



Minutes of the Special (Budget) Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held in the Council Chamber of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Monday, January 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Rick Berrigan
Councillor Nancy Egely
Councillor Ali Maki
Councillor David Lepsoe
Councillor Steve Scott

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Leif Pedersen, Director of Financial Services
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Tim Perepolkin, Manager of Public Works
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief

FINAL

Regrets: none

Public Gallery: 9

Press: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Berrigan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Egely
Seconded by Councillor Scott

**“That the January 16, 2017 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting agenda be adopted as amended by adding 3.0, Chase and District Festival Society.” CARRIED
2017/01/16_SP001**

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.0 Chase and District Festival Society

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Egely

“That the \$24,000 be taken from the Village’s budget for Canada Day and Music on the Lake and re-allocated to the Chase and District Festival Society as a Grant in Aid for the purpose of funding the Canada Day and Music on the Lake events; and,

That staff be directed to provide interim reporting on the activities and expenses of the Society related to the Canada Day event and the Music on the Lake season.”

**CARRIED
2017/01/16_SP002**

3.1 2017 Proposed Budget

Overview of Financial Picture

The Director of Financial Services explained the overall financial situation for the Village, noting that the sewer and water funds are in relatively good shape but the General Fund is still operating at a deficit. There are two ways to relieve this situation:

1. Increase revenues through taxation and other sources OR
2. Reduce costs

The primary reason the general fund is operating at a deficit is because of capital project costs exceeding available funds.

Discussion of Capital Items

The Director of Financial Services explained that he met with the department heads regarding the need for capital projects. He noted that the new Public Works Manager will be reviewing the longer term capital needs of the department once he has been in the position longer and has a chance to review all the projects that had previously been included in the budget.

Questions were permitted from the gallery:

- Caroline Mintz asked if there were capital projects that could be deferred
- Bruce Nelson asked if the Village would be in debt for the period and the response was 'yes', the sewer fund is covering the general fund deficit.

The Director of Financial Services reviewed the capital budget summary noting that information is available that shows the funding sources for each capital item. He explained that when making decisions on how to fund capital items he considers funds in the following order:

1. Committed grant money
2. Gas tax funds
3. Development Cost Charges that have been collected for that item
4. Reserve funds
5. Surplus

Discussion ensued on various capital items including:

- Could Fire Engine 2 be sold and provide for Engine 4 to be available for interface fires?
- Various details were explained regarding the Arena drainage including the need for removal and reinsertion of rock pits and some paving around those pits

It was suggested that the public is made aware that the budget is affected by the cost of fire hydrant maintenance and repair, and the reason hydrants are included under the Fire Department and not Public Works is that hydrants exist for purposes of fire suppression.

Mayor Berrigan announced that the next budget meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

The Director of Financial Services explained that the numbers presented at this meeting will be adjusted based on year end transactions that are currently being received and processed by Administration.

6. IN-CAMERA

None

7. ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Councillor Egely

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"That the January 16, 2017 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting be adjourned."

CARRIED
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The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.



R. Berrigan, Mayor



S. O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer