



MINUTES

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

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

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

Public Participants: 5 (4 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 Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the March 8, 2022 Village of Chase Regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as amended (Item 8.4) where Tuesday, March 30, 2022 is removed as a potential date for the Vulnerable Population Evacuation Planning meeting."

CARRIED

#2022/03/08_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 22, 2022

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 22, 2022, be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

#2022/03/08_002

3.2 Public hearing held February 22, 2022

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Maki

"THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing of February 22, 2022, be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Amies spoke to Agenda Item 8.3 Aylmer Road Storage – Shipping Containers. She spoke to the need for storage in Chase and the increased cost to her business if she must comply with the changes. Ms. Amies stated that she set up her business 13 years ago and spoke with a staff member at the Village office at that time and was assured that how she wanted to operate her business (using shipping containers for storage units) was valid. She asked why the new regulations came into place and how they will affect her business.

The Director of Corporate Operations explained that the new regulations for shipping containers applies to all similar businesses and allows for regulated permits and taxation of permanent structures. It also clarifies the use of containers, restricting them for temporary rental at other locations, not for storage units.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Robyn Cyr, Executive Director, The Adams River Salmon Society

Ms. Cyr provided Council with an update on the 2022 “Salute to the Sockeye Festival”, which will be an Indigenous led event for all community members to participate in. The Society is currently seeking quotes from food vendors and is connecting with various communities and groups. Council suggested involvement with local and regional groups such as Chase Visitor Information Services, CSRD, and the Chase & District Chamber of Commerce.

6.2 Chase and Area Young Learners Association

Ashton Sweetnam, Executive Director of the Chase and Area Young Learners Association brought forward concerns relating to the availability of indoor community space during periods of poor outdoor air quality particularly when wildfire smoke is very abundant. She communicated that the rates to rent the Community Hall prevent her group from using that space.

Council members suggested other spaces that could be utilized such as the local arena and curling rink and noted that the Community Hall availability has been limited over the past two years due to Public Health restrictions.

7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Crowe

- February 24 Attended the TNRD Board of Directors meeting in Kamloops
- February 25 Attended the TNRD Committee of the Whole meeting in Kamloops
- March 1 Attended a Special In Camera meeting of Council

Councillor Scott

- March 1 attended a Special In Camera meeting of Council

Councillor Torbohm

- March 1 attended a Special In Camera meeting of Council
- Read and responded to emails
- Reviewed agendas
- Answered taxation questions from members of the public

Councillor Maki

- February 28 attended the "Do the Shu" Tourism Committee meeting, which is a collaboration between Chase & District Chamber of Commerce and South Shuswap Chamber - the committee shared with stakeholders a draft version of the website "Do the Shu", which is being funded by a "Shop Local" federal grant distributed through the BC Chamber of Commerce. The website is currently marketing Chase, North Shuswap, and South Shuswap businesses
- March 1 met with Senior Administration and Justin Bourke, Manager of the Open Door Group/Work BC Office in Chase. Justin introduced himself and offered support and services to the business community and the PNP-EIRP program
- March 1 attended Special In Camera meeting of Council

Councillor Lauzon

- March 1 attended the special In Camera meeting of Council
- March 4 attended the Lakes Division Emergency Preparedness meeting – Village of Chase, Adams Lake Indian Band, Little Shuswap Lake Band, Neskonlith Band were in attendance. Additionally, Emergency Service Agencies were represented – Emergency Management BC, First Nations Health Authority, First Nations Emergency Services Society, BC Wildfire, Secwepemc Health Caucus, Shuswap Emergency Services, Thompson Nicola Regional District, Columbia Shuswap Regional District, BC Ambulance Service and Chase & District Health Foundation – Fire Chiefs from ALIB, LSLB and the Village of Chase were also in attendance – a separate meeting will be scheduled for Fire Chiefs to meet and discuss sharing of resources and community support
- The Lakes Division group is currently working on finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding taking a collaborate approach to emergency preparedness to share resources and support one another
- Issue raised to EMBC regarding expenditure authorization forms (EAFs) was that the paperwork is onerous during an emergency situation, communities have limited capacity, staff and volunteers wear many hats, and when time is of the essence, EMBC needs to simplify the EAF process
- EMBC and Justice Institute of BC offers free courses to First Nations in Emergency Management but not to Municipalities. I was able to confirm that because the Village of Chase is collaborating with the local nations, and we are attempting to support one another, Nations can sponsor volunteers/staff of the Village to partake in the EMBC/JIBC courses at no cost, creating capacity to support each community should a situation arise
- We also discussed funding opportunities, partnerships with BC Wildfire for prescribed burns, and fuel management mitigation
- On March 7 we undecorated the Community Legacy Christmas Tree – a special thank you to the members of Chase Fire Rescue for their assistance

b) Staff Reports

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

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

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

CARRIED
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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Grant in Aid Application for the Shuswap Skating Club

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council approve \$5,000 to the Shuswap Skating Club for start-up program costs.”

CARRIED

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8.2 Whistle Cessation Project Update

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Council receive the Whistle Cessation Project Update dated March 3, 2022 for information purposes.”

CARRIED

#2022/03/08_006

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Torhbom

“That due to the time and money already spent and the significant costs associated with the requirements by CP Rail to eliminate whistle cessation, there be no further discussion on this item and that it be removed from the Strategic Plan”

CARRIED

#2022/03/08_007

8.3 Aylmer Road Storage – Shipping Containers

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Ms. Amies be required to apply for a site-specific Zoning Bylaw Amendment to permit her to bring in additional Shipping Containers at 230/234/238 Aylmer Road; AND

THAT because the Shipping Container regulations have in effect sterilized her future business growth relating to the addition of Shipping Containers, that the Village waive the Zoning Amendment application fees for this applicant.”

CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Ms. Amies be required to apply for a Development Variance Permit to legalize the violation of the Zoning Bylaw’s setback requirements at 230/234/238 Aylmer Road; AND

THAT Ms. Amies’ requirement to pay for the costs associated with the application for a Development Variance Permit be waived due to Aylmer Road Storage being a long-time local business and that Ms. Amies did her due diligence prior to beginning the business 13 years ago.”

CARRIED

#2022/03/08_009

8.4 Vulnerable Population Evacuation Planning – Set Next Meeting Date

Moved by Mayor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Monday, March 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. be set as the next meeting date for the Vulnerable Population Evacuation Planning.”

CARRIED

#2022/03/08_010

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Covid-19 and Individuals’ access to Recreation Facilities-Maple Ridge

Letter from Maple Ridge Council to Provincial Minister of Health Adrian Dix

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councilor Lauzon

“THAT the letter from the Council of Maple Ridge to Health Minister Adrian Dix requesting the dropping of Covid-19 restrictions on attendance at civic recreation facilities be received as information.”

CARRIED

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Maki provided notice that she will be bringing a motion forward at the next Council meeting to review of the Village’s grant-in-aid policy to clarify the language.

11. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.”

CARRIED

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12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

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

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 6:04 p.m.

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Sean O’Flaherty, Corporate Officer