



Minutes of the Special (Budget) Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase
held in the Council Chamber of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer
Clint Wright, Manager of Public Works
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief
Maria Beaurain, Deputy Fire Chief

Public Gallery: 12

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT the March 25, 2019 Village of Chase Special (Budget) meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

**CARRIED
2019/03/25_SP001**

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 2019 Operational Budget Review

The Chief Financial Officer spoke to the various departments' expenditures explaining that the proposed 2019 numbers are based on past years' average expenditures.

She added that in her opinion of budgeting for a community with relatively stable service delivery, that the expenditures should not be wildly different from year to year.

She further added that if there are 'one-time' expenditures or areas where purchases need to be made with less frequency than every year, those items are better suited to be realized in a capital budget.

A large number of questions were asked by members of Council and those in the gallery specific to various departments and departmental line items.

Due to the large interest in the various expenditure items, the meeting continued past 7:00 p.m. and Council considered recessing the meeting to the next day.

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Maki

“THAT Council recess the March 25, 2019 Special (Budget) meeting to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.”

**CARRIED
2019/03/25_SP002**

(Meeting was reconvened at 5 p.m. March 26, 2019)

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

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Sean O’Flaherty, Corporate Officer
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer
Clint Wright, Manager of Public Works
Brian Lauzon, Fire Chief

Public Gallery: 7

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

“THAT the March 25, 2019 Special (Budget) meeting be reconvened at 5:00 p.m., March 26, 2019.”

**CARRIED
2019/03/25_SP003**

3.1 2019 Operational Budget Review (continued)

The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of all the revenue sources available to the Village of Chase. She noted that the assessed values of properties in Chase have increased again in 2019 by an average of 7% which will generate additional revenue for the Village. She also added that the Village is expecting a large proportion of funds to be received by way of grant funding which will allow projects to be completed without the need to access additional taxation funding.

She explained other sources of revenue including payments in lieu of taxes, investment income, sale of goods, burning permits, business licensing fees.

She added that it is the intention of Council to conduct a review of the water and sewer rates in 2019, which if increased at all will generate additional revenue to cover the costs associated with those services.

3.2 Capital Budget Review

The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the proposed 2019 Capital Budget as well as proposed capital projects that will need to be considered and funded in future years. Included in the proposed capital projects for 2019 are completion of the review of the GAP analysis which is a grant funded project, OCP Review, Arena Door and Lifts for Equipment, Willson Park Footbridge if grant funding is received, and various other projects that will proceed if grant funding is received including Chase Creek Remediation, Community Wildfire Protection and Resourcing an Emergency Operation Centre.

Several questions were raised by members of the gallery relating to various projects proposed.

Mayor Crowe, Council members and members of the gallery thanked the Chief Financial Officer for her time, and for clearly explaining the Village's budget. Gallery members applauded.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Lauzon

Seconded by Councillor Torbohm

"THAT the March 25, 2019 Special (Budget) meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 6:38 p.m.

Original Signed

Rod Crowe, Mayor

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Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer