spoke to Terri Mindel, of the Creating Childcare Spaces committee, of an recently announced Provincial Funding Opportunity.
 - September 28 - attended photo op and grand opening of the footbridge at Willson Park

Councillor Maki

- August 27 - communications with Brock Endean with the Chamber and Tourism Chase regarding the Visitor Centre
- September 28 - had a follow up with Brock Endean regarding the visitor centre
- September 28 - attended photo op and grand opening of the footbridge at Willson Park

Councillor Scott

- Participated in virtual UBCM September 13-16 including as voting delegate for Municipal Insurance Association AGM
- The Adams River Salmon Society September 20
- September 28 - attended photo op and grand opening of the footbridge at Willson Park

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT a letter of support be provided to the Adams River Salmon Society for their grant application to the Fairs, Festivals and Events Recovery Fund.” **CARRIED**
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Councillor Torbohm

- September 7 – attended Municipal Hall to get an update on ongoing projects, paving, Hamper Society, Chase Lions, UBCM schedule
- September 13 – Start of UBCM, attended conference with Minister Jennifer Rice, and attended Municipal Insurance Association meeting with Minister Josie Osborne
- September 14 – 17 – Attended UBCM
- September 21 - met with RCMP to discuss our Animal Control service and Covid-19 enforcement efforts. The detachment is at full strength

- September 23 – Attended virtual Shuswap Trail Alliance meeting to discuss the plans for Scatchard Mountain
- September 27 – Met with the land owner to get a clear picture of the variance application at 350 Lakeshore Drive
- September 28 - attended photo op and grand opening of the footbridge at Willson Park

b) Staff Reports

Reports from the CAO, Corporate Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Fire Chief were included in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

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

CARRIED

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8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 909-2021 – Solid Waste and Recyclables Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 909-2021 be adopted.”

CARRIED

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8.2 BC Provincial Nominee Program (Entrepreneur Immigration)

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT consideration of the PNP and EIRP programs be deferred to the October 12, 2021 Regular meeting.”

CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase petition the Province of BC to join the Vernon and Area Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot boundary.”

CARRIED

TORBOHM OPPOSED

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8.3 Lions RV Park Lease

Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the Lease between the Village of Chase and the Lions Club for the Mill Park RV Lands be ratified with effective dates of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026.”

CARRIED

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9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 910-2021

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the Village of Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 910-2021 be given first two readings.”

CARRIED

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- 9.2 Development Variance Permit – 350 Lakeshore Drive
Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon
“THAT Council accept the application, and direct Administration to distribute the referrals, and draft a Permit for 350 Lakeshore Drive.” CARRIED
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- 9.3 Development Variance Permit – 25-235 Aylmer Road
Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Maki
“THAT Council accept the application, and direct Administration to distribute the referrals, and draft a Permit for 25-235 Aylmer Road.” CARRIED
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- 9.4 Congratulations to MP Mel Arnold
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm
“THAT a letter be sent to Member of Parliament, Mel Arnold congratulating him on his re-election as the MP for North Okanagan-Shuswap.” CARRIED
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- 9.5 Chase Literacy Program – Neighbourhood Library Boxes
Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon
“THAT the Chase Literacy Program’s request for the placement of Outdoor Bookshelves in appropriate locations in Village of Chase parks be approved.” CARRIED
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- 9.6 Correspondence from Chase Community Services Society regarding a plan for evacuations of residents in Chase in event of a wildfire or other emergency event
Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon
“THAT the Village of Chase host a Wildfire Preparation Workshop in January, 2022 specifically to discuss evacuation planning for vulnerable individuals in Chase, and invite community partners.” CARRIED
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- 9.7 Correspondence from Joey Nash of 710 Sicamous Avenue regarding Logan Lake Building Sprinkler System
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki
“THAT building sprinkler systems be reviewed and considered in coordination with Chase’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan.” CARRIED
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9.8 Correspondence from Joey Nash of 710 Sicamous Avenue requesting action regarding rats in Chase

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the correspondence from Joey Nash regarding rats in Chase be received for information.”

CARRIED

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9.9 Letter from Carolyn Parks Mintz regarding Advertorials

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase participate in an extension of Advertorials including the financial sponsorship of local area Indigenous operated businesses under the existing funding formula.”

CARRIED

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Lauzon provided Notice of Motion for the issue of Village Liability Insurance Coverage for the Chase Country Christmas Events.

Councillor Maki provided Notice of Motion for the issue of a Memorial Wall at the Cemetery.

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Blaine Covington, of 420 Juniper Avenue, expressed gratitude to Council for acknowledging his letter asking for assistance for vulnerable people in Chase in the event of a community wide evacuation event.

Amit Goel, of 830 Thompson Avenue, expressed gratitude to Council for considering participation in the PNP, EIRP, and RNIP programs.

12. IN CAMERA

Moved by Mayor Crowe

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

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13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the September 28, 2021 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 8:07 p.m.

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer