

Minutes of the Special Meeting (Budget) of the Council of the Village of Chase held
in the Council Chambers of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor R. Anderson
Councillors R. Berrigan
R. Crowe
D. Lepsoe
S. Scott

Chief Administrative Officer J. Heinrich
Director of Financial Services L. Pedersen
Supervisor of Works P. Regush
Interim Fire Chief B. Lauzon

2 Members of the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution: Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lepsoe

"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reivew of 2014-2018 Income Statement

Mr. Pedersen explained that there was a deficit in the operations budget in 2013 as some expected revenues were not received, and partly due to how some potential revenues were recorded. He went on to explain:

- The new ramp at the Information Centre will be capitalized – the Village received some grant funding for that project
- Legislative expenses were close to budgeted amounts, Administration revenues were also close to budgeted amounts
- Bylaw enforcement wages were a little higher in 2013 because of the wages associated with the finishing of the new dog pound

Fire Department

The budget was reviewed, and it was noted that \$6100 of the budgeted 'wages' amount is attributed to Village office support costs. Further discussion ensued:

- Uncomfortable with any changes to officer stipends in 2014
- Training budget should be reduced from \$20,000 to \$16,500
- Supplies budget should be reduced from \$21,000 to \$15,000

Rescue Service

It was noted that the training budget for Rescue should be reduced from \$6,000 to \$3,000.

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Scott

That the Fire Department's operational budget 'Training' be reduced from the requested \$20,000 to \$16,500; AND

That the Fire Department's operational budget 'Supplies' be reduced from the requested \$21,000 to \$15,000; AND

That the Rescue Service operational budget 'Training' be reduced from \$6,000 to \$3,000.

CARRIED

Mr. Lauzon stated that the department will still be able to do core training with lower funds, they will have to cancel any live fire training opportunities. He also stated that a reduced supplies budget is workable for this year.

Mr Lauzon commented on the reduced Rescue training budget, noting that they will likely have to eliminate low angle rescue training, which reduces their capacity to assist as BC Ambulance are not able to attend over banks to help vehicle crash victims.

Council was asked to consider passing a resolution to dispose of some older turnout gear that is compromised in one way or another (leaking boots, damaged helmets).

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Scott

That the list of turnout gear provided to Council at its March 3, 2014 Special (Budget) meeting be taken out of Fire Department inventory and disposed of at the discretion of the Fire Chief."

CARRIED

Mr. Pedersen explained that there is a small surplus in solid waste and recycling.

Mr. Regush explained a proposed yard waste composting program he is currently negotiating with a property owner on VLA Road that will reduce the travel distance for Village residents to dispose of their yard waste.

Council asked Administration for detailed information on road expenses and amortization.

Mr. Pedersen suggested that in order to generate additional revenues, the tax increase for 2014 is recommended to be 4%, sewer and garbage rates will need to be raised by 2%, and water rates should be raised by 10% in 2014.

Operating budget changes were briefly discussed, and will be brought back for Council to thoroughly consider at either another separate budget meeting or at the March 11, 2014 Council meeting.


4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Berrigan
Seconded by Councillor Crowe
"That the meeting be adjourned."

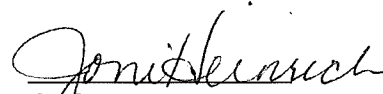
CARRIED

Mayor Anderson declared the Special (Budget) Meeting concluded at 5:38 p.m.

These minutes were adopted by a resolution of Council on March 11, 2014.



Mayor,
R. Anderson



CAO
J. Heinrich