



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, February 14, 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

Public Participants: 15 in-person, 3 via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT the agenda of the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as amended to include the additional item in the extra agenda.”

CARRIED
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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Moved by Councillor Harder
Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the minutes of the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED
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4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Carolyn Parks-Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue stated that she and her husband James Mintz fully support the work of the Chase Environmental Action Society and look forward to seeing what Council does with the proposal for a committee.

James Mintz of 813 Okanagan Avenue raised concerns about the Coburn Bridge restricting vehicles of certain weights as this would restrict the Fire Truck from travelling over the bridge, increasing response time to a number of properties. The Corporate

Officer confirmed that emergency vehicles would be exempt from weight restrictions on that bridge.

Steve Scott of 636 Hysop Place asked about the process for the disposition of vehicles, wanting to know if the upset price would be advertised. The Corporate Officer confirmed that the upset price would be included in the advertising of the vehicles.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Barry Kennedy, Seargent, Chase Detachment RCMP

Sergeant Kennedy provided an overview of the number of calls to the detachment over the past three years, noting that the Chase detachment is at full strength, that calls for service for the entire detachment have not changed much over the past three years and that there has been an increase in calls relating to property crime. He added that the current Crown policy of 'catch and release' is causing repeat offenses and reducing the RCMP's effectiveness. He stated that Chase members have lots of positive interactions with the students at the schools, road safety efforts seem to be working, and \$10,000 has been allocated for patrols during community events to provide more visibility. He introduced Staff Sergeant Shaun Begg, the NCO for the South East District, praised the volunteers including Citizens on Patrol and those who assist with Victim Services, and noted that there are 2 reservists that are available periodically to assist the local detachment..

6.2 Chase Environmental Action Society – Angie McLaren and Anne Grube (Refer to Item 8.1 on agenda)

Angie McLaren and Anne Grube provided a review of what the previous Council had done relating to Climate change including declaring a climate emergency and asked that Council consider forming a committee with Council members, CEAS members and members from the public to promote climate change mitigation measures in Chase.

6.3 Chase Lions Club – Public Washrooms

Karen Bassett, president of the Chase Lions Club showed pictures of vault-type concrete washroom buildings, noted that the club has allocated \$60,000 toward this proposed project, and recommended that Council consider working with the Lions to purchase and place one or two washroom buildings in the downtown area such as in Willson Park or near the Clock Tower at the corner of Shuswap Avenue and Hillside. The 'pocket park' was raised as a location but because it is not owned by the Village it may not be appropriate.

<Councillor Connett left at 5:08 pm; returned at 5:10 pm>

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Lepsoe

- Jan. 27 – Met with CAO, CFO and officials from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) regarding the amount of taxes that the Village will be paying to the TNRD this year
- Jan. 27 – Discussions with CAO and various government levels regarding the western entrance to Chase

- Jan. 28 – Met with Chase and Area Young Learners Society regarding their potential project in Willson Park
- Jan. 28 – Met with a representative of a potential development on Aylmer Road
- Jan. 30 – Met with senior staff
- Feb. 2 – Attended TNRD regular meeting
- Feb. 10 – Visited the Interfor Mill at Adams Lake along with the CAO

Councillor Connett

- Feb. 7 – Met with Amit Goel and Arjun Kadaleevanam of the Chase Canada Academy, along with Councillor Herman
- Spoke with shop owners on Shuswap Avenue

Councillor Herman

- Jan. 27 – Attended Chase Literacy “Unplug and Play” Free Skate at Art Holding Arena
- Feb. 6 – Met with Jenny Kucy of Community Futures at Village office in regard to RNIP program
- Feb. 7 – Met with Amit Goel and Arjun Kadaleevanam of the Chase Canada Academy, along with Councillor Connett
- Feb. 11 – Volunteered at Chase Minor Hockey Winter Blues Dance at the Community Hall
- Ongoing – Working with Chamber to help set up initiative to welcome newcomers moving to Chase

Councillor Harder

- Met with CAO regarding fire truck sale
- Spoke with contacts about fire truck sale
- Entered wife into chilli bake off

Councillor Torbohm

- Feb. 1 - Visited Chase RCMP detachment to get update on public works break-ins and decriminalization
- Review agenda
- Monitor emails and respond when necessary
- Meet with staff as needed
- Take local inquiries

b) Staff Reports

Staff reports were included in the agenda package. The Corporate Officer noted that due to the recent rock slide at the highway construction site, the lower portion of the Scatchard Mountain switchback trail will be closed for a number of weeks while the slide mitigation is underway.

Moved by Councillor Harder
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm
“THAT the reports from Council and Staff members be received for information.”

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Letter from Chase Environmental Action Society

Re: Climate Action Committee

Moved by Councillor Herman
Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT Councillor Herman be appointed as the liaison to the Chase Environmental Action Society and that further information be obtained to identify an appropriate committee structure.”

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8.2 Letter from Carolyn Parks-Mintz and James Mintz **Re: the proceeds of the sale of the surplus fire truck**

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Connett

“THAT the letter from Carolyn Parks-Mintz and James Mintz regarding the proceeds of the sale of the surplus fire truck be received as information.”

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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Coburn Bridge Condition Report

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT Council proceed with load posting and regular bridge maintenance, AND; THAT Administration be directed to look for grant opportunities that support bridge repairs or replacement.”

Councillor Harder opposed
CARRIED
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9.2 Disposition of Surplus Public Works Vehicles

Moved by Councillor Connett
Seconded by Councillor Harder

“THAT Council approve the disposition of Public Works Unit #23, VIN IN6AD0CW0BC427234, Unit #10, VIN 1GBJC34R3TE159595, and Unit #9, VIN IFDUF AHN6MED74639 for the highest possible amount, each through a public closed-bidding process and using minimum upset prices determined by Administration.”

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9.3 Letter from Zilly Palamer, Re: 2023 Budget Ideas

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT Council receive the letter from Zilly Palamer for information.”

**CARRIED
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9.4 Letter from Larry Walker, Re: 2023 Budget Ideas

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT Council receive the letter from Larry Walker for information.”

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

12. IN CAMERA

None

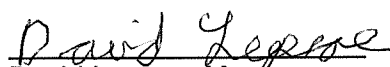
13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Harder
Seconded by Councillor Herman

“THAT the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned.”

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The meeting concluded at 5:24 p.m.


David Lepsoe, Mayor



Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer