



## AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase  
to be held in the Council Chamber at the Village Office, 826 Okanagan Avenue, and via Zoom  
on March 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

In response to a request from the BC Epilepsy Society, the Mayor has proclaimed  
***March 26, 2023 as Purple Day*** in the Village of Chase to increase epilepsy awareness.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution:

**“THAT the agenda of the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”**

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting

Pages 1-5

Resolution:

**“THAT the minutes of the February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”**

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

This opportunity is for members of the gallery to provide input on items on this Agenda

### 6. DELEGATIONS

None

### 7. REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

b) Staff Reports

Pages 6-8

### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Pump Track

Pages 9-12

Report from the Corporate Officer

Recommendation:

**“THAT Council authorize usage of a portion of 221 Shepherd Road, LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 517 KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 20201, for purposes of a pump track; AND,**

**THAT Administration be directed to ensure proper siting of the pump track in accordance with the 4 stakeholders, and that any necessary agreements and insurance are obtained; AND,**

**THAT any fundraising amounts that exceed the cost of construction be allocated towards insurance and signage costs.”**

8.2 Chase Environmental Action Society – Committee Structure Pages 13-14

Report from the CAO

Recommendation:

**That Council establish a Select Committee known as the Chase Climate Change Committee; AND,**

**That staff advertise for members of the public to sit on the committee; AND,**

**That the Chair and two members of the Chase Environmental Action Society who will be sitting on the Committee review applications from the public and choose 5 individuals who will be of benefit to the committee and its purposes for appointment by Council; AND,**

**That the CAO work with the members of the new committee to draft a *Terms of Reference* to be adopted by the Committee and forwarded to Council for ratification.”**

8.3 Support Letter Request from Chase Canada Academy Page 15

Recommendation:

**“THAT Council issue a Letter of Support to Harwinder Sandhu, Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long-Term Care, in support of Chase Canada Academy's request for a \$185,000 one-time seed funding from the province, and copied to our local MLA.”**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Chase & District Chamber of Commerce – 2022 Yearly Report Pages 16-17

Report submitted by Christina Lutterman, Chase & District Chamber of Commerce

Recommendation:

**“THAT the Chase & District Chamber of Commerce's 2022 Yearly Report be received for information.”**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**11. IN CAMERA**

None

**12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution:

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



## 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 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Fred Torbohm  
Mayor David Lepsoe  
Councillor Colin Connett  
Councillor Ron Harder  
Councillor Jane Herman

**In Attendance:** Sean O'Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations  
Deb Lovin, Chief Financial Officer  
Mike McLean, Deputy Corporate Officer (virtual)

**Regrets:** Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer

Public Participants: 10 in-person, 5 via Zoom

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 p.m.**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT the agenda of the February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/02/28\_001**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Public Hearing**

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Harder

**“THAT the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Public Hearing be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/02/28\_002**

**3.2 Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/02/28\_003**

**3.3 Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Special (Budget) Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT the minutes of the February 21, 2023 Special (Budget) Meeting be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/02/28\_004**

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Zilly Palamar, of 141 Shuswap Avenue expressed her disappointment in Council's Grant-in-Aid program and criticized the Village's current approach to purchasing facilities such as the museum, curling rink and arena. She also expressed that she does not support free rent of the Community Hall for the Chase Fire Association's Lobster Fest.

Beverley Iglesias, of 621 3rd Avenue stated that the recent slide above the highway demonstrated how ill-prepared the Village is for an emergency. She also expressed that she is upset that Council just gave away \$8,000 in the grants-in-aid program when it could have been used for emergency planning. She also noted that the Chase Hamper Society has reported a 148% increase in its number of users, an indicator of how tough it is out there for people right now.

Alison Lauzon, of 311 Birch Street explained the details of the Chase Firefighters Association Lobsterfest Fundraiser and noted that the association raises additional funds to assist individuals with specific training that is not covered by budgets or purchase new equipment with enhanced capabilities.

## 6. DELEGATIONS

### 6.1 Amit Goel, Chase Canada Academy

Amit Goel of the Goel's Recruiting & Settlement Solutions Ltd. spoke about the Chase Canada Academy, which facilitates the delivery of HCA (health care aide) training programs and certification with a goal of graduating up to 54 HCA certified care aides annually in British Columbia. He noted that the increased cash flow to Chase from the program is estimated to be between \$292,950 and \$454,500 per cohort and indicated that he will ask for Council's support in relation to a request from the Province of British Columbia for \$185,000 in funding.

## 7. REPORTS

### a) Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Lepsoe

Feb. 18 Attended the Adams Lake Indian Band (ALIB) Indigenous Justice Engagement meeting. The discussions will help shape Canada's Indigenous Justice Strategy and also inform ALIB's safety department. Some of the discussion included drugs and crime in our community.

Feb. 21 Attended (along with CAO) the ALIB Chief and Council meeting with the goal of a regular monthly meeting

Feb. 21 Attended Council workshop

Feb. 21 Attended Council special budget meeting regarding water, sewer and garbage (utilities)

Feb. 23 Met with Parkside staff and management regarding possible long-term care beds and other issues

Feb. 23 Attended the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) regular board meeting. TNRD staff will be conducting a study on how the TNRD functions, such as boundary discussions.

Feb. 24 Attended TNRD committee of the whole meeting, which included a presentation by the Thomson-Nicola Film Commission's proposed locations for a

film studio site with a minimum size of five acres. The report will be presented to investors.

Feb. 24 Attended the executive board meeting of the Chase and District Curling Club, which included discussions about raising funds to repair the roof

Feb. 27 Attended regular meeting with senior staff

Councillor Connett

Feb. 14 Attended regular meeting

Feb. 14 Attended Chase and District Health Foundation meeting

Feb. 21 Attended budget meeting

Councillor Harder

Feb. 14 Attended regular meeting

Attended Chase Lions Club Winterfest

Fielding calls from residents who are concerned with the grant-in-aid program

Feb. 21 Attended budget meeting

Councillor Herman

Feb. 14 Attended regular meeting

Feb. 21 Attended budget meeting

Ongoing review of agendas, correspondence and inquiries

Councillor Torbohm

Feb. 14 Attended regular meeting

Feb. 21 Attended budget meeting

Review agenda

Monitor emails and respond when necessary

Meet with staff as needed

Take local inquiries

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Harder

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

**CARRIED**

**#2023/02/28\_005**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Zoning Amendment – Short Term Rental, 1106 Beach Place**

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT the Village of Chase Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 922-2022 be read a third time.”**

**DEFEATED**

**ALL OPPOSED**

**#2023/02/28\_006**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### 9.1 2023 Grants-in-Aid Applications

*Councillor Torbohm recused himself at 4:57 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest or perception of bias for this item*

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT Council approve the request of \$2,500 to the Chase and Area Museum & Archives Society, this represents 50% of the anticipated costs to replace an existing deck.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/02/28\_007**

*Councillor Torbohm returned to the meeting at 4:58 p.m.*

Moved by Councillor Herman

Seconded by Councillor Connett

**“THAT Council approve the request of \$1,050 to the Chase Creekside Seniors Organization, this represents 50% of the costs to replace signage, replace a printer and purchase some sound equipment.”**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Harder **OPPOSED**

**#2023/02/28\_008**

Moved by Councillor Connett

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT Council approve 50% of amounts not accounted for in the program budget, this would amount to \$1,650 for Shuswap Skating Club to support the hosting of the “Skate Canada Interclub” competition.”**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Harder **OPPOSED**

**#2023/02/28\_009**

Moved by Mayor Lepsoe

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT Council approve 50% of the After School Arts & Recreation and the Teen Summer program, in the amount of \$2,690 for the Chase and Area Young Learners Society.”**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Harder **OPPOSED**

**#2023/02/28\_010**

### 9.2 Letter from Chase Firefighters Association

Re: Community Hall Usage – June 17th – Annual Lobsterfest Fundraiser

Moved by Councillor Torbohm

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**“THAT the rental fees for usage of the Community Hall be relaxed for the Chase Firefighters Association for its Annual Lobsterfest Fundraiser on June 17, 2023.”**

**CARRIED**

**#2023/02/28\_011**

## 10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

## **11. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

Peter Van Hoof, of 239 Willow Street expressed concern about the safety of the entrance to the west end of Chase due to a lack of signage and visible traffic markings to indicate the turnoff.

Niels Johnson, of 217 Shepherd Road advised Council members that the Village's boat launches need improving and should be included in the upcoming budget.

Zilly Palamar, of 141 Shuswap Avenue expressed concerns that the west entrance to Chase is dangerous and reiterated her disapproval of the grants-in-aid program. She also expressed disapproval over the pattern of the Village assuming the financial responsibility for maintaining facilities – like the museum and the curling rink – that were previously owned by local organizations.

Alison Lauzon, of 311 Birch Street expressed her support for the hiring of an emergency program coordinator and asked if it would be in Council's budget. She also noted that she will be working with Len McLean and Blaine Covington in arranging an emergency management workshop on March 16 and will be arranging an emergency preparedness open house that is tentatively scheduled for April 13.

## **12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA ITEMS**

### **13. IN CAMERA**

None

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Harder

Seconded by Councillor Herman

**"THAT the February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting be adjourned."**

**CARRIED  
#2023/02/28\_012**

The meeting concluded at 5:31 p.m.

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David Lepsoe, Mayor

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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer







## VILLAGE OF CHASE

### Memorandum

**Date:** March 8, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Sean O'Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations

**RE:** Activities undertaken from February 9, 2023 to March 10, 2023

Regular Duties:

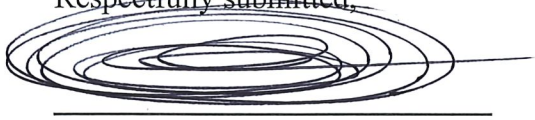
- Attend Council's meetings (Regular, Special, In Camera) and workshops
- Preparation of Council meeting agendas and minutes
- Prepared Council reports and correspondence on various matters
- Responsible for confidential matters, information and privacy, and legislative affairs
- Responding to email and telephone inquiries
- Assisting staff and public with legislative and bylaw interpretations, and general support
- Responding to land use inquiries
- Ongoing human resource management
- Liaising with the Building Inspector on zoning confirmation matters
- Monday meetings with Mayor
- Weekly staff meetings
- Coordinate Village communications through social media, the Village's website, and the Sunflower newsletter insert

Other Duties/Activities During the Reporting Period:

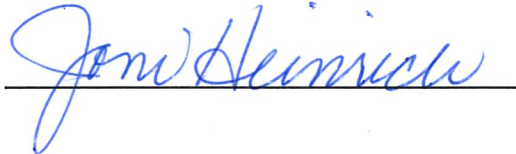
- Processed 3 Comfort Letters
- Approved 1 Building Permit
- Approved 2 new Business Licenses
- Discuss operations with Team Lead Hand
- Unreadable and defective water meters continue to be replaced
- Completed file on a challenging nuisance property. Working on two others.
- Continue to add businesses that comply with water cross-connection requirements
- Working on proposed Community Hall policy updates
- Met with Team Lead Hand regarding fleet planning
- MoTI meeting regarding slide mitigation, and related trail closures
- Met with Jerry Andrew regarding Bay Drive Drainage Study
- Attended a decriminalization webinar hosted by province
- Attended a Climate Action webinar hosted by province
- Met with IHA Healthy Communities liaison Kelly McDonald
- Initiated tender package for Coburn/Shuswap Active Transportation project
- Attended a Planning workshop with Council
- Organized a process mapping meeting with staff for cemetery
- Attended an Extreme Heat planning meeting with Innomergence
- Receptionist interviews
- Dealing with 220 Shepherd subdivision – legal Form P stalled due to passing of developer
- Planning for WTP genset repairs in April when it will be pulled offline
- Attended Special Meeting of Council February 21, 2023
- Working on budget

- Working with Tyler Harper on the pump track. Sorting out insurance and permissions
- Arranging for 2023 road marking and street sweeping contracts
- Following up on various Stop Work Orders
- Arranging for disposal of 3 fleet vehicles
- Sorting out proposed 2023 capital paving projects
- Communications with Lions re: washrooms
- Attended Special Meeting of Council March 7, 2023
- Met with the design team for the BC Housing project at 360 Shepherd Road

Respectfully submitted,



Approved for Council Consideration by CAO





## VILLAGE OF CHASE

### Memorandum

**Date:** March 10, 2023  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Deputy Corporate Officer  
**RE:** Activities Report – February 7, 2023 to March 10, 2023

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#### **Legislative Services/Council Support**

- Attended Council meetings
- Agenda preparation and minutes
- Preparation and distribution of Council Highlights
- Preparation of bylaws and minutes for archival purposes
- Maintenance of bylaw and resolution indexes
- Bylaw consolidation
- Ongoing preservation of original bylaws
- Ongoing digitization of records

#### **Operational Support**

- Updated social media pages and performed routine website maintenance
- Ongoing IT support, installation of new equipment
- Coordination with Community Hall users
- Coordination of staff intranet site
- Preparation of fillable forms and digital documents
- Met with locksmith companies regarding Community Hall
- Ongoing indexing of agreements and leases

#### **Other**

- Attended Capilano University local government course in Kelowna, March 9 to 11

Respectfully submitted,

*M. McLean*

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Approved for Council Consideration by CAO

*Jon Heinicke*

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## **VILLAGE OF CHASE Administrative Report**

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Sean O'Flaherty, Director of Corporate Operations  
**DATE:** March 9, 2023  
**RE:** Pump Track

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### **ISSUE/PURPOSE**

To obtain a resolution of Council allowing a pump track to be constructed on Village property, located behind the Art Holding Memorial Arena, and northerly adjacent to the site of Chase Eco Adventures' zipline office/training location.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Approve the construction of a pump track at 221 Shepherd Road as shown in the drawings attached.
2. Do not approve the construction of a pump track.

### **HISTORY/BACKGROUND**

On January 24, 2023, Tyler Harper, local resident and volunteer for the Youth Action Committee presented a proposal to Council for a pump track. The location he suggested is at the east end of Willson Park, between Thompson Avenue (Village Green Trailer Park) and Chase Creek.

The location was not ideal in the minds of Council members as there is limited parking during hours the medical facilities are open, and the location is very close to residences.

### **DISCUSSION**

Further discussions between staff and Mr. Harper have revealed that a preferred location is east of the Art Holding Memorial Arena as there is plenty of parking, and the zipline owner has provided consent to share this space provided there are no direct conflicts between the respective operations, and he is also looking forward to multi-use of the lands which will benefit both his business and be a benefit to the pump track.

Mr. Harper and his group of volunteers have secured most of what they require to build the pump track and are agreeing to maintain the track once it has been constructed and is in use. What will be required from the Village of Chase is to prepare appropriate documentation showing the area of usage, and to include the track usage in the Village's liability insurance with the Municipal Insurance Association.

Regarding costs, and as discussed with Mr. Harper, the Village is agreeable to participating in collecting fundraising proceeds; we can accept cash or cheque donations toward the pump track at the municipal office. Anyone who wishes to donate via cheque will need to make the cheque payable to the Village of Chase, with 'Pump Track donation' in the memo section. We will expect that any fundraising above and beyond the costs required for construction will be submitted back to the Village to offset costs such as signage, and liability insurance, and/or for future Youth Action Committee initiatives.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- The proposed pump track construction to be funded and coordinated by Mr. Tyler Harper and other volunteers of the Youth Action Committee
- Village Staff time – approximately 4 hours
- Liability Insurance – quote being obtained – estimated cost to the Village not to exceed \$800 per year

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

A pump track is another amenity that is focused on youth in our community, giving them more options for activities.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**“THAT Council authorize usage of a portion of 221 Shepherd Road, LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 517 KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 20201, for purposes of a pump track; AND,**

**THAT Administration be directed to ensure proper siting of the pump track in accordance with the 4 stakeholders, and that any necessary agreements and insurance are obtained.”**

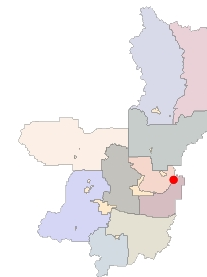
Respectfully submitted,



Approved for Council Consideration by CAO















### Legend






#### Library Services

-  Library
-  Mobile Library







#### Waste Disposal and Recycling

-  Eco-Depot
-  Recycle Depot
-  Product Stewardship Depot
-  Landfill
-  Transfer Station
-  Septage Pit

#### Emergency Services

-  Police Station
-  Ambulance Station
-  Fire Station
-  Hospital
-  Local Authority Office

#### Facility

-  Other
-  Community Hall
-  Health
-  Transportation
-  Education
-  Utility



Pump Track

Author:



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March 8, 2023

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**Sean O'Flaherty**

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**From:** Steven Kostamo <steven@treetopflyers.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023 8:10 PM  
**To:** Joni Heinrich; Tyler Harper; Sean O'Flaherty  
**Subject:** Re: Contact for Tree Top Flyers

Joni Heinrich,

Re; Pump track use of the recreational property leased to Chase canyon Eco Adventures Ltd.

Council members,

I have been in discussion with Tyler Harper about the Pump track idea and we have agreed both that it can be done on the property close to the School fence, and between the Swing Guy wire and the Geodesic tower, and without interfering with zipline and swing operations, Please help Tyler in giving him formal permission and as the leases agreements are being rewritten with this additional use of the property,

Update on reopening the zipline:

I am still in discussion with BC Ministry of Transport as they hold the lease to the property of the old rest area, At the present time due to construction, we do not have any access to the landing area until July 31, 2023, which only leaves one month of an operational season. I have asked if we could get that changed to July 1, 2023, which would give us at least a viable operational season to open, We will confirm our plans once we get a formal reply from the Ministry.

Steven Kostamo





## VILLAGE OF CHASE

### Memorandum

**Date:** March 7, 2023  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** CAO  
**RE:** Climate Action Committee

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#### **HISTORY**

At Council's February 14, 2023 meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

***"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."***

The intention of this resolution was to appoint Councillor Jane Herman as the liaison to Chase Environmental Action Society and to determine an appropriate committee structure under the Village of Chase umbrella as such a committee may have more influence relating to climate action information and may also be eligible to apply for more grant funding opportunities than a Society.

There are three types of committees the Community Charter allows a local government to initiate: Standing Committees, Select Committees and municipal commissions.

Standing Committees are established by the Mayor for matters the mayor considers would be better dealt with by committee and must appoint persons to those committees. At least *half* of the members of a standing committee must be council members. Persons who are not council members may be appointed to standing committees.

Typical standing committees in many municipalities include a Planning Advisory Committee and an Audit and Finance Committee. Both these committees deliberate on ongoing issues that come up regarding those topics. Those committees would report to Council on a regular basis regarding their advice or recommendations.

Select Committees are established by Council by way of a Council resolution, and are initiated to consider or inquire into any matter and report their findings/opinions to Council. At least one member of a select committee must be a council member, and persons who are not council members may be appointed to a select committee.

Typical select committees may include such committees as public lake access rules (to provide suggestions to Council on what criteria should be used to allow public lake access in various locations in the municipality), active transportation (such a committee would work with staff to develop recommendations about a plan for active transportation), or the development of an anti-idling campaign within the municipality, including how to approach, what types of advertising, what should be included in messaging to the public.

Select committees are set up for short term tasks, to provide advice to Council on a certain topic. The committee usually has a terms of reference stating how long it is to be in place, how often it meets,

and when it is to be reviewed or terminated.

Municipal commissions are established by Council to operate services, undertake operation and enforcement in relation to the council's exercise of its authority to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements, and manage property and licenses held by the municipality. Larger municipalities establish municipal commissions to operate various services, such as the Vancouver Parks Board.

## **DISCUSSION**

While Climate Change is expected to be an ongoing matter for the planet to try to mitigate, it is recommended that a Select Committee be struck with the following parameters:

- The committee be comprised of up to seven (7) members
- Councillor Jane Herman acts as Chair of the Committee
- Two members of the Committee are members of the Chase Environmental Action Society
- Other members to be selected from applications received by the public after advertising in the Chase Sunflower and the Village's Facebook page

Terms of reference will be created to guide the basic function of the committee.

It is recommended that the committee be struck for one year, with a review of Council before the one year has passed in consultation with the Committee members as to whether the committee should be extended for another year. This will allow for regular reviews of the efficacy of the committee and will not 'bind' the next Council regarding the existence of the committee.

Other parameter considerations:

- Committee to meet once every three months, Village Council to be available for such meetings (could meet more often if necessary or if committee wishes)
- Committee meetings open to the public (which may necessitate larger space for meetings)
- Minutes be taken of each meeting and adopted at next committee meeting then forwarded to Council for information (Village staff person to assist if available)
- Any specific recommendations from the Committee to the Council may be forwarded sooner to the Council than the ratified minutes if time urgency exists

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That Council establish a Select Committee known as the Chase Climate Change Committee;  
AND
- (2) That staff advertise for members of the public to sit on the committee; AND
- (3) That the Chair and two members of the Chase Environmental Action Society who will be sitting on the Committee review applications from the public and choose 5 individuals who will be of benefit to the committee and its purposes for appointment by Council; AND
- (4) That the CAO work with the members of the new committee to draft a Terms of Reference to be adopted by the Committee and forwarded to Council for ratification.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joni Heinrich*



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02 March 2023

**Re: Support Letter Request for One-Time Provincial Grant**

Honourable Mayor & the Council,

We are formally requesting the Village of Chase to issue a Letter of Support in favor of Chase Canada Academy receiving a \$185,000 one-time seed grant from the Province of British Columbia. This grant will allow the Academy to recruit, educate (post-secondary), and service candidates who would become certified Care Aides in our region and the province. The topmost reasons to support this initiative include:

- Graduating “additional” industry ready 18-36 Care Aides within 1 year, by Feb 2024;
- Supplying closer to home and rurally educated Health Care professionals, to support senior dominant rural areas and neighbouring indigenous communities such as the Adams Lake, Neskonlith, and Little Shuswap Lake Band;
- Investing in rural economic development and economic stimulus for a sustained period (10 years);
- Establishing a brand-new post-secondary training facility in the Village of Chase, thus improving the experiences of health workers and those they care for; and
- Option-ready for recruiting and upgrading eligible Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) by 2024;
- Overall, improving our local and provincial healthcare system and services.

Chase Canada Academy’s strategic direction aligns with the priorities of the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Innovation, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Training, IRCC, and the StrongerBC Economic Plan (2022-2032) set out by the Province of British Columbia.

Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Amit Goel**, Director

Goel Solutions

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**Goel's Recruiting & Settlement Solutions Ltd.**  
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## **Chase & District Chamber of Commerce**

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February 8th 2023

## **2022 Yearly Report presented to the Village of Chase**

A volunteer clean up event was held at the landing site for the Tree Top Flyers in the early spring in an attempt to diminish the negative impression this site gives to visitors and locals alike. Remaining owner of the enterprise had promised that the business would operate again in the summer but this did not come to pass.

Participated in Destination BC's two day Zoom workshop aimed at providing Visitor Centres the knowledge and resources to develop an Emergency Plan based on local needs and conditions.

Attended Zoom and in person meetings with Shuswap Trail Alliance throughout the year.

Despite not receiving funding through Canada Summer Jobs we were able to keep the VIC open seven days a week through the months of July and August by receiving funding through ASETS and hiring back a former ASETS recipient. This allowed us to start mobile outreach as planned and provide visitor information at strategic locations and at public events that draw locals and visitors alike, such as the Music on the Lake.

Unfortunately the much awaited major fourth year Sockeye Salmon Run in the Adams River did not materialize in the numbers expected, due to the warmer weather lasting well into the fall. We worked extremely closely with the Adams River Salmon Society leading up to the event and helped with providing information on their behalf. During this period we fielded a number of phone calls from frustrated potential visitors that demanded to know when the Salmon would arrive as they had made plans to attend the event.

#DoTheShu digital version. Development progressed and the developer presented a very user friendly site in the spring (DoTheShu.com). We have continued to work with the South Shuswap Chamber of Commerce to populate and expand the information and resources available through this shared platform.

As Kamloops no longer provides service in a brick and mortar location we are seeing visitors using the Chase VIC for their information needs. This also aligns with their requests of printed materials and it is unfortunate that some who previously distributed printed materials have chosen to no longer do so. Apps are convenient when accessible but can be unavailable to others.

The Chamber became an active participant in the Newcomers endeavor, a program that aims to welcome new residents to Chase with information and social get togethers. The program is loosely based on the no longer active Welcome Wagon.

The 2022 Scholarship Award was awarded to Ashlynn Jensen who was the top student in her grade from grades 9-12.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year and Employee of the Year were received and awarded to the following:

Citizen of the Year: Ashton Sweetnam

Business of the Year: Village Lanes

Employee of the Year: Niki Lothrop

2022 In office open hours: 912. Number of in-person visitors: 1,581.

2021 In office open hours: 1,097. Number of in-person visitors: 1,569.