



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, January 24, 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)
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief
Maria Beaurain – Deputy Fire Chief

Public Participants: 15 in-person, 6 via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 4:03 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the agenda of the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as amended by correcting two items:

- **Height is not an aspect of the Development Variance at Item 9.1**
- **It was clarified that the report at Item 8.5 has two options, and on the agenda page staff is providing their recommendation for Council to consider”**

CARRIED
#2023/01/24_001

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED
#2023/01/24_002

3.2 Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Special Meeting be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED
#2023/01/24_003

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mitch Amies of 113-455 VLA Road spoke about *Item 8.5* and said that he and his wife Shelley were in attendance to answer any questions. Mr. Amies added that their storage containers are all properly vented and no combustible materials are stored at their facility.

Bev Iglesias of 621 3rd Avenue spoke about *Item 8.3* and asked if the Village pays to have firefighters trained for wildfire fighting, what happens when those firefighters leave Chase? She stated that if firefighters want to participate in wildfire fighting they should arrange for their own training.

James Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue reminded Council that he had written a letter two weeks ago about how the sale of the surplus fire truck was handled, that a decision such as that needs to be based on facts. He added that he is of the understanding that the members from Chase that would be deployed for BCWS work are already trained so why would it cost extra to train? And he is also of the understanding that the fire hoses and ladder required for the truck are already in the department's inventory. He added that he would like to see the Fire Chief respond as he is the expert in this area.

Zilly Palamar of 141 Shuswap Avenue stated that there is a market for the Fire truck to other communities who require a truck – why not help other communities by selling them a good truck that we can no longer use? The expenses are enormous just to get the truck and firefighters ready to go to a wildfire and when they leave our community they are not here if we need them – it is not prudent to take firefighters out of Chase.

Brian Lauzon, Chase Fire Chief stated that training is already done because we can use wildfire training close to home if a wildfire comes close to the community. He added that the fire department already has the hoses and ladder required for the truck, that neighbouring fire departments would provide back-up to the Village of Chase without depleting our resources, and all 23 of our firefighters will be Exterior Operations trained by the start of this years' wildfire season.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Village of Chase Cemetery Plan – Lees and Associates

Josh Bernsen of LEES + Associates provided an overview of the Cremation Garden plan, which shows a design for an area of the cemetery to hold columbaria, a scatter garden and memorial wall.

6.2 Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot – Jennifer Kucy

Jennifer Kucy provided an explanation of the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) program, which provides a path to permanent residence for skilled foreign workers who want to work and live in one of the participating communities through meaningful long-term employment in businesses that are looking for employees.

6.3 Proposed Pump Track - Tyler Harper (Youth Action)

Tyler Harper, who has been coordinating the Youth Action Committee, provided a presentation on a proposed pump track for younger and older kids to learn and hone their mountain biking skills. Mr. Harper explained that the preferred location for such an amenity is near Willson Park between Chase Creek and the medical buildings. He is asking Council for support for the location, for liability insurance coverage, signage and a donation of equipment to place dirt.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

<Councillor Torbohm left the meeting at 4:54 p.m.>

Mayor Lepsoe

Jan. 12 – Met with representatives from the Chase and Area Young Learners Society along with the CAO.

Jan. 13 – Met with Tyler Harper regarding a proposed pump track.

Jan. 17 – Chaired the January 17, 2023 Special Meeting of Council.

Jan. 18 – Attended the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Committee of the Whole meeting. Initial numbers show Chase's contribution will go up 1.86%, \$7,535. Tech costs have increased. There were 18,000 cyber attacks over the weekend. We pay 2% of the TNRD budget.

Jan. 19 – 9:30 am had a phone conference with the CPR along with the CAO. They will be coming to Chase in the spring to do a site visit.

Jan. 19 – TNRD Regular Meeting.

<Councillor Torbohm returned to the meeting at 4:56 p.m.>

Jan. 19 – Guest speaker at the Rotary Dinner.

Jan. 20 – Thompson Nicola Regional Hospital District Board Meeting.

Jan. 21 – Attended Chase Literacy event.

Jan. 22 – Met a business owner concerned about taxes and the expense of cardboard removal. He was paying \$400 per month for this service. He has since found a cheaper option.

Jan. 23 – Mayor's weekly meeting with senior staff.

Feb. 7 – The CAO and myself will be meeting with the ALIB at their regular meeting.

Feb. 10 – The CAO and myself will go to the Interfor Mill at Adams Lake to follow up on issues raised at my previous visits.

Councillor Connett

Jan. 10 – Met with Health Services Foundation

Jan. 11 – Met with staff member from public works department regarding doctor recruitment sign and it was confirmed that one has been placed at the East entrance to Chase

Jan. 17 – Attended the January 17, 2023 Special Meeting of Council.

Jan. 21 – Participated in Family Literacy week exercise (Unplug and Play) at the Curling Rink.

Councillor Harder

No report

Councillor Herman

Ongoing-Several meetings and emails with Chase Chamber re: Initiative to welcome newcomers to Chase

Jan. 21 – Attended Literacy Day event at Curling Rink with Mayor and fellow councillors

Councillor Torbohm

Jan 17 – Attended the January 17, 2023 Special Meeting of Council
Jan. 18 – Met with Sgt Kennedy at the Chase Detachment, made arrangements for a police report and got an update on local problems/property crimes.
Jan. 20 – Attended Shuswap Trails Roundtable Working group via Zoom.
Jan. 21 – Participated in Family Literacy week exercise at the curling rink
Review agenda packages, monitor emails and respond when necessary, meet with staff as needed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Council Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 925-2023

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT Council Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 925-2023 be adopted.”

CARRIED

#2023/01/24_004

8.2 Cemetery Plan

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the report on the Village’s cemetery prepared by Joshua Bernsen, of Lees & Associates, be received for information, and that any recommended cemetery implementations be deferred to the budget process.”

CARRIED

#2023/01/24_005

8.3 1994 Freightliner FL80 Fire Truck

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the 1994 Freightliner FL80 Fire Truck be sold in a sealed bid process.”

CARRIED

Councillors Connett and Torbohm **OPPOSED**

#2023/01/24_006

8.4 Acting Mayor Rotation and Liaison to Chase & District Festival Society

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the updated Council Appointments including Acting Mayor rotation and Chase & District Festival Society liaison be approved.”

CARRIED

#2023/01/24_007

8.5 Aylmer Road Storage – 230/234/238 Aylmer Road

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 926-2023 be read a first time.”

CARRIED

#2023/01/24_008

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 926-2023 be read a second time.”

CARRIED

#2023/01/24_009

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 926-2023 be submitted to a Public Hearing.”

CARRIED
#2023/01/24_010

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Development Variance Permit Application - 668 4th Avenue

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT Council accept the application and direct staff to draft a Development Variance Permit and complete the referral process.”

CARRIED
Councillors Harder and Torbohm **OPPOSED**
#2023/01/24_011

9.2 Road Closure - Winterfest 2023

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT Shuswap Avenue between Haldane Street and Chase Street, be closed to traffic between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2023, AND;

THAT Haldane Street between 1st Avenue, and Shuswap Avenue, be closed to traffic between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2023, both closures for the purposes of Winterfest 2023.”

CARRIED
#2023/01/24_012

9.3 Letter from local resident Claudette Carlsen regarding Hanging Baskets

Moved by Councillor Connett
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the letter from Claudette Carlsen be received as information.”

CARRIED
#2023/01/24_013

9.4 Local Government Leadership Academy – Elected Officials Seminars

No members of Council requested to attend the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) training seminar in March 2023.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS

James Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue spoke about the hanging baskets being one of the things that initially attracted him to the community.

Doug Wauters of 609 3rd Avenue, asked why changes to rules are permitted, especially for land use.

Bev Iglesias of 621 3rd Avenue, noted she likes to see split votes on issues, and asked why the Village doesn't have a liaison for the Arena facility to help increase the usage of the facility. She added it is good to see an active Youth Action Committee. There appears to be many studies done for \$10,000, \$20,000 such as the Active Transportation Plan – there needs to be a liaison to do something other than just having studies done.

Zilly Palamar of 141 Shuswap Avenue asked where other communities get their hanging planters, and perhaps the businesses could be engaged to pay for planters. In Salmon Arm there are concrete planters in the community's business areas. She also asked how many ground plots are in the cemetery and noted that a cemetery plan such as the one that was presented today takes up a lot of land and could reduce space available for in-ground plots. She also thanked Council for passing a resolution to sell the surplus fire truck.

Shelley Amies of 113-455 VLA Road spoke about Item 8.5 noting they have operated their business since 2007 and believes they were misinformed, that they were given approval back in 2007 by the Village, that this matter has spun out of control and they need to know what direction to go in to be able to build their business.

Amit Goel of 844 Thompson Avenue congratulated the Village for being part of the RNIP program.

12. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to the Community Charter Section 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations, and Section 90 (1) (e) acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land and improvements.”

**CARRIED
#2023/01/24_014**

13. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

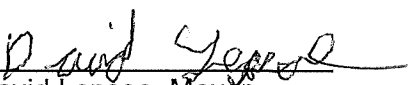
Resolution #2023/01/24_IC003 is released to the public:
The surplus CP Rail lands near the intersection of Aylmer Road and Shuswap Avenue have been sold by the Village of Chase to Chase DevCo. for the Whitfield Landing housing development.


14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Harder
Seconded by Councillor Herman
“THAT the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”

**CARRIED
#2023/01/24_015**

The meeting concluded at 6:05 p.m.


David Lepsoe, Mayor


Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer