



MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase was held at the Community Hall at 547 Shuswap Avenue, Chase, BC and virtually via Zoom on Monday, March 21, 2022

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

Public Participants: 16 (9 in person, 7 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 Torbohm

“THAT the March 21, 2022 Village of Chase Special Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT the January 17, 2022 Village of Chase Special Council Minutes be received as information as they were adopted at the February 8, 2022 Regular Council meeting.”

CARRIED

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4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. REPORTS

No reports

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Identifying and Registering Vulnerable Individuals

There was discussion amongst attendees including Mike Knauff of Emergency Management BC, Steve Newton of Innomergence Solutions and Cathy Semchuk of the Shuswap Emergency Program (Columbia Shuswap Regional District) who all suggested that local organizations may already have contact information for some of the members of the vulnerable population sector. It is important to note that some of the most vulnerable may not be able to self-register.

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Torbohm

“THAT the Village of Chase make available a self-registration form on the Village of Chase website, in digital format that can be emailed, and in hardcopy that can be picked up from the Village office and shared at various locations in Chase; AND

THAT information about the registry be sent out to the public via a mass mailout and through other outreach methods”.

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8.2 Pre-Planning

It was suggested that utilizing areas already sectioned out in the Village’s overall Evacuation Plan to identify sections of the Village that can be assigned to a community group or a neighbourhood champion (volunteer) might be a good strategy. Some areas already have local groups and networks in place that interact and work together for other activities. Connecting with other communities that have Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness (NEP) programs in place might be helpful when developing one for Chase.

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the Village of Chase begin to develop a Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness program (NEP) by identifying areas of the Village (formal Evacuation Plan areas and other less formal neighbourhood areas such as mobile home parks and strata groups) that can be matched with champions or with community organizations for the purpose of evacuating vulnerable individuals.”

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8.3 Transportation - Public Education

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Administration identify the costs and services available from different alerting systems and bring back a recommendation to Council for a decision; AND

THAT various services that will be available when an emergency occurs such as bus transportation (TransLink, vans from local Indigenous Bands, Charter companies) be identified along with muster locations.

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Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT public education be undertaken as soon as is practicably possible by way of mass mailouts, billing inserts and information in the Chase Sunflower to inform the public that a strategy is being developed to assist vulnerable individuals in Chase in the event of an evacuation including some of the aspects of the strategy; AND

“THAT a Public Open House be held once information is sent out to the public regarding the development of a vulnerable individuals evacuation strategy to engage the public regarding the Village’s Neighbourhood Emergency Program that is being developed, demonstrate how Fire Smart works and how property owners can Fire Smart their properties, and to provide for a registration table for vulnerable individuals as well as community groups and neighbourhood champions.

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9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. IN CAMERA

None

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the March 21, 2022 Village of Chase Special Council meeting be adjourned.”

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The meeting concluded at 4:52 p.m.

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Sean O’Flaherty, Corporate Officer