MINUTES

of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held in the Council Chamber at the Village office at 826 Okanagan Avenue, and via Zoom
on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor David Lepsoe
Councillor Colin Connett
Councillor Ron Harder
Councillor Jane Herman
Councillor Fred Torbohm

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Sean O'Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations
Deb Lovin, Chief Financial Officer
Mike McLean, Deputy Corporate Officer (virtual)

Public Participants: 13 in-person, 3 via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 4:01 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
   Moved by Councillor Harder
   Seconded by Councillor Herman
   "THAT the agenda of the March 28, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."

   CARRIED
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3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
   3.1 Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Special Meeting
   Moved by Councillor Torbohm
   Seconded by Councillor Connett
   "THAT the minutes of the March 7, 2023 Special Meeting be adopted as presented."

   CARRIED
   #2023/03/28_002

   3.2 Minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
   Moved by Councillor Connett
   Seconded by Councillor Harder
   "THAT the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented."

   CARRIED
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4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
   None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Jeanne Talbot of 303-743 Okanagan Avenue was in attendance representing the Lions. She expressed thanks for a longer term lease for the use of the Community Hall and noted the Schedule showing the rooms is incorrect and needs to be corrected.

Zilly Palamar of 141 Shuswap Avenue stated that the letters she has been submitting for Mayor and Council have not been put on Council agendas. She also noted that the Village should not be giving out grants-in-aid and the community hall usage should not be given to organizations at no cost.

Bev Iglesias of 621 3rd Avenue spoke about the water rate increases and suggested that with these increases the Village is 'double dipping' in the charges. The CFO explained that the Village in no way is double dipping, it is clear that the costs for water are higher than the fees collected and this needs to be addressed.

6. DELEGATIONS

Kelly McDonald, Community Health Facilitator, Healthy Communities with Interior Health provided a summary of past collaborations with the Village of Chase, including the Official Community Plan and the Active Transportation Plan and also discussed ongoing work, including transportation initiatives, diverse housing options and extreme heat response and adaptation.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Lepsoe
March 16 – Went to meet and greet lunch with Neskonlith Council
March 17 – Attended TNRD strategic planning session
March 24 – Met briefly with Terri Hadwin, TNRD Film Commissioner, along with Councillor Herman

Councillor Connett
March 14 – Attended the Regular Council meeting
March 14 – Attended the Chase and District Health Services Foundation meeting
Also spoke with community members regarding water rates, meters, buying out own street sweeper, and rocks at the boat launch at Mill Park that impede people when they are launching their boats

Councillor Herman
March 16 – Met with Neskonlith Band Kukpi7 Irvin Wai and Council.
March 16 – Dropped in on the Emergency Planning Meeting at the Chase Fire Hall organized by Alison Lauzon.
March 24 – Met with Terri Hadwin Film Commissioner for the TNRD and showed her around Chase investigating possible locations for filming of a production she is teeing up for the area. Will be continuing to work with her updating contacts and files in their registry.
March 28 – Met with representatives of Open Door and Work BC who are working to implement a new program in Chase soon.

Councillor Harder
March 16 – participated in meeting with Neskonlith Chief and Council
Responded to letters, calls and emails
Confirmed that the rumour floating around the community of him having dementia is untrue.

Councillor Torbohm
Reviewed agendas, monitored emails and responded when necessary, met with staff as needed and responded to local enquiries

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Harder
"THAT the reports from Council members be received for information."

CARRIED
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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Water, Wastewater & Solid Waste 2023 budget considerations

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Herman
"THAT the Fees and Charges bylaw be amended to include the following modifications effective July 1, 2023:
1. Water fixed charge increase by a minimum of 8%
2. Water consumption rate increase to $0.98 per m^3 with a minimum usage charge of 60m^3/quarter, and
3. Sewer consumption rate stays at $0.875 per m^3 and add a minimum charge of $61.26/quarter."

CARRIED
Councillor Torbohm OPPOSED
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8.2 Development Variance Permit DVP #1-2023, 668 4th Avenue

Moved by Councillor Connett
Seconded by Councillor Herman
"THAT Development Variance Permit #1-2023 to vary the size of an accessory building from 65m^2 to 80.3 m^2 at 668 4th Avenue be issued."

CARRIED
Councillor Torbohm OPPOSED
#2023/03/28_006

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Lease of Communty Hall Space to Food Bank and Chase Lions

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Harder
"THAT the proposed lease for Community Hall spaces for the Chase Food Bank (Hamper Society) and the Chase Lions be adopted."

CARRIED
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9.2 Letter from BC Farmers' Markets
Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Connett
"THAT the Village of Chase write a letter of thanks to the Minister of Health, Adrian Dix, for continuing the BC Farmers' Markets Nutrition Coupon Program."

CARRIED
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9.3 Letter from Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding one-time grant, the Growing Communitiues Fund
Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Harder
"THAT the letter from Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding one-time grant, the Growing Communities Fund be received as information."

CARRIED
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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Connett provided Notice of Motion to relocate the Visitor Information Centre from the Chase & District Chamber of Commerce facility to the Chase & District Museum.

Councillor Connett provided Notice of Motion to use the 2023 capital fleet budget for purchasing a street sweeper truck instead of a snowplow truck.

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Doug Wauters of 609 3rd Avenue stated he doesn't see that an increase from $.70 per cubic meter to $.98 per cubic meter is an 8% increase. The CFO explained that that 8% increase is on the flat rates and not the consumption rates.

Bev Igleseas of 621 3rd Avenue stated that if these proposed rates are implemented people's utility bills will go up $400 per year. This will be difficult to manage for many seniors in our community.

Zilly Palamar of 141 Shuswap Avenue asked about the sewer rates and if they will affect the Adams Lake Indian Band – the CFO explained that everyone will be affected by the sewer rate increases.

Debbie Kalinin of 3234 Lakeshore Drive stated that the Hamper Society appreciates the acknowledgement in the lease agreement of the Society's contribution to upgrades at the Community Hall. She added that the Hamper Society is very happy to work with the Village and others to help the most vulnerable in our community.

Jacqueline Drake of 14-333 Wilson Street stated that the Chase food bank saw an increase of 143% need in the last year alone. The majority of the clients are families, including working parents with children.

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS
None

13. IN CAMERA
None

14. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm
"THAT the March 28, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned."

CARRIED
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The meeting concluded at 5:12 p.m.

David Lepsoe, Mayor

Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer