VILLAGE OF CHASE

BYLAW NO. 726, 2009

A BYLAW RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF VARIANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF CHASE

WHEREAS the Local Government Act requires the Council to establish a Board of Variance;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Chase, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS**:

- 1. This Bylaw is cited as "Village of Chase, Board of Variance Bylaw No. 726, 2009."
- 2. There is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act* a Board of Variance for the Village of Chase consisting of three (3) persons appointed by Council.
- 3. An appointment under section 2 is for a maximum term of:
 - a. Three (3) years, or
 - b. If no successor has been appointed at the end of the three (3) year period, until the time that a successor is appointed.
- 4. A person who is:

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- a. a member of the Council, or
- b. an officer or employee of the Village of Chase

is not eligible to be appointed to the Board of Variance.

- 5. The Council must appoint a staff member as Secretary to the Board of Variance.
- 6. The members of the Board of Variance shall elect one of their members as Chair and the Chair may appoint a member of the Board of Variance as Acting Chair to preside in his or her absence.
- 7. The Council may rescind an appointment to the Board of Variance at any time.
- 8. Where a member of the Board of Variance ceases to hold office, the person's successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the member

who ceased to hold office, and, until the appointment of the successor, the remaining members constitute the Board of Variance.

9. A member of the Board of Variance shall not receive compensation for services as a member but shall be paid reasonable and necessary expenses that arise directly out of the performance of his or her duties.

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- 10. The Board of Variance shall meet during regular Village business hours, as demand dictates.
- 11. The Council shall in its annual budget provide for the necessary funds to pay for the costs of the Board of Variance.
- 12. The Board of Variance shall hear and determine any appeal with respect to matters mentioned in Sections 901 and 902 of the *Local Government Act*, as amended from time to time.
- 13. Any person may apply to the Board of Variance by filing an application with the Deputy Corporate Officer of the Village of Chase stating the grounds of the appeal. The application must be:
 - (a) signed by the owner of each parcel of land that is the subject of the appeal or by a person authorized in writing by the owner to act as his or her agent for the purpose of making the appeal;
 - (b) made on the application form prescribed by the Deputy Corporate Officer;
 - (c) accompanied by the information required by the Deputy Corporate Officer; and
 - (d) accompanied by a \$250.00 application fee.
- 14. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal the Deputy Corporate Officer or his or her delegate shall schedule the appeal for a Board of Variance Hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be mailed or otherwise delivered by the Deputy Corporate Officer or his or her delegate, addressed to the applicants and/or owners and occupiers of the land that is the subject of the application, and mailed or otherwise delivered to the owners and occupiers of the land that is the subject of the application, at least 10 clear days before the date set for the hearing.
- 15. All hearings by the Board of Variance shall be open to the public except that the Board may close to the public all or part of a meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter*.
- 16. Proceedings before the Board of Variance shall be informal. The Board may admit any evidence, whether on oath or not and whether written or oral, and may inspect the premises which are the subject of the appeal.

- 17. The Board of Variance shall cause minutes of its proceedings to be kept, such minutes to be in accordance with the Village of Chase *Council Procedure Bylaw* and other bylaws or policies.
- 18. Meetings of the Board of Variance may be adjourned from time to time.

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- 19. Persons whose property is affected by an appeal to the Board of Variance have a right to be heard and to give evidence at the hearing or may be represented by some other person authorized to represent them.
- 20. The decision in writing of a majority of the members of the Board of Variance is the decision of the Board.
- 21. Every decision of the Board of Variance shall be filed with the said Deputy Corporate Officer, or his or her delegate, who shall give notice thereof to the appellant and to the Building Inspector or Official.
- 22. A decision of the Board of Variance under this bylaw is final.
- 23. A person may apply to a Board of Variance for an order under Section 902(1) of the *Local Government Act* (as amended from time to time) if the person alleges that the determination by a building inspector of the amount of damage under Section 911(8) of the *Local Government Act* (as amended from time to time) is in error.
- 24. On an application under Section 902(2) of the *Local Government Act* as amended from time to time, the Board of Variance may set aside the determination of the building inspector and make the determination under Section 911(8) of the *Local Government Act* in its place.
- 25. The applicant or the local government may appeal a decision of the Board of Variance under subsection 902(3) of the *Local Government Act* as amended from time to time to the Supreme Court.
- 26. Village of Chase Board of Variance Bylaw No. 453, 1992, and any amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

Introduced and read a first time the <u>27th</u> day of <u>OCTOBER</u>, 2009.

Read a second time the <u>27th</u> day of <u>OCTOBER</u>, 2009.

Read a third time the 27^{th} day of OCTOBER, 2009.

Adopted on the <u>10th</u> day of <u>NOVEMBER</u>, 2009.

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Harry Danyluk Mayor

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