



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase held
Virtually on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Ali Maki

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer

Also in Attendance: Board of Directors of the Chase & District Recreation Society

Public Participants: 2

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the March 2, 2021 Village of Chase Special Council agenda be adopted as presented."

CARRIED
#2021/03/02_001

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

"THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of February 11, 2021 be adopted as amended."

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#2021/03/02_002

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Email correspondence from Roland Mockford was read into the record:

- Thanked Mayor and Council, the Recreation Centre Society and Village Administration for commitment to entering into an agreement
- Is of the opinion that the Recreation Centre Society should be applying for other funding/grants

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. REPORTS

None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Art Holding Arena Operating Agreement

The following was discussed:

- Council agreed to \$150,000 as an annual payment to the Society; they would have to come before Council to explain why they would need additional funds
- Board member Herman confirmed that the ice rental rates are increased every year and the "Heat" pay more than other hockey groups
- The cost to keep ice in the Arena during the summer is significant
- Unless there are hockey camps and the costs can be covered it does not make financial sense to have ice in the summer
- Rates in Chase are similar to other communities, more expensive than Logan Lake, less than Kamloops
- What we are going to have to look at as a Council is do we pass the extra costs onto the users or the taxpayers
- \$150,000 is already 14% of the Village's taxation – increasing this would need taxpayers' input
- Board member Herman stated that the people who live outside of Chase use the Arena more than the people of the Village
- It was confirmed that funds were received from the TNRD and the CSRD in past and those funds were one-time gas tax funds
- Clearwater's situation is much different than Chase's – the electoral areas have a higher population that use the facility in comparison to Chase
- BC Hockey's catchment area includes the North Shuswap – as they can't go to Salmon Arm to play, the CSRD should be contributing funds to our Arena to support their minor hockey groups
- The amount of the manager's contract was increased in 2020 to cover costs he incurs when he hires people to help him run the Arena

Wish List

The CFO explained:

- She broke the items on the 'wish list' into two categories: (1) structural and mechanical and (2) maintenance
- For example, gutters, asphalt repair pump motors are structural and mechanical in nature, while painting is maintenance
- Items like weather stripping the door, shelving and locks on beer coolers should be the responsibility of the Society, while exterior door replacement and windows is the responsibility of the Village
- Costs and needs priority for various structural and mechanical items need to be obtained and then budgeted for
- Recommends an electric Zamboni as this might provide opportunities for grants such as the FCM green fund
- The repair items do not meet the criteria of being Village responsibility

Communication between Society and Village

- It was agreed that both parties need to work more closely together

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Mayor Crowe

“THAT the Village of Chase assume the lease agreement with the Chase Canyon Eco-Adventures Ltd. from the Chase & District Recreation Society.”

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Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Scott

“THAT Administration explore some alternatives to the restrictive covenant on the arena lands and report back to Council at a future meeting.”

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Regarding multi-year tax exemption, the CFO stated that this can be done, however the timing should align with Council’s term.

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the Village of Chase and the Chase & District Recreation Society meet quarterly; AND,

THAT a Council liaison appointment be made for the Chase & District Recreation Society.”

CARRIED
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Moved by Councillor Lauzon
Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT Councillors Lauzon and Torbohm, and CAO Heinrich be appointed as the Village’s representatives to the Chase & District Recreation Society.”

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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 Mayor Crowe

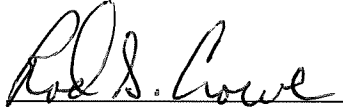
Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

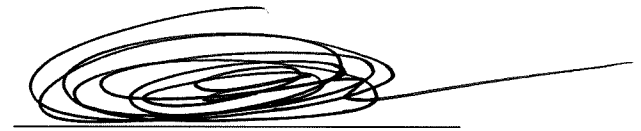
“THAT the March 2, 2021 Village of Chase Special Council meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 7:41 p.m.


Rod Crowe, Mayor


Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer