



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase  
held at the Chase Community Hall, 547 Shuswap Avenue on  
Tuesday, January 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Rod Crowe  
Councillor Alison (Ali) Lauzon  
Councillor Ali Maki (attended virtually)  
Councillor Steve Scott  
Councillor Fred Torbohm

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

Public Participants: 31 (14 in person, 17 virtually)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**"THAT the January 17, 2022 Village of Chase Special Council meeting agenda be  
adopted as presented."**

**CARRIED**

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**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**6. DELEGATIONS**

None

**7. REPORTS**

None

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 Evacuation Strategy Discussion**

Mayor Crowe welcomed everyone and noted:

- We are here to discuss the implementation of a strategy for the 100-200 people in Chase that we know do not have their own transportation or anyone to assist them in the case of an evacuation

Main themes for discussion:

1. Identifying Vulnerable Individuals
2. Pre-Planning and Public Education
3. Evacuation – Transportation/Destination

Comments included:

- The Chase Lions Club has their “clients” logged into their own system – perhaps each group/organization could utilize their own system to capture their clients which would likely capture most if not all of the vulnerable people in Chase
- Suggestion to split the municipality into sections and have one or two people per section and be responsible for the vulnerable individuals in that section
- Should we rely on school busses or should we contract a service?
- Logan Lake’s efforts including coordination, continuing education well in advance of events were referenced and a suggestion was made to have an emergency coordinator for Chase
- Lions Clubs in most communities including Ashcroft, Clinton, Lytton were involved in emergency situations – Lions can assist in identifying individuals needing assistance
- A core committee should be struck to work through this with representatives from each group to provide some oversight
- EMBC has great experience with BC Transit in 2021 for transportation – people and animals were transported – mobilization was very efficient
- People and problems need to be identified
- Non-ambulatory individuals will have supports (e.g. Interior Health)
- Some people can be moved out during alert stages of emergency
- Various groups can be involve including Better at Home, Homecare Services, Seniors Centre, Rotary, Food Bank
- Suggestion for a part-time coordinator perhaps shared between Village of Chase and 3 local area bands
- Helpful to have a central registry in place
- Quadrants or ‘sections’ have been proposed in the Village’s draft evacuation plan – these could be utilized for the purpose of evacuating vulnerable individuals
- The Shuswap Emergency program has developed a Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness program – NEP – areas are sectioned out by neighbourhoods whose residents look after each other
- Registry takes a lot of time and responsibilities – NEP provides more buy-in and interest
- Need to plan for where people are going and for their needs – medicines, mental illness, drug dependencies
- Personal preparedness is also a big piece
- The Lakes Division Emergency group was referenced
- Various alert systems can be one of many communications tools
- Should consider a local coordinator with a small committee to make this happen
- Need a comprehensive strategy for public education
- UBCM may have funding for a part-time coordinator
- Other communities have valuable information we can obtain

Comments from this meeting will be categorized for an upcoming meeting on this topic so we can begin to narrow down the necessary tasks and assign them to various groups/representatives.

Another meeting will take place sometime in February. Everyone in attendance at this meeting will be notified.

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**11. IN CAMERA**

None

**12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

**“THAT the January 17, 2022 Village of Chase Special Council meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**

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The meeting concluded at 5:40 p.m.

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Rod Crowe, Mayor

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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer