



Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
to be held at the Community Hall at 547 Shuswap Avenue, and via Zoom
on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Scott

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the February 8, 2022 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2022/02/08_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held January 17, 2022

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of January 17, 2022, be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2022/02/08_002

3.2 Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held January 25, 2022

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 25, 2022, be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

#2022/02/08_003

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Multi-Family Development at 116 MacPherson Street

Don Cavers, owner of Chase Equipment Ltd, has applied to develop 116 MacPherson Street.

- Michael Shapcott, President of South Shuswap Housing Society spoke to Council noting that he is working with Mr. Cavers on a two-phased 31 Unit Affordable Housing Initiative in Chase
- Mr. Shapcott noted that affordable housing is in high demand; we have contacted CMHC about the possibility of a partnership and are in talks with the National Housing Strategy
- Mr. Shapcott provided a written submission, and was reminded that written submissions provided in advance of Council meetings is helpful for Council
- There has been preliminary and conditional approval for the building permit for this project but recently 3 conditions were added by the DCO in letter dated January 22, 2022, which would increase costs to a point of not qualifying as an affordable project, threatening the viability of the project
- Additional conditions pertain to curbs, gutters, road improvements and lighting along Hillside and McPherson

Mayor Crowe thanked Mr. Shapcott and Mr. Cavers, and noted that Council does not typically debate or make recommendations on delegations at the Council meetings at which they appear. It is anticipated that additional information will be coming forward from Administration.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- January 27 – Attended a TNRD Board of Directors in camera meeting
- January 27 – Spoke with Chase resident Bernie Parent in response to his email regarding his concerns around the large increase in BC Assessment Authority property value assessments and what that would mean regarding the tax rates for the Village
- January 31 – Attended a virtual meeting with CAO Heinrich, Rhonda Eden and Doctor Graham Dodd of the Division of Family Practice regarding emergency planning
- February 2 – Attended a meeting with Interior Health and Mayors regarding service reductions to some communities. There are no planned reductions in service at our health center in Chase
- February 3 – Attended a TNRD Board of Directors meeting in Kamloops

Councillor Lauzon

- February 3 – Met with members of the Chase Lions Club regarding the Winterfest Events on February 19 from 10am – 2pm. *Would members of the Council and/or Village Administration like to put in a team to partake in the “Smooch” race or other activities?* Councillor Lauzon will email CAO Heinrich with the details.
- February 4 – attended Lakes Division Emergency Management Meeting; next one will take place on March 4, hosted by the Village with an invite to community groups.

Councillor Scott
No Report

Councillor Maki

- January 28 - spoke with CAO Heinrich regarding the Select Committee for the PNP-EIRP's Roles & Responsibilities and other areas that the committee can be of assistance to Administration
- February 1 - chaired the first Select Committee of Council for the PNP-EIRP Program in which Agenda included member introduction, overview of the program, and roles and responsibilities of members. Two sub-committees were introduced – Welcome Package Sub-Committee and Community Profile Sub-Committee. The Committee is working on identifying gaps and ways to engage the community to identify gaps and ensure success of the program.
- February 4 - spoke with CAO Heinrich regarding Amit Goel and the PNP-EIRP Program's business sectors. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15.

Councillor Torbohm

- February 2 – SD #73 Meeting re: input in varying Mission Statements
- Reviewed agenda
- Emails and interact with community members
- Spoke to Bernie Parent re: impact of property assessments on tax rates
- Meet with staff

b) Staff Reports

Fire Services Report by Fire Chief Brian Lauzon

- January – 7 Fire calls, 3 False Alarms, 2 BCAS Assist, 1 gas leak, 1 multi-vehicle fire, 8 first responder calls
- Nature of multi-vehicle fire required assistance from Adams Lake Fire Department, Little Shuswap Fire Department, and Pritchard Fire Department. 38 cars and 3 storage buildings were lost in the fire, however, having the 3 assisting fire departments greatly aided with containment.
- 36 campfire burning permits are active, 0 open burning permits are active
- 18 members – 4 juniors, 15 with exterior operations, 2 members have NFPA 1001

Reports from the CAO, CFO, CO were included in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the reports from Council members and staff be received for information.”

CARRIED

#2022/02/08_004

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Council send a letter of gratitude to all attending Fire Departments who assisted with the fire at Adrenaline Auto Recycler on Alymer Road on January 21, 2022.”

CARRIED

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 SILGA Call for Resolutions for 2022 Convention

At Council's January 11, 2022 meeting several topics were discussed:

- Wildfire risk reduction by reducing fuels outside of the boundaries and around the perimeter of communities – other authorities are responsible including BC Wildfire Service, other Crown authorities, Regional Districts
- Highway Rescue funding – needs to be enhanced and should be paid for through ICBC
- First Responders program – should be fully funded through BC Emergency Health Services
- School Districts should be required to keep at least two school buses in small communities during the 'off season' to facilitate evacuation of vulnerable individuals

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT Council submit the following resolutions to SILGA:

1. **THAT BC Wildfire Service take action to reduce fuels around the perimeter of communities in BC;**
2. **THAT Highway Rescue funding be increased to cover more of the costs for this service and that funding come directly from ICBC;**
3. **THAT the BC Emergency Health Services be required to increase funding for the First Responders programs in communities in BC; and**
4. **THAT School Districts providing buses for transporting students be required to keep at least two school buses in small communities during the 'off season' to facilitate evacuation of vulnerable individuals.**

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8.2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw for 909 Foothills Road

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 912-2022 be read a first time."

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Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 912-2022 be read a second time."

CARRIED

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Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 912-2022 be submitted to a Public Hearing."

CARRIED

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8.3 2021 Grant-in-Aid – Post Event Summaries

The Village's Grant in Aid Policy states in part, "Award recipients in the amounts of \$500 or more will be required to submit a post event summary of how the grant-in-aid was utilized within 60 days of the event including revenues and expenses, attendance at event and a statement of value achieved by the event – failure to provide information to Council as to how a grant was utilized will affect the recipient's eligibility for a grant in the following year."

2021 Grants-in-Aid recipients were:

- Chase and Area Young Learners Society - \$2,000
- The Adams River Salmon Society - \$2000
- Chase & District Museum and Archives - \$4107
- Team Chase - \$254
- Working Together Pow Wow - \$250

Moved by Councillor Torbohm
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the post event summaries from Chase and Area Young Learners Society, the Adams River Salmon Society and the Chase & District Museum and Archives be received for information."

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9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure Environmental Quality

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Mayor Crowe

"THAT Council approves the submission of a grant application to the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality* to fund 73% of the headworks improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Village to fund 27% of the project equaling \$226,044, AND,

THAT the Village of Chase will provide overall grant management for the project, and cost overruns."

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9.2 2022 Grant in Aid Applications

Moved by Councillor Maki
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT Council approve the equivalent of a maximum of \$1,420 of Community Hall rental fees to the Chase and Area Young Learners "Out of the Smoke" program and ensure scheduling coordination with other facility users; and that the Village of Chase provide a maximum of \$1040 in funding for Arena fees not provided under other funding sources; AND,

THAT Council defer \$5,000 to the Shuswap Skating Club for start up program costs until the February 22, 202 Council meeting; AND,

THAT Council, in accordance with the Grant-in-Aid Policy, not approve the grant in aid application from the Royal Canadian Legion for the “Washroom Upgrade Project”.

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the motion be amended for Council to defer the decision on the Skating Club request for a grant pending additional information from the Club.”

**CARRIED
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The vote was called on the main motion as amended and it was

**CARRIED
#2022/02/08_013**

9.3 Letter from Paul Matheson regarding purchase of Village property

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council accept the request from Paul Matheson, and direct Administration to begin the process of their acquisition of Village owned property to legalize their improvements.”

**CARRIED
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9.4 Appointment of Deputy Corporate Officer

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Lynn Eileen be appointed as the Deputy Corporate Officer for the Village of Chase effective February 14, 2022.”

**CARRIED
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9.5 Letter from Dave Smith regarding Participaction Microgrant Horseshoe Pitches Willson Park

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT the Village of Chase support the Horseshoe Pitch volunteers for an application to Participaction for a Microgrant to upgrade the Horseshoe Pitches in Willson Park; AND,

THAT if the group is successful in accessing the funds, that the Village of Chase Public Works department provide some assistance/advice on the works to be done by the volunteers.”

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9.6 Letter from Zilly Palamar regarding Village water and Grants-in-Aid

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the letter from Zilly Palamar regarding the cost of water and grants-in-aid to various organizations in Chase be received.”

**CARRIED
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9.7 Village of Cumberland letter regarding Private Members Bill C-216

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Council provides letters to Prime Minister Trudeau and the Federal Minister of Health Carolyn Bennett in support of Private Members Bill C-216, Health Based Approach to the Substance Use Act; AND

THAT the Village of Cumberland be copied on those letters.”

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. IN CAMERA

None

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the February 8, 2022 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting be adjourned.”

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The meeting concluded at 5:00 p.m.

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer