



MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase held
on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
at the Community Hall at 547 Shuswap Avenue and via Zoom

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

In Attendance: Joni Heinrich, Chief Administrative Officer
Joanne Molnar, Chief Financial Officer
Lynn Eileen, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public Participants: 2

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“THAT the March 29, 2022 Village of Chase Special Council agenda be adopted as presented.”

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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Blaine Covington spoke to the needs of the Curling Rink over the last year. Costs were incurred pertaining to Hydro use and capacitor change out, lighting changes over ice sheets, and ongoing issues with the roof.

Both Blaine Covington and Len McLean spoke to the importance of educating the new Council on emergency planning and how having an Emergency Coordinator in place could be most effective.

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. REPORTS

None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2022 Operational Budget Review

The Chief Financial Officer presented the proposed operational budget for the various Village departments.

She commended Council for continuing to refer back to their Strategic Plan when new projects come to light. She also presented a list of projects that have been completed or are nearing completion during this Council's term of office. She suggested that new projects not be added to Council's list of projects for this year as there are 6 months left in the term of this Council

In sharing the budget information for 2022, the Chief Financial Officer noted that the budget compared to actual numbers in 2021 are very close, noting that in any year, the operational budget should not vary significantly from previous years' operational budgets. She has built in a 2% increase in the 2022 budget to handle wage increases and other cost increases.

In terms of the Tax rates, the Chief Financial Officer noted that the only tax classes that Council has any control over are residential and business. She is recommending a rate of 3.3567 for residential in 2022, and 9.2582 for business. Other classes such as major industry are set by the Provincial Government.

The Water, Sewer and Solid Waste budgets have been set based on Council's last review of the rates and expenses. It is recommended that another review be conducted once the new Council is in place.

9.2 2021 Capital Budget Review

The Chief Financial Officer presented the proposed capital budget highlighting the following projects:

- Evacuation route planning – some of the costs were expended in 2021 and the balance needs to be expended in 2022
- Bay Drive assessments require funding in 2022
- A bridge assessment is required to be conducted for the Coburn bridge in 2022
- The cemetery expenditure shown for 2022 relates to a columbarium that has been pushed ahead each year for several years

A discussion ensued regarding a Memorial Wall at the cemetery. Council had passed a resolution previously to discuss such an amenity during budget discussions. Further discussion took place regarding a cemetery plan to help guide the location of a memorial wall, a columbarium, a scatter garden, signage and other amenities. It was suggested that such a plan could cost between \$5000 and \$10,000.

Moved by Councillor Maki

Seconded by Councillor Lauzon

“That \$10,000 be allocated from the 2021 surplus to provide for a cemetery plan.”

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A discussion also took place regarding flag poles at the Museum. It was suggested that a full inventory be conducted of all Village owned flagpoles, locations and conditions of each to inform Council regarding a future expenditure.

Moved by Mayor Crowe
Seconded by Councillor Scott

"THAT Public Works conduct a full inventory of Village owned flag poles including locations and conditions for future discussion on needs and costs."

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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 Maki

"THAT the March 29, 2022 Village of Chase Special Council meeting be adjourned."

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The meeting concluded at 6:05 p.m.

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Sean O'Flaherty, Corporate Officer