



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held at the Chase Community Hall, 547 Shuswap Avenue on
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Sean O'Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations (attended virtually)
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer

Public Participants: 4 (3 in person, 1 virtually)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the January 11, 2022 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2022/01/11_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held December 14, 2021

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"THAT the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2022/01/11_002

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Carolyn Parks-Mintz, of 813 Okanagan Avenue, regarding item 8.3, asked if the proposed 2 additional ambulances in Chase will be staffed.

Councillor Scott responded that 2 ambulances will be staffed.

Ms. Parks-Mintz then asked if there any local initiative to mitigate wildfire in and around Chase.

The CAO responded that the Fire Department is embarking on public education processes relating to both fire and flood mitigation.

James Mintz, of 813 Okanagan Avenue stated that while he supports the Road Rescue program, he believes it is unfair that the Village has to fund a large proportion of the program.

Acting Mayor Torbohm replied that the Village is actively advocating for more funding from the Province.

Len MacLean of 371 Juniper Street, regarding item 9.8, stated he is in favour of the letter and petition relating to BC Wildfire preparation.

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Councillor Lauzon

- December 16 – noticed a call for volunteers to be part of a UBCM Fire Services Working Group to review the revised minimum training standards for structure firefighters and received information about the initiative from the CAO
- December 16 – during a heavy snowfall event, reached out to our Director of Corporate Operations after noticing that fire fighters were hand shoveling around the fire hall – thanked the Director of Corporate Operations for his quick response
- December 22 – assisted the Hamper Society in preparing Hampers
- December 27 – received a concern from a citizen regarding the Willson Park bridge and approaches having not been cleared of snow and was provided with a timely response from the Director of Corporate Operations
- January 7 – participated in a Lakes Division Emergency Group meeting – this is a group that was started in 2019 and did not continue once Covid-19 happened – the group is now meeting again to work together to discuss emergency preparedness for all communities – a memorandum of understanding will be brought forward to the individual leadership groups to formalize the working relationship

Councillor Scott

- Fielded questions from concerned citizens

Mayor Crowe

- January 6 – Attended the Mayor's vaccine roundtable

Councillor Maki

- December 16 and January 4 - corresponded with Brock Endean of the Chase Chamber regarding Chamber seat on the Select Committee for the PNP EIRP program
- January 5 – corresponded with CAO Heinrich and received applications for PNP EIRP Program select committee
- January 6 – was informed that the Festival Society is going to put out one last call to action for volunteers then bring a report to council regarding municipal events
- January 6 - reached out to applicants for PNP EIRP Program and requested a short bio to share with recommendation for item 8.5

Councillor Torbohm

- Monitored emails
- Read agenda
- Meetings with staff
- Fielded calls from the public

Reports from the CAO, CFO, CO, 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
#2022/01/11_003

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw 897-2021 – 1162 Shuswap Avenue

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 897-2021 be adopted.”

CARRIED
#2022/01/11_004

8.2 Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw Amendment 911-2022 be given first 3 readings.”

CARRIED
#2022/01/11_005

8.3 First Responders Program – Letter, Carolyn Parks Mintz, James Mintz

Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the letter from Carolyn Parks Mintz and James Mintz regarding the First Responders Program be received.”

CARRIED
#2022/01/11_006

8.4 Chase Healthy Community Initiative Steering Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT Councillor Lauzon be appointed to sit on the Chase Healthy Community Initiative Steering Committee.”

CARRIED
#2022/01/11_007

8.5 Provincial Nominee Program – Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot Program Select Committee to screen and host candidates

Councillor Maki provided background information on the candidates for the select committee.

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Donna Smith-Bradley, Nathan Van Kampen, Carolyn Parks-Mintz and Steve Smyth be appointed to sit on the Village’s PNP-EIRP select committee.”

CARRIED
#2022/01/11_008

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Zoning Amendment Application – 909 Foothills Road
Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Maki
“THAT the application to rezone 909 Foothills Road from P-2, Public and Quasi-Public Use to C-3, Service Commercial be accepted, and that Administration be directed to proceed with drafting a zoning bylaw amendment.” CARRIED
#2022/01/11_009
- 9.2 Destruction of Finance Files
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki
“THAT Council approve the destruction of the files listed on Schedule A, dated December 2021.” CARRIED
#2022/01/11_010
- 9.3 Fire Services Working Group – UBCM appointments
Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Maki
“THAT Councillor Lauzon be supported in submitting an expression of interest to UBCM to participate on the Fire Services Working Group.” CARRIED
#2022/01/11_011
- 9.4 SILGA – Call for Nominations 2022/23 Term
Moved by Acting Mayor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Maki
“THAT SILGA’s Call for Nominations for the 2022/23 Term be received for information.” CARRIED
#2022/01/11_012
- 9.5 SILGA Call for Resolutions for 2022 Convention
Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Acting Mayor Torbohm
“THAT Council and Administration give consideration to potential resolution topics and that this item be brought back to the February 8, 2022 Council meeting for further discussion.” CARRIED
#2022/01/11_013
- 9.6 SILGA Community Excellence Awards
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki
“THAT Council and Administration give consideration to potential projects that may be eligible for SILGA Community Excellence Awards and that this item be brought back to the January 25, 2022 Council meeting for further discussion.” CARRIED
#2022/01/11_014
- 9.7 Parental Leave for Elected Officials - District of North Saanich Letter
Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Scott
“THAT a letter be sent to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting the Provincial Government’s urgent attention to the matter of parental leave provisions by including such provisions in the Community Charter such that new parents may take time off without being disqualified from Council.” CARRIED
#2022/01/11_015

9.8 BC Wildfires Petition – District of Lillooet

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Acting Mayor Torbohm

“THAT the Village of Chase send a letter to our Member of Parliament, Mel Arnold and copy our Member of the Legislative Assembly, Todd Stone, the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Premier of British Columbia (with copies to the District of Lillooet and all UBCM member local governments) requesting that our Provincial and Federal Governments provide better forest management and wildfire protection practices in British Columbia by reviewing and assessing the current policies and guidelines and inviting feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders, with the sincere intent to make meaningful changes to the forest management and wildfire protection practices in British Columbia to provide better protection for all of us from wildfires, landslides, and floods.”

CARRIED

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10. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

11. **IN CAMERA**

None

12. **RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

Acting Mayor Torbohm released the in camera item resolution #2021/12/14_IC005 which states that all new hires with the Village of Chase must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as determined and regulated by the Ministry of Health.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT the January 11, 2022 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 4:45 p.m.

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer